

School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday Jan 13th 2020

Attendees: Erin Barter, Catie Layes, Tina Blois, Tasha MacNeil, Laryssa Harley, Danielle Hucul, Michelle Bolay, Holly Stensrud, Tia Eeles

Agenda:

1. Holly approved meeting minutes from Nov 4th, Tasha second it. Approved meeting agenda by Danielle, seconded by Holly.
2. Danielle opening , Apology for miscommunication and transition struggles between old council and new council members.
3. Catie wants to step down, she has too much on her plate. Holly nominated Danielle, It was seconded by Tasha. Danielle is the new co chair.
4. Bank Account: \$11671.03 is our current balance. Holly has removed Daniel McDonald, Lindsay Mugford and Jennifer Yee from signing authority. Holly will continue to have signing authority as she is the current treasurer. Erin nominated Danielle for our second signing authority person. It was seconded by Catie. And all other committee members were in favor.
5. Creative Kids Preschool funds: \$800 was given to Sharlee for preschool supplies. \$3000 would be given to Michelle for waving 2019-2020 preschool fees as was agreed previously. All remaining monies from Creative kids preschool will be used for our current preschool whether it be classroom items or otherwise to be voted on by SCA and fundraising committee. Motioned by Danielle, It was seconded by Erin.
6. Hot Lunch: Holly has taken hot lunch back over for Nina, as decided in our last meeting. Danielle will continue to be in charge of munchalunch. Big Horn donated hot dogs which we have to use at some point during the year. Sam's Rednap will continue cooking for the hot lunch program. Jan 30th we are having a spaghetti lunch. Danielle will add it into munchalunch as well as look into what is being served with the spaghetti.
7. Popcorn days: we do not have someone to run it. After this Thursday we will wait until we have a solid volunteer to run this program. Danielle is going to count supplies to see how much we have to use up before the end of the year.
8. School Clothing is being taken off the agenda. It may be introduced at a later date when we have someone to look into this area.

9. Recycling Program: Check in with school staff, Michelle and Loretta. We have volunteers step up, whoever is going to GP, and see if they can drop it off.

10. Outdoor Classroom: we still have no word back about a quote. Danielle said she needs to step down from this division. Looking at fixing the huge ruts, first.

It 's a dangerous situation with kids playing out there. Danielle is looking at getting a turf quote, her husband will run the bobcat. All of the major outdoor items will happen in the spring. Hopefully we will have quotes and a plan before that time.

If we hear back from the division about the outdoor class room we can move forward and vote on a final plan. Laryssa is going to ask at the next staff meeting, if a shed is still necessary, if we don't get approval for outdoor classroom? Grass and dirt in the spring is priority number one.

11. Christmas Concert Chairs: Danielle priced out chairs. So we could have our own set at Sheldon Coates. \$2000 would be the cost for our own chairs however we don't have the storage space for chairs. Michelle mentioned about moving items around and trying to make them fit. If we could find a place for the mats, there could be space for chairs. Michelle and Laryssa will have a look around and also bring it up at this weeks staff meeting. We will check with and Edmonton company about getting cheaper chairs.

New Business:

1. Anything teachers or parents have been requesting?
Building birdhouses. Danielle and her husband have done this in the past. It was successful and teachers have asked if we can do it again. It would be for Grade 3's only. The birdhouses came from Rona. They are \$10 each. If we decide to move forward with this it would need to be voted on.
1a. The Clay lady, do we have the funds to do this? It was about \$2500. It could be preschool-grade 3. Could we do a workshop in the evening? Danielle is going to research this more.
2. Catie is going to send a wish list for the current preschool. It is going through email. We will have a look then it will need to be voted on how much if any we will give to the preschool.
3. Communication-Letter from Lindsay. School staff addressing any parent they meet as opposed to going to the correct committee members for different needs. Danielle is co-chair now, so it should stop lots of the back and forth and miscommunication. It is happening unintentionally because the teachers are talking to whoever is around. Send out an email to the teachers about who is on the council and who does what. So the teachers have correct contact information.

4. Principal update: Staffing update - Darrel Delisle is filling in while Heather Brien-King is away. Lisa Beckstead has been away and is returning on reduced hours for a few weeks and then will return to full time. Jenna Hagg and Julie Dezan have joined our preschool staff as EAs. I am back teaching art for Carra Burge is on mat leave.
 - Our Reading Blitz has started this week and will run for the next 5 weeks. We mix students across grade levels and group them by ability. The goal is to boost each student's reading ability and to help students build independent work habits.
 - Survey coming out this month to match the accountability pillar survey that is distributed by Alberta Education. Since we only go to grade 3, we miss out on both the student and parent survey. Please watch for our school-created one the next few weeks
 - Student-led conferences are at the end of this month.
5. Outdoor Classroom: Catie, money for fencing. Sharlee and Catie and using for the fence as it will be much easier to keep track of the children. Fenced in wood area. Catie is going to check with the MD.
6. No more messenger, we will use email only. If you have something to bring up save it for the next meeting.
7. Next Meeting: Monday Feb 10th. 7pm