



COUNCIL MINUTES

Foundations for the Future – North Middle School

Date | time 4/10/2017 7:00 PM – 08:00 PM

In Attendance

Council

Lisa Chin, Secretary
Faruq Suleman, Chair
Sharon Zerk, Vice-Chair
Jennifer Cheah (Mei Yoong Cheah), Treasurer
Erica Oseen, Community Coordinator
Rhonda Rempel, Community Coordinator

Staff

John Deines, Principal

Board

None Present

Guests

Absent

Alka Chandiramani, Hot Lunch Representative
Raj Sandhu, Hot Lunch Representative
Susan Hendry, NMS Partnership Coordinator
Sukhmeet Dhillon, NMS Partnership Coordinator
Shawna Drummond, Associate Principal
Candace Kraushaar, Teacher
Danny Williamson, Teacher

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve April 10, 2017 agenda, same as the March 13, 2017 agenda, as distributed.

- Motion – Faruq Suleman
- Second – Lisa Chin
 - Motion to approve April agenda was passed

Approval of March 13, 2017 Minutes

Motion to approve March 13, 2017 Minutes as distributed.

- Motion – Faruq Suleman
- Second – Sharon Zerk
 - Motion to approve March 13, 2017 minutes was passed.
- Addendum on the hot lunch potential refund and whether school council should be driving it. Since we sponsor it and we should coordinate with the families and we do benefit from the parents buying into it so we will refund the difference. Within reason of numbers of problems.

Treasurer Update (Jennifer Cheah)

- Nothing to update except for the cheque paid to Rhonda for the teacher appreciation for the drinks. Hot lunch we get back about \$200.00. Jennifer wondered how we redistribute that. We can go back to Healthy Hunger if there is significant problems. Faruq will talk to Susan when she gets back, it was just one family, about \$8 to \$10 on average so we will get the number and reimburse them.
- Our balance is \$8,800.00. We need to carry about at least \$6000.00 for the beginning of the year. This would allow council to do a welcome back something and with our fees payable to ASC, etc. We need some ideas for year-end to use up the \$1800.00 from the hot lunch revenue to fund part of the year end activity. When Danny and Candace are back we can talk. We can have a quick meeting after the AGM

MOTION to accept the treasurer's report as presented

- Motion – Faruq Suleman
- Second – Rhonda Rempel
 - Motion to accept the financials as presented was passed, all in favor, motion carried

Teacher Representative Update

- No updates tonight so they will bring something next time.

Administration Update (John Deines)

- Brenda asked for February, March, April and May, 2016 minutes they need. Faruq does not remember who was the secretary then.
- Lara Talamini is back as of today. Tina Skidmore is back as of today for ESL. It is bittersweet but always nice to have our continuing staff back.
- Grade 5 parent orientation that was two or three days after our last meeting. It went well and all grade 5 teachers were there and met with probably 75-100 people. Questions were good! There is a possibility of getting some of those new parents on council.
 - 80 of the high school students came to our campus with Jim Poirier and Pam when one of the students at the high school to go back in time and talk about his experiences of what he has learned. For the love of reading they came up and met with a large amount of high school students to meet with the grade 6's and they brought examples of the books they like right now and talked about the reading that they liked. Talked about keeping the reading up and talked to them about the different types of readers there are. They did that at both middle schools they went to the south in the morning and with us in the afternoon. It will probably be more like an annual event and they will bring it up for more grades. It is the matter of logistics.

- Upcoming professional growth plan meetings third round, meeting with teachers one on one to see their growth. They have been trying to make that more active and starting next week. When you have an assignment you are working on and the professor is checking up it gets you working on it more
- Faruq asked about the new grade 5 parents can we send a notice about the AGM. John can talk to the admin at NEE and NWE and we can send a reminder about the AGM on May 17th. Natalie is going to run point and get out what we sent out together but this is another avenue to get it outside of the newsletter.

Board Update

- Board meeting April 19th here at 6:30pm and the board society afterwards more about this vote on the purchase of property.

Fundraising Coordinator

- Nothing to add

Community Coordinators (Erica Oseen and Rhonda Rempel)

- Rhonda said that Erica sent a message about us needing to get money approved for the teacher appreciation gifts for the year-end since the AGM we may not be able to get there. If we did \$10 a teacher it would be about \$600.00. 39 staff total and 15 bus drivers. What was done at the end? Last year they did gift cards (Tim Hortons or Starbucks). Salted hot chocolate was done one year, but that may have been a Christmas thing. Something useable and they can take it off.
- No dinner, just a gift for year end is probably best.

MOTION to spend up to \$600.00 for year-end teachers, administrators and bus drivers and janitorial staff gifts

- Motion- Faruq Suleman
- Second – Lisa Chin

Motion passed, all parties present in favor

Faruq felt go with the Tim Hortons as they can get more bang for their buck than with Starbucks. Let us know what is decided as far as the gift cards go, this does not have to be final, they can give us options.

Hot Lunch Coordinators (Alka Chandiramani and Raj Sandhu)

- Wok Box was the hot lunch March.
- Tim Hortons is April
- With the hot lunch proceeds we made this year, we may want to look at using 2/3 for year-end wrap-up for students and the balance 1/3 for the teacher's thank you gift. We wanted to see if we can do something more with just the card, maybe up to \$15.00 for the teachers. . See if there is an incremental thing we could do on top of that. Maybe a dinner one with the say the Milestones/Kelsey's, etc. gift cards (multi-restaurant thing). Keep their options open. We can discuss with Candace to see what they think may be good options.

Parental Partnership Coordinators (Sukhmeet Dhillon and Susan Hendry)

- Nothing to add.

ASC Representatives (Sharon Zerk and Faruq Suleman)

- No meeting so no update

New Business (FARUQ and ALL)

1. No new business. Is the library looking for society to fund new book shelves? Since we have a PD day on Monday they are going to do some more brainstorming on wish list items. The new casino is not far away. Faruq added that we may be able to free up \$500.00 for potential school expenditures.
2. The closet where the photocopier thing is metal shelving to be used.

Next Meeting

Set for May 17, 2017

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 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.**