

Minutes - School Council Sept 19th, 2023

Attendance:

Chan Cusson
Amanda Alessio
Tracy Spears
Jody Turco
Jessica Smith
Laura Hunter
Colleen Yoshida
Dawn Weber
Ashley Reid
Amanda Howatt
Twila Moore

1. **Call to Order: 5:30**
2. **Introductions** around the table
3. **School Council By-laws**
 - a. Opportunity to read through
4. **School Council Role vs PAC**
 - School Council
 - Government-sanctioned
 - Policy-producing
 - Work in conjunction with the staff and the board
 - Governed by the school council association
 - PAC
 - Fund-raising
 - Often have similar positions and roles
 - Usually have a goal that is set at the beginning of the year to work through.
5. **School Report:**
 - a. Introduction to Chan, Twila and Colleen
 - b. Staffing: Sitting at 45 staff, hiring 2 very soon, hoping for up to 5 more depending on funding.
 - c. Enrolment: currently 493
 - d. Start-up has been very smooth this year
 - e. Added an academic counselor to the roster to help guide students through courses and the beginning of career planning.
 - f. Teaching and Learning:

- i. Subscribed to IXL this year - this will provide real-time data about students' skills in math and literacy
 - ii. Report cards are online this year. Parents can choose paper copy via verification form.
 - g. Positive Behavior Support (PBS) - for each of the meetings in the future, we will have data and information about the tickets that are being handed out.
 - h. School Education Plan - Two main goal priorities for this year again:
 - i. Mental Health and Wellness
 - ii. Numeracy competencies
 - i. Around the school activities:
 - i. Karaoke at lunch
 - ii. Robotics club at lunch
 - iii. Grade 9 planning team (look at planning events like overnight trips and dances) - brief explanation about suspensions and participation.
 - j. Wellness Room - Wellness EA
 - k. Culture Club - Run by our JP Student Advocacy Councillor
 - l. Winter Showcase- Dec 19th, and 20th - Production is called "No Body to Murder".
6. **Budget** - we have \$140,000 in the bank to spend; went over budget report and line items.

7. Discussion Item: Board Policy #17 & CTF Fees

- a. Background: The board strongly believes that the school should not charge fees.
- b. Our Fees:
 - i. \$25 student activity fee (goes to student council to fund activities)
 - ii. \$25 for each of the CTS courses
 - Outdoor Ed
 - Fine Arts and Theatre
 - Home Ec
 - Shop

Covers consumables and travel for the program.
- c. Important to remember that not all families pay the fee
- d. There is not a consequence for non-payment, but there is incentive for early payment.
- e. Options for families that can't afford it?
- f. Discussion about advertising the amounts and the payment plans available
 - i. Partnerships
 - ii. Payment plans
 - iii. Multiple push-outs
 - iv. Parent-teacher interviews
 - v. Sending notifications through school messenger
 - vi. Would we have more completion if we separated the fees so it's 4 \$25 fees rather than a \$100 one?

Motion: Dawn moved to use \$100 of PAC money to run an incentive program for school fee payment. Those who have paid fees by October 31 will have their names entered for a draw for a \$100 gift card for a local store of their choice.

Carried

In October, "invoices" will be pushed out for missing fees.

8. Running Track

- a. Ours is in terrible shape
- b. Chan talked to Larito to asphalt it - the quote was around \$175 000.
- c. Is it possible to get a community use grant through the Alberta government?
- d. Tabled for further discussion (at PAC and future meetings)

9. Open Campus

- Grade 9s don't need permission to leave as per school council last year; that at the high school, they did not need parent permission.
- Discussion around the 7/8/9 balance

10. Hot Lunches

- a. Question asked about the amount of food in the meal - is it possible to increase the amount of food in a meal so that it is more age appropriate?
- b. Perhaps have two options for meals, ie: one burger vs two burgers in the meal without replicating the fries.

11. Sewing Machines

- a. Bought 20 last year, but from the school budget, not through PAC funds

12. Elections:

- a. Chair: Dawn Weber
- b. Vice Chair: Ashley Reid
- c. Treasurer: Laura Hunter
- d. Secretary: Amanda Howatt

13. MOTION: Amanda Alessio moved to remove Jody Turco and Kassandra Holte from signing authority and add Dawn Weber and Laura Hunter.

- a. **Carried**

14. Adjournment: 7:14 PM

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3. Treasurer's Report:

- a. \$12,200 in the bank
- b. What is our goal to work toward for this year?

Fundraising:

Last year, we did poinsettia fund-raiser - not worth it financially (limited financial results compared to the amount of work)

Would like to see a teachers' Wish list for next meeting so that they can have goals and project ideas. Send the message "not to hold back" on wishes.

Hot Dog Mondays - is this a possibility since there is no hot lunch that day? Would provide something hot for the students to buy and a great fundraiser.

District Cross Country is looking for a concession committee on October 4th.

Amanda, Jessica and Laura said that they would be available to set up and run the concession stand.

4. Contact information shared

5. **Next meeting:** Tuesday October 24th at 5:30

6. **Adjourned:** 8:15 PM