



# COUNCIL MINUTES

Foundations for the Future – North Middle School

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*Date | time* 3/13/2017 7:00 PM – 08:00 PM

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## In Attendance

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### Council

Lisa Chin, Secretary  
Faruq Suleman, Chair  
Jennifer Cheah (Mei Yoong Cheah), Treasurer  
Erica Oseen, Community Coordinator  
Rhonda Rempel, Community Coordinator  
Susan Hendry, NMS Partnership Coordinator  
Sukhmeet Dhillon, NMS Partnership Coordinator

### Staff

John Deines, Principal  
Candace Kraushaar, Teacher

### Board

None Present

### Guests

None Present

### Absent

Sharon Zerk, Vice-Chair  
Alka Chandiramani, Hot Lunch Representative  
Shawna Drummond, Associate Principal  
Raj Sandhu, Hot Lunch Representative  
Danny Williamson, Teacher

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm

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## Approval of Agenda

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Motion to approve March 13, 2017 agenda as distributed. Add set a date for the School Council AGM

- Motion – Faruq Suleman
- Second – Lisa Chin
  - Motion to approve March 13, 2017 agenda was passed

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## Approval of January 9, 2017 Minutes

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Motion to approve January 9, 2017 Minutes as distributed.

- Motion – Faruq Suleman
- Second – Lisa Chin
  - Motion to approve January 9, 2017 minutes was passed.

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## Treasurer Update (Jennifer Cheah)

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- Statements will be emailed

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## Teacher Representative Update (Candace Kraushaar)

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- SLC Update: Did a flurry of kindness in February to coincide with the kindness shirts and bully shirts in hallway. Had a bake sale and made \$500.00 to the WE PILLAR FOR EDUCATION
- Currently donating to women's in need clothing donation
- Power Down earth day and encouraged teachers to not photocopy and turn off lights.
- Talking about having a summer festival in June so will need parent volunteers with that. A wrap up of the campaigns.
- We did a waste free lunch and bought reusable forks or containers and they each got a prize from each teacher that choose the most waste free lunch throughout that week.

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## Administration Update (John Deines)

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- John said since last we met there have been a few staffing things. Luckily the Spanish teacher Melissa Clare that joined the staff. They had to get another fill for the temp position in phys ed, it goes until the end of Spring Break. Denise found another temp position with the Edge that was longer and she left. Lisa Oviatt has been filling in for the last few weeks and will fill in the next couple of weeks. Lara Talamini will be coming back. Tina Kim will be coming back after Spring Break and Reena will be done. A couple switches with our grade 5 and 6's. Two grade 5 teachers were interested in going up and two grade 6 teachers were interested going down grades. Pitman and Ramji will be grade 5 next year. Rod was teaching grade 5 when he first met him. Megan Villalobos and Candace Kraushaar will be moving up to grade 6.
- Met with teachers for growth plan 6 now 7 to be student teachers mostly from U of C one from University of Lethbridge. It wasn't that long ago that FFCA didn't have student teachers but a few years ago we started getting some and now we get lots. It is great getting them in there to tell others that we are a really good school. Always best by people that have been here instead of us trying to convince.
- Literacy exhibition in gym was done and student material was in the gym and people from the public library and canlearn had information
- Winter festival
- Pink shirt day
- Grade 8s here in the library talked to Jessie Clausson about what electives they wanted. The high school figures that out and they have all been submitted.
- Reel Fun Film Festival was fun and John was impressed we could take the entire school, the staff treated us well.
- Report cards this Friday
- 5 and 6's start skiing tomorrow and 7 and 8s start on Thursday and Friday.

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## Board Update

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- Nobody Present from Board
- John said that the March, April, May meetings will now be at campuses. This was partly about trying to figure out ways of interacting more and trying to cut down on the amount of meetings they were going to.
- Faruq Suleman added that attending at councils if council will attend it would be better to get a one on one face time. A couple policies out for review and one is parental partnership, still early draft and they are welcoming feedback. Take a read and let them know and bring it back to us. There are some interesting thoughts. Based on the online survey and a couple open town halls and sort of formulated a draft policy right now, first draft.
- The meeting here is April 19<sup>th</sup>. They ask school administrators to present about their school so Shawna and John will have to present their presentation that night. Erica wondered if they would be letting others know about this closer to the date, saying if it was a presentation presenting then they may be more likely to come as it would be what is happening at our school particularly. Maybe let them know now our school is presenting, volunteer hours and it is your opportunity to get face time with the board. Even talking about the parental partnership draft. Faruq asked if council could come that would be great, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Winter Festival was great.

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### Fundraising Coordinator

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- Faruq mentioned that nothing going on here right now. We tossed around a Spell-a-thon or Math-a-thon idea but not sure if that is going on.
- Nothing pending right now other than Michelle Trenholm wanting some things for her library. Candace thought they may come to us for some money for their summer festival in June but it would not be a ton of money. Faruq will talk to Jennifer and we won't plan to do anything and if we spend another \$2,000.00 for the beginning of the year we are still good for the next year. Faruq likes to see about \$6,000.00 for ASC dues

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### Community Coordinators (Erica Oseen and Rhonda Rempel)

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- Erica wondered about a year end wrap up thing. We did the welcome back breakfast, so we usually do one or the other. Last year we skipped the year end thing and did the welcome back due to timing for some reason. Ice Cream social was done last year but they wanted to do a barbeque or something. Faruq thinks we should support Candace and partner with them then that would maybe be ideal and give them some cash support. Do the welcome back again or whatever the next council will decide. We can discuss a teacher appreciation for year end. We can think of something good for them and Sharon did a survey of their favorite restaurants. Something they can enjoy for the summer. Make sure to get the bus drivers, the whole admin team and custodians.

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### Hot Lunch Coordinators (Alka Chandiramani and Raj Sandhu)

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- If students are unhappy with their lunch and they want a refund, Faruq said get their name and apologize on our behalf. Sharon is on top of it for next year if they want reimbursed for their lunch Faruq said we can do it.

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### Parental Partnership Coordinators (Sukhmeet Dhillon and Susan Hendry)

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- Sukhmeet has been away so she doesn't have much. She logged on and saw 62% did not volunteer and 38% volunteered: 451 total families and 282 have zero volunteer hours. The play last year we input the

hours, the ticket names were given to Sukhmeet and she logged the hours for each of them. There should be some kind of a list where they can write their name and then we can submit their hours.

- Day before we were filling winter festival spots but in the end everything was filled. Faruq appreciates everyone's efforts. Erica felt we could share that 68 percent volunteered we can share with them the AGM, helping in the library and give families ideas to up the volunteering. It may entice some people to come out and attend something to step up and get involved. They are going to be looking for help with the play about sets and costumes so another opportunity where people can come out and help.
- Our newsletters, email and everywhere we can advertise what is needed. After spring break we should have the April newsletter. Mention when people come back from spring break the opportunities. Does Candace have some defined opportunities for volunteers, doesn't have to be in the class room. She can ask some teachers, Faruq just thought add some things to a message. Candace can't think of anything big beside the play (ticket making, costumes, sets), AGM, board meetings. Student council may buy some bars and then stick some tickets in there. Women in Need Shelter need volunteers to dump off bag of clothing, next week can be taken. Candace said she emptied them and there was lots and it has been very successful, better than they had thought. Susan can send out the letter asking for parents for this, the email is set up so she can access it now. It took awhile but better late than never.

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### Financial Statements (Jennifer Cheah)

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- Jen has the financial statements passed around. We now have \$9,618.08 as a balance. We paid for the Costa Vida and just need to pay the \$42 for the drinks and desserts.
- Faruq mentioned we were in good shape so no need for spring fundraising this year.
- It was noticed that hot lunch was making money, we may want to look at that next year to see where we are and see how we can support Candace on year end and do more to go back to the students.
- Faruq wants to have \$6,000.00 carried over for next year.

### **MOTION to accept the financials as presented**

- Motion – Faruq Suleman
  - Second – Lisa Chin
- All Members present were in favor, motioned passed

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### ASC Representatives (Sharon Zerk and Faruq Suleman)

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- Faruq an Alberta Society of School Council Association, 2 day conference, ASC will cover one day and Council will cover the other day. Meals, gas and hotel. Is anybody interested in going, hopefully someone that will come back and report. To be able to socialize and mingle with the other campuses is a great thing. Sukhmeet has gone in the past and so has Ida. Historically the elementary has attended. You can pick of what is interest and it is a great opportunity to ask the Minister of Education point blank. If anybody wants more information let Faruq know. Faruq will send out information on where it is and the dates. If we are going to pull the pin on it, the end of next week we should know.
- Board policies and another email he will send out is a Food bank service opportunity with a couple of dates. Pamela Wilson is coordinating it. Those are the ASC highlights.

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### New Business (FARUQ and ALL)

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1. Society is May 11 for AGM 6:30 and then cancel the May regular meeting and then we can head the council meeting for the same date at 7:00. May 11<sup>th</sup> is the final. Email discussion after the meeting changed this final date to May 17, 2017.

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### Next Meeting

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**Set for April 10, 2017**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm**

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### **Goals of Parent Council...**

**To increase Parental Partnership involvement and have all families feel welcomed.  
To make sure that our students are number one in all our decision making.**