
School Council Minutes

Monday Sept.16, 2019, 4:00pm Library

Attendees: Danielle Hucul, Nina Beis, Lindsay DesRoches, Tasha McNeil, Tina Blois, Erin Barter, Holly Stensrud, Tia Eeles, Catie Layes, Coralee McLaughlin, Michelle Bolay, Denise Delisle

Agenda:

1. Welcome everyone; Approval of the minutes: motioned by Coralee, Tia second, all in favor.
Explain council and position duties
 - a. Parent council and position duties were explained by Danielle.
 - b. The preschool is new to the school this year and it was agreed upon that it will be under the same council

2. The following positions were announced available – Chair, Vice Chair, and secretary
 - a. Danielle Hucul is resigning from chair
 - b. Shauna Clark- Marlow is resigning from vice chair
 - c. Coralee McLaughlin is resigning from secretary

3. Outdoor classroom ideas
 - a. Outdoor classroom – will focus on this the 2019/2020 school year. Hope to have it utilize next year by all grades

4. Catie Preschool funds
 - a. Preschool funds carried over ~\$5,318. Funds to be used by the preschool
 - b. The MD will purchase the fence from the old preschool but wants to purchase it at a depreciated value. The fence does have some damage. It was agreed that a 20-25% depreciation rate is fair. The value of the fence is approximately \$4,800.

5. Holly Funds update
 - a. \$2,691.45

6. Recycle program (volunteers, ideas)
 - a. Grande Prairie bottle depot has agreed to a drop off program. Volunteers just need to drop off the bottles and the depot will send the fundraising committee a cheque.
 - b. Need volunteers to take bottles/juice boxes in on regular basis. Catie offered to take them when she travels to GP. More volunteers would be appreciated. Having the drop off program will hopefully increase the amount of volunteers

7. School Clothing
 - a. Sell clothing to boost school moral; school spirit. Not used as a fundraiser
 - i. Needs to be reasonably priced
 - ii. Kinjka has provided shirts/hoodies in past but is no longer in Grande Cache. They still have an electronic copy of the logo.
 - iii. Signs by Laura – concern about the cost; there is also We Print in Hinton that can be considered.
 - iv. Danielle offered to inquire into pricing
8. Hot lunch program
 - a. The council is looking for a new person to manage the hot lunches.
 - i. Nina offered to run hot lunches. Plans to start with a monthly hot lunch
 - ii. Will use MunchaLunch again. Easier to organize and saves the transferring of money and paper.

New Business:

1. Elect this year's council positions

Executive Election:

-Council Chair

Danielle nominated Erin Barter; seconded by Coralee
Calling for any further nominations or interest – none at this time
All in favor; Erin accepted

-Council Co Chair

Danielle nominated Catie to co-chair; seconded by Coralee
Calling for any further nominations or interest – none at this time
All in favor; Catie accepted

-Secretary

Tina nominated by Danielle, Holly seconded
Calling for any further nominations or interest - none at this time
All in favor; Tina accepted

-Treasurer

Holly agreed to take the treasurer role again
Calling for any further nominations or interest – none at this time
All in favor

-Staff Member

Laryssa Harley agreed to be the staff member again; all in favor

2. Principal update

- a. Budget was done based on the amount of children registered by Sept. 30th. The amount of special needs children are considered. 90% of budget used for staffing, 10% miscellaneous
 - i. ~180 students: Preschools ~60; Kindergartens ~22; Grades 1-3 ~98
 - ii. Teacher 4 at full time, 2 at 0.8 and 1 at 0.4; EA's 4 Full time, 1 half time; 1 preschool teacher and 1 assistant
- b. Data collection in progress – academics
 - i. Data will be reviewed mid-October and school goals will made
 - ii. School focus: Higher level of thinking; Patterning in numeracy; Literacy
- c. School Board is scheduled to visit October first. The Chair of School Council is invited to attend.
 - i. Superintendent visits the school monthly

3. Next Meeting

Date not set yet. Will plan for November