



COUNCIL MINUTES

Foundations for the Future – North Middle School

Date | time 1/9/2017 7:00 PM – 08:00 PM

In Attendance

Council

Lisa Chin, Secretary
Sharon Zerk, Vice-Chair
Rhonda Rempel, Community Coordinator

Staff

John Deines, Principal
Danny Williamson, Teacher

Board

None Present

Guests

Absent

Faruq Suleman, Chair
Alka Chandiramani, Hot Lunch Representative
Raj Sandhu, Hot Lunch Representative
Sukhmeet Dhillon, NMS Partnership Coordinator
Susan Hendry, NMS Partnership Coordinator
Erica Oseen, Community Coordinator
Jennifer Cheah (Mei Yoong Cheah), Treasurer

Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve January 9, 2017 agenda as distributed.

- Motion –
- Second –
 - Motion-

Approval of December 5, 2016 Minutes

Motion to approve December 5, 2016 Minutes as distributed.

- Motion – Rhonda Rempel
- Second – Sharon Zerk
 - Motion to approve December 5, 2016 minutes was passed.

Treasurer Update (Jennifer Cheah)

- Jennifer could not attend but emailed financial statements attached.

Teacher Representative Update (Danny Williamson)

- Candace came to the December meeting but prior to that Danny had been attending the town hall meetings for the parents and partnership. He also went to central's meetings at the end of the year. How his school is translating to here is in discussing and implementing his ideas by the end of the year or later. It doesn't come over night but will be a transition.
- Because it is January Rod and him are looking for money to continue on their classroom economy. We can check with Jennifer regarding this but it would be \$750.00. Rod has used his for this year as well.

Administration Update (John Deines)

- Winter break so there has not been a lot that has happened from last meeting. They are still looking for a Spanish teacher. Someone was offered job but they declined and then another person was offered and accepted and then declined. They have interviewed two more candidates, one that is quite strong. Hoping another offer will be made and that person will accept and not decline. Miss Duncan is putting a lot of work together for the subs and doing all of the lesson plans is time consuming. The new hire would not start until the end of the month if they accepted. This is kind of on his mind at the moment. These candidates are all outside of FFCA but currently employed at other schools. All are teachers.
- They are doing the grade 6s emergentics starting soon
- The parent/teacher interviews are coming up and council has covered a supper in the past. He wondered if we were planning on doing that again. They are on January 26th. Danny felt that everyone was happy with the Coco Brooks pizza they have done in the past. There was discussion about maybe finding something different. A hot meal though as opposed to something cold as it is a very long night for all of the teachers. The idea of sending out a survey to the teachers of maybe 5 different types of meals to bring in. We could possibly pick something through Healthy Hunger with some choices of different items as each teacher would like to order. Sharon can talk to Jordan from Healthy Hunger about this and she can get some ideas together and a survey out to the teachers.

Board Update

- Nobody is coming

Fundraising Coordinator

- **Food drive for winter festival**
- Sharon said that Jennifer has the new financials but she just got the info from AdMazing and so it does not have that number in the new financials. We made about \$3700.00 and Sharon believes better than in the past.

Community Coordinators (Erica Oseen and Rhonda Rempel)

- **Rhonda was going to talk about the dinner for the upcoming parent teacher conferences on January 26th. As discussed, Sharon will get a survey together for this. Nothing else has happened since last time. 35 staff and then close to 40 with the custodians**
- In September, 2016 we had motioned for council to cover food up to \$600.00 for teacher conferences.

Hot Lunch Coordinators (Alka Chandiramani and Raj Sandhu)

- January^t 13 is the next hot lunch with Extreme Pita. Lisa had mentioned there were no topping options at all for this vendor. Sharon was going to contact Jordan from Healthy Hunger regarding this for the future orders.

Parental partnership Coordinators (Sukhmeet Dhillon and Susan Hendry)

- **Sukhmeet and Susan were unable to attend tonight but Susan sent this email:**

I will be unable to make it to the meeting tonight & neither will Sukhmeet, so I wanted to let you know of a few things regarding Parent Partnership:

Sukhmeet has given me the responsibility for keeping track of volunteer hours, and coordinating volunteers for Hot Lunch & the Winter Carnival now. She will be away from Jan 28th to Feb 24th, so I will be the ``go to`` person during that time.

Since I won't be at the meeting tonight, I will need to touch base with whoever is planning the Winter Carnival (Rhonda & Erica, I assume), so that I can figure out the best way to recruit help & what positions need to be filled. I hope to send out emails about this later this week or early next week.

Sukhmeet & I discussed at the school parent partnership meeting the possibility of putting volunteers into ``Interest Groups or Teams`` starting in Sept. The expectation would be that they would stay with the same group & volunteer in the same position through-out the year. The idea would be to discover where volunteers` interests lie, plug them in to a position that fits, and have them commit to help in that position for the whole year or a portion of it. Of course, this wouldn't work well with all volunteer opportunities, but could work well for things like Hot Lunch, Library Help or anything else that would be done on a monthly or other regular basis.

In light of that, I've noticed that a lot of the **same** people are always volunteering for Hot Lunch this year. I would like to send out an email to those parents (and anyone else) to see if they are interested in doing Hot Lunch every month for the remainder of the year – ie. being part of the Hot Lunch Team. If so, I would just send a reminder to those people about a week before Hot Lunch day, and recruit extras if necessary. Just an idea...

Finally, we still are not able to access the school email to send out mass emails. Brenda Wong is still sending out emails on our behalf. She said that they are still trying to get it fixed so that we can have access, and will let me know once it is done. I am able to access individual responses to mass emails (and respond to them) through the FFCA website.

Any questions, let me know.

Thanks, Susan

- Sharon will talk to her about volunteers for the winter carnival. Rhonda has an email for Susan
- We can try getting some consistent volunteers for the Hot Lunch but still probably a good idea to send out the email to everyone in case there is someone that may want to.
- John said that we need to talk to Brenda about getting the email item sorted out. They have been at this for months she said trying to get this fixed.

Financial Statements (Jennifer Cheah)

- Jennifer was unable to attend but the financial statements were emailed and are attached.

- Jennifer emailed Sharon the financials but she is not feeling well.

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ASC Representatives (Sharon Zerk and Faruq Suleman)

- **Nothing to add**

New Business (FARUQ and ALL)

1. John said that Pink Shirt day, suggested we all partner up with the payment roughly \$1100.00 per group (School/society/council). When Sharon talked to Jennifer after school she said there was \$12,000.00 left in account. The t-shirts need to be ordered by the end of the month, the grade 8 hashtag contest will be started next week and will probably run until a week after that, they were thinking January 16th. So the order would need to go in late January, about a month before the day. It is a company that Jason knows that supplies us stuff and it does not take that long to get them.
2. Sharon wanted to go over meeting on Winter Fest they had today. There is going to be the sleigh rides, they are booked, warm hands warm heart mittens for the craft. It is \$5.00 for family or a donation per person. We are sending out an email asking for fire pits as Kara is no longer around. Candace said she could start the fires.

New Business

- School Council appreciation 'save the date' set for February 23 at the Grey Eagle Casino and Resort. More details to follow.

Next Meeting

Set for February 6, 2017

Meeting Adjourned: 7:47 pm

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.**