



COUNCIL MINUTES

Foundations for the Future – North Middle School

Date | time 5/1/2017 7:12 PM – 08:10 PM

In Attendance

Council

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
Lisa Chin, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm

Approval of Agenda

Approval of April 10, 2017 Minutes

Motion to approve April 10, 2017 Minutes as distributed.

- Motion – Sharon Zerk

- Second – Faruq Suleman
 - Motion to approve April 10, 2017 minutes was passed.

Treasurer Update (Jennifer Cheah)

- Nothing to update except for the \$500 still to be paid to grade 6 token economy teachers. Receipts from Danny, Rod, and Michelle still to be submitted.

Teacher Representative Update

- SLC has looked at May and June and with exams, finals, sports day, grad, etc, there really are not any days where there is something that is not happening in our school. We have decided to hold our thank-you carnival in the fall, and will approach you in the fall re: help with funding and volunteers.
- In terms of events
April:
Power down challenge - April 20th was fairly successful you can see student pledges for earth day on the wall by the gym. The pledges were optional as were powering down or using less paper. Classes participated by not using lights, computers, paper etc to cut down on their carbon footprint.

In May we will be holding the following events:

We walk for water - May 25th

Rafikes sale

Casual day: Red and white May 19th

Administration Update (John Deines)

- PD day at school last week. Spent time on teacher qualification update that is coming out. Teachers to apply info on First Nations info so spent time on how to increase knowledge and teach this info to the kids.
- Professional growth plan meetings were done with all the teachers. Much different process than in previous years since they meet more and give more feedback from both sides.
- Board meeting at the school was successful – presentation from grade 7 teachers, preview of Willy Wonka Song and info on purchasing a building.
- Said good bye to 7 student teachers last week. Continue to forge relationships with U of C profs and get field experience with their teachers. Some student teachers expressed interest in coming back.
- 13 reasons why discussion.
- Rhonda asked about mental health and if there has been a discussion about it in the school. Christine does lots of work behind the scenes with mental health and those issues. Faruq mentioned the FFCA way is based on character and generally leads to bullying being stopped and teaches kids good character.

Board Update

- Nothing from the board. Facility got approved. Policies went out for 3rd reading. John thinks there should be a process in place to have some sort of update from the board for the meeting since there isn't a member in attendance at every meeting now.

Fundraising Coordinator

- Nothing to happen for the rest of next year. Admazing (SUTP formerly) will happen again next year. Faruq will get everything arranged so they drop it off the week before school starts like last year. They will then be given out at teacher/student meetings.

Community Coordinators (Erica Oseen and Rhonda Rempel)

- Rhonda is wondering if there will be some sort of year end celebration. The class grades seem to have already planned things so nothing to happen. We will proceed with \$10 Tim Horton gift cards for all staff and bus drivers (54 people total).

Hot Lunch Coordinators (Alka Chandiramani and Raj Sandhu)

- Plan to fund welcome back activity with SLC with extra hot lunch funds. Next year's hot lunch will not be used as a fund raiser, would only be straight costs.

Parental Partnership Coordinators (Sukhmeet Dhillon and Susan Hendry)

- Emailed submission by Susan: 451 families total – 61 families 20 plus hours, 24 families 15 – 19 hours, 27 families 10 – 14 hours, 42 families 5 – 9 hours, 38 families 1 – 4 hours, 262 families zero hours. “More than half the families haven't recorded any volunteer hours. I don't think that this is mostly due to the fact that people are forgetting to record their hours. Although, I did discover that one family had zero hours and I know for certain that they have been volunteering. I also discovered that it was difficult to locate some families to record hours for them because I couldn't find their family name. I knew these families, so I know that mom & dad have different last names. I was able to locate the family by looking for the alternate last name, but had I not known this, their hours would have been missed. Also, some hours could not be recorded because there was not enough information. For example: the volunteer was “Wong” - as there are several families with the name “Wong”, I didn't know who to give the hours to.

Perhaps a solution to this would be to:

A) update the database to record both last names of the family with the name of the student. Is this something that I can do. Who records the family information on the database in the first place?

B) Ensure that the name of the student is recorded along with the name of the volunteer, so I (or whoever is updating the database) know where to allocate hours (sometimes big sister, grandma or auntie is volunteering, so they may have a different name).

C) Parents need to be reminded more about recording their hours. (Some things for me to follow up on next year.)

- The Volunteer Tea is coming up. Is this something that I need to help with, or this something organized by teachers & staff. – organized by staff, just need to attend
- I put a page of Volunteer Opportunities in the March newsletter. Brenda has notified me re the deadline for submissions for the June newsletter, so I will have something in that issue. Is there a way that I can touch base with teachers & staff re any volunteer opportunities that they want me to put in the newsletter? John to touch base with Candace and get back to Susan.
- Do I need to be recruiting volunteers to help with the musical – Willy Wonka? Check with Shawna.

- Is there anything that I need to do for the AGM, or just be there? Just be there.

ASC Representatives (Sharon Zerk and Faruq Suleman)

- Good meeting this month. Question came up “what the purpose of ASC?” ASC is the 7 campuses one school collaboration. Members are supposed to take their individual schools out of the goal and work on helping all involved. Community fund was one major part of it. The food bank drive is an ASC initiative.
- No school wide 20 year celebration was done. Maybe do a 25 year celebration and start planning it next year.
- Core group will stick around next year – some members will be leaving next year.
- Chairs and VC are supposed to be promoting ASC and communicating back to the councils.

New Business (FARUQ and ALL)

1. AGM – no formal council meeting that night. We need ?? members for quorum (Faruq to confirm). John runs the votes. If people can't be there, they can notify the chair or vice chair of their intentions and it can be done via text.
2. Faruq moved to give \$50 for snacks for AGM – seconded by Sharon. All in favor. To be organized by Rhonda and Erica.
3. John to ask Shawna if she is okay for us to raffle off tickets for anyone in attendance at the AGM.

Next Meeting

AGM May 24. Society is at 6:30 and AGM at 7pm.

June 5th is transition meeting between old council and new council. 7pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 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.