

Meeting called to order 6:36 pm.

Land acknowledgement.

In attendance: Pnina Wilson, Kira Kinahan, Deanna Bettger, Jennifer Neufeld, Melissa Flaman, Melissa Bootsman, Whitney Oler, Ganga Sarki, Karen Henrie, Craig Whitefield, Nicole Court, Nicole Garlock, Tracy van Son, Cheryl Lyons, Jo Lane Klassen, Gurung family.

Adoption of Agenda: Karen Henrie. Seconded by Cheryl Lyons.

Approval of Agenda: Nicole Garlock. Seconded by Nicole Court.

Business arising from the minutes:

3.1 Open positions 2022-2023 School Year: School Council Co-Chair, Secretary.

Positions were described. Any interested applicants should contact Kira. Include job descriptions in the minutes

4. School Trustee's Report- Craig Whitehead

- Board organizational meeting was held earlier today. New board chair for this year is Allison Purcell, and the vice-chair is Ginny Steed.
- As a board, the two weeks before the board meeting was committee of the whole, where all the trustees got together to talk about the different initiatives of the board.
- Craig explained the role of a trustee, which is to act as an elected official that is a governor of the school division. Trustees do not get involved in the day-to-day operations of schools, but they oversee the concerns of the community and the large-scale operations, policy creation and maintenance, and decision making of the division.
- There is a new trustee committee for boundary re-alignment. Trustees will be on this committee for a minimum of two years and will use the committee to look at data and consult with stakeholders regarding any future boundary changes.
- The role of trustees is to ensure that all stakeholders have an avenue to ensure their voices are heard.
- At the last board meeting, the topic of grade distribution was also brought up (what grades are part of which schools, eg. K-5 is elementary, 6-8 is middle school, 9-12 is high school). This may be explored further this year.

5. Division School Council Report

Nothing to report since last meeting.

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6.1 Staff Report- Karen Henrie

We had a great staggered entry. The staff is excited to have the students back and the students are excited to be back. We are focused on helping kids learn routines and expectations, with a school-wide focus on making our school a place where everyone feels safe and respected.

Beginning of year assessments are being conducted in order to ensure that student needs are met. We are also beginning to bring back school routines like assemblies. We are also getting ready for events like the Terry Fox Run (which will be on Friday September 23). Meet the Staff night is Thursday September 15, 2022.

We are conducting assessments for the BOOST program which is paid for through Alberta Education to help at-risk students close the gaps that may have been caused by disruptions to learning from COVID.

6.2 Vice-Principal Report- Nicole Court

Site One Landscaping has donated a rock for every student in our division so that each school can create a Path to Reconciliation within our school. We are working on creating our outdoor classroom space within the school.

Think Outside is a program that is being brought to our school this year through Helen Schuler and Indigenous Education within the division.

We are working to engaging families within the school and are trying ideas of different ways to bring families in, such as family fun nights. More information about this will be communicated with families in the coming weeks, but if anyone has ideas for ways to bring engage the school community, please contact Nicole Court.

Clarification was sought regarding whether parents are welcome in the school. The staff shared that while our doors remain locked, parents are of course welcome. We are following recommendations for best practice to ensure we are balancing the need of connecting with families while maintaining the security of our students and the importance of respecting learning time. If you wish to volunteer in your child's classroom, please contact the school.

6.3 Principal Report- Sandy Scheldrup

Sandy is on a gradual return from work following a medical leave. Currently she is working Monday-Thursday afternoons. You can always contact her when you have questions. Court is acting principal and Garlock is acting vice-principal when Sandy is not here.

7. New Business

7.1 Next meeting dates are: Oct 18, November 8, January 17, March 7, May 9, June 13 (AGM)

7.2 Parent Lending Library

The bookshelf will go in the vestibule by the front doors. Books will be signed in and out on a sheet and the library will run via the honour system. Court will make a sign saying that parents can add a relevant book to the library if they wish.

7.3 Parent Class Reps

Teachers will be asking for parent class reps at Meet the Staff night this week. Names of people who sign up will be provided to school council. Clarification was sought around what the role of the representatives will be. Nicole Court said she will need to look into issues regarding FOIP and privacy as we will not be able to openly share contact information of the students in the classes. Court will provide an update when available.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33

Council Society

Called to order: 7:33

1. Adoption of Agenda- Nicole Court. Seconded Neufeld.
2. Adoption of Minutes from last meeting- Cheryl Lyons. Nicole Garlock seconded.
3. Business arising from the minutes:

3.1 Open position for co/vice-chair. Let Kira know if you are interested in this position.

4. Treasurer's Report- see attached Report.

5. New Business- none

5.1 Hot Lunch

Kira brought forward a program called "Healthy Hunger" that would act as a third party to contact vendors and coordinate ordering and payments of Hot Lunches. They source the options available to us, and charge vendors an 8% fee to use their service. After providing us a price for the meal, we then set our price of what we will charge, meaning we can choose to break even or to add a small amount in order to make a small profit. Kira felt that in her experience of running hot lunch, this program would address many of the logistical concerns we have encountered through the years.

Sandy brought forth that the way we do our Hot Lunches currently does not feel equitable, as issues such as poverty, access to technology, and ability to speak and read English impacts the ability of many families to access Hot Lunch for their child(ren). Sandy is hoping to seek sponsorship for lunches so that when we have a hot lunch, every Hungerchild in our school will be given the option to have one. Sponsors could make a donation to the school, be issued a tax-receipt, and then the school could coordinate getting lunch for the children.

Parents shared that they liked the donate option on School Cash Online last year, however there was a concern raised by office staff about the amount of time this takes to coordinate. Staff cannot delegate this job to parent volunteers as there are concerns about FOIP issues with sharing of names, medical information (allergies), etc. There are also issues with donated lunches being given to students without that parent's knowledge, and sometimes the parent may not want their child to have that food for personal reasons.

Many in attendance felt that a hybrid option may be an effective way to move forward. Potential options may include:

- Moving forward as is with donated lunch options through school cash online or Healthy Hunger
- Using Healthy Hunger in combination with corporate sponsorship
- Having corporate sponsorships for universally accessible, free lunches a few times a year.

This discussion will be tabled. Admin will meet with society members to produce a table of options and what the responsibility of each party would be under each option. This will be presented at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm