

School Council Meeting January 30, 2018

In attendance:

- Duane Hayes
- Natalie Monette
- Winnie Vanderheide
- Lisa Shankaruk
- Renee Brassard
- Angie Carlson
- Colleen LaForge-Griebel
- Kerri Fedunyk
- Joan Crockett

1. Call to order: 7:00 p.m.

2. Introductions: 5 minutes

Joan Crockett – School trustee

3. Prayer: 5 minutes: Natalie

4. Approval of agenda:

Motion: To approve the agenda Natalie, seconded Heather

5. Approval of minutes:

Motion: to approve the minutes by Natalie, seconded Winnie

6. Business arising from previous minutes:

- 6.1. School ramp being handled by maintenance to be deleted from the list
- 6.2. School teacher priority list:
 - To be brought forward when the budget allows.
- **6.3.** School sprit days: Shrove Tuesday is coming up. There is a need for extra griddles to help make the baking quicker. The budget may allow for one or two griddles. Based on the purchases from last year. Carnival has been scheduled for the 21st now. Health and wellness week between February 12 and 16. This will include Ash Wednesday and pink shirt day. Volunteers will be needed for Shrove Tuesday. Heather to ask the volunteers.

Suggestions: Move pink shirt day, postpone the bake sale, provide healthy snacks for an activity. **Action:** Bake sale to be rescheduled.

Health and Wellness week – Monday: we're bananas, Tuesday: walk around the block, jump rope for heart, Wednesday: red and pink and ash Wednesday with a beaded bracelet activity, Thursday: anti bullying day and activities, cyber bulling resources, Friday: lets dance with the artist in residence. **Action:** Treasurer report to reflect the change of the bake sale to healthy snacks. **Action:** SEEALS will need the receipt for the artist in residence.

7. Reports

7.1. Administration report:

 Staff absences in January stretched resources. Mrs. K will be back next week. Parents will see lots of surveys during Feb.

- School patrol has access to hot chocolate before and after their shifts. Thank you lunch is coming up and planning for the year end party has begun. Gifts for the kids is being considered, possibly reusable coffee mugs.
- Frames and artwork are ready to be installed.
- Maker space demonstration will happen in March.
- New newsletter is being used.
- Report cards are coming up and the new format will be finalized.
- Capital planning this summer includes removal of the goal posts and portable ones will be installed. The fields will be refreshed and one of the fields will be fenced to regrow it.
- Staff retreat included a blanket ceremony and tubing.
- Div 2 Kids are skiing next week.
- Teachers convention 8th and 9th.
- Grade 6 parent night on Feb 15.
- Carnival day
- March 2nd reconciliation
- Div 1 ski day March 8
- Many animals were purchased as part of advent project.
- Christmas evening was fun. There was some feedback about the program being hard to follow.

7.2. Trustee: Full report attached

- School news nomination for Premiers award for outstanding teacher
- New superintendent hired.
- Board received formal recognition to build Pope Francis School in the Philippines.
- New logo and visual identity passed last night. Implementation being planned.
- GoA curriculum is requiring implementation of indigenous culture. Most teachers are using the indigenous learning kits. Staff are already using some of the materials in the classrooms.
- Residential school exercise.
- How should parents be engaged in these learnings?
 Suggestion: use the school newsletter to display the Q&As that were used in the exercise.
- Updated blog on reconciliation on the website.
- Morninville school consultations started.
- Nova Scotia is discontinuing trustees and going towards a one government representative.
- Parent of distinction awards. School council chair to bring forward names

7.3. Teacher representative:

- Secret of the Dance was one of the books used in grade two to talk about residential schools. Kids were asked to make connections as they were reading the story. Kids were asked to think about loosing something really valuable to understand how the schools took away regalia and cultural aspects.
- Art cards have all been handed in. The cards will be back on Feb. 5 to be sent home. Timelines were tight for teachers. Next year need to look at timelines. Possibly after report cards for Mother's day potentially.
- Mission impossible over the last couple of weeks.
- The staff really came together to help out during the last few weeks when resources were stretched.

7.4. Compassionate friends:

• Two families received gift cards.

8. New Business:

- 8.1. Volunteers appreciate week: A blurb will be inserted in the newsletter. Posters to go up.
- 8.2. Welcome back BBQ: Bring forward next month.
- **8.3. Staff supper:** Same theme as last spring. Mexican fiesta. March 19th. Blurb will be inserted in the March newsletter.

9. Next meeting: March 6, 2018

10. Adjourned: 8:03 p.m.



January 30, 2018

- 1. Call to order 8:05 p.m.
- 2. Introductions Not applicable
- Approval of Agenda: Motion: To approve the agenda with the addition of bake sale as 7.3 by Heather, seconded Winnie
- 4. Review and Acceptance of minutes from the last meeting: 5 minutes Motion: to approve the minutes by Heather, seconded Winnie

5. Business arising from previous minutes:

- **5.1. Hot lunch:** Going well. New options including bigger portions. Concerns with carrots and lack of cheese on Nitza's were forwarded. Looking at the costs of the Edo juice that is being provided to ensure the prices reflect the product. April to June scheduled and been drafted with a hot dog day. Field trips need to be watched to give parents the option to cancel. Kids are enjoying the new selections.
- **5.2. Volunteers:** No volunteer calendar was developed for January, but one is coming together for Feb. Volunteers are showing up and are coming in. Reverse recess is helping to make the process more efficient.
- 5.3. Spirit wear: to be followed up on
- 5.4. Hockey pool: no issues. It will warp up in April.
- 5.5. Art cards and QSP: reminder for the bear bones: funscript ordering can be done all year round.
- 5.6. Art cards: There will be more options on what can be purchased when the cards come out.
- 6. New Business

Volunteer appreciation: discussed previously **Bake sale:** To be changed to healthy snacks. Bake sale will be considered after lent.

7. Treasurer's report: attached

Motion: to change Pink shirt day bake sale to healthy snakes by Winnie, seconded Heather.

- 8. Next School Council meeting: March 6, 2018
- 9. Meeting Adjournment: 8:20 p.m.