



**FFCA NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SCHOOL COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2014  
6:30 – 7:52PM**

**In Attendance:**

Key Dang, Shawna Burke Martin, Shawna Drummond, Gloria McCracken, Jason Langston, Nancy Narang, Marla Johnson, Sukhmeet Dhillon, Kara Maucieri, Channi Toor, Bill McGregor, Erica Oseen, Darren Martin

**Regrets:**

Ida Langston, Pamela Wilson, Lorne McDonald, Auralee Wolfe

**1. Meeting commenced with a round table introduction**

**2. Additions/Approval of Agenda:**

**a. Casino added as a Committee Report (6a)**

**b. Treasurer report added to agenda (6g)**

- Moved by: Gloria
- Seconded by: Jason
- **Approved**

**3. Approval of March Meeting Minutes:**

- Moved by: Gloria
- Seconded by: Jason
- **Approved**

**4. Report from Board Member:**

- (1) Council Appreciation was a big success
- (2) May 3 – Board/Admin meeting to discuss preferred future visioning
- (3) Parents that provided their feedback on the preferred future will have received feedback via email. If your link did not work, revisit the email as some recipients had trouble with it but it is corrected/fixd
- (4) Goal is to have the announcement on the new Superintended in June 2014
  - (a) Process is starting now
  - (b) Parents that want to have involvement or input in candidate criteria there will be three sessions allowing for input

(c) Board Meeting – Wed, Apr 16 – All Welcome!

## **5. Administrators Update:**

- (1) Lorne McDonald has had a health issue, hospitalized, released and now will be off for at least a full week
- (2) Phys Ed – dance unit ended, lights supplied by Society (casino funds) were a great addition and a big hit with the kids
- (3) Boot racks have been painted and look a lot cleaner
- (4) Last class volunteering at food bank on April 15
  - (a) Very good program
  - (b) Students were excellent and food bank was impressed by all classes to date
- (5) PD day last Friday – NMS went to SMS and worked together on grade levels.
  - (a) Good dialog
  - (b) Strengths to share
- (6) April 22/23 – Selema is doing digital citizenship presentations to each class at NMS – continuation of Paul Davis seminar but will focus on what “to do” to have good digital citizenship (rather than what not to do)
- (7) Shawna Drummond is in talks with NWE and NEE about arrangements for Grade 4 transitions to Grade 5
- (8) Re transitions – Grade 9 students participate in LINK the first couple of days of the new school year

## **6. Committee Reports:**

### **a. Casino:**

- i. waiting for deposit from Feb casino, funds expected mid-May
- ii. Problems with the annual filings are being sorted out, good communications keeping us on side

### **b. Fundraising**

#### **i. Spell-a-thon:**

- Refer to SRC Update.

### **c. Volunteer**

- Attached to minutes.
- Sukhmeet also raised the topic of having the sign up sheet at all school activities so that parents do not forget. Sukhmeet will then enter those hours on their behalf

### **d. Hot lunch:**

- Hot lunch in April will be Little Caesar; May will be Booster Juice. That is the last hot lunch of the year. Do we want to do another one in June since we won't be doing pancake breakfast?

### **e. Community Liaison**

#### **1) Family Volunteer Initiative:**

- We've received a few more decorative cards from families and we will have those up shortly. The bulletin board across from the Art Room is now full so we have to be creative in hanging all future cards from the pipes literally. We will use ribbon to tie onto the pipes and feed the cards through. Another reminder for families to submit their cards will go

home in the April Newsletter and I'd like to request that teachers remind their students as well

2) **Pancake Breakfast:**

- Pancake Breakfast: Kara has volunteered to look after the coordination of the pancake breakfast with help from Erica Oseen. Kara Email: Maucieri [dkmaucieri@telus.net](mailto:dkmaucieri@telus.net),
  1. Cuong to send last years budget and details/contacts/grocery list/other

**f. Food Bank Challenge Discussion:**

- Nancy will coordinate box drop off/delivery with Food Bank
- Shawna Drummond to reach out to Admin from other schools
- Nancy will formalize invitation to participate
- Central Office and Board will also be invited
- Target date: after the May Long Weekend
- The thought has been to have a food bank drive with SMS, set a joint goal for food donation of 1,000 pcs between the 2 campuses. FFCA jointly celebrates the community donation of over 1,000 food items donated to the Food Bank. Secretly the campus with the highest contribution gets bragging rights and a dinner brought over by the other campus. Budget for \$100 for pizza party dinner?

**g. Treasurer Report:**

- I am assuming that we do another letter to the legion in the spring. I can do one up, but we should discuss what we are asking to donate the money towards. Our current bank balance (including the items that have not yet cleared) is just under \$6,500 and our expected balance at the end of the year continues to be around \$3500.

**7. SRC Update**

- I called a SRC meeting on Wed. April 9 to discuss the Spell-a-thon and how students were progressing. Sadly the feedback was not positive. There was a lot of confusion around the event, with several negative comments. School Council did a good job of discussing the event, the pro's and con's of the event, the purpose of the event, organizing the time line. There has been a break down in communication between the distribution of the Spell-a-thon booklet and engaging the students. Students were not aware of the school reward of a bonus casual day, class celebration per grade, and what the purpose of the fundraiser were - ie school activities such as a school wide ski trip. Disappointing as all these rewards were indicated on the front page of the spell-a-thon booklet. SRC executive asked if they could prepare some posters to advertise the event for the last week of pledge collections. Mrs. Moore was also in attendance at the SRC meeting and addressed some of the student concerns. I met with Mrs. Drummond to discuss the feedback I received from students.
- Classroom celebration for Spell a thon – agreed on Freezies and some outdoor time. Budget of \$100 for Erika to purchase same.
- **Motioned by Shawna, Seconded by Erica. Approved**

**8. ASC Update**

- a. What fundraised dollars should be spent on; all NMS council's input needed, so we can create a guideline that all councils can reference, as we work towards being one school with seven campuses:**
- Key- To help fund field trips and events for the students, to purchase additional computers and tablets so they have the tools to learn, to purchase equipment that supports the physical

education program in improving the children's health, and to fund scholarships. This money should not be used for maintenance and operating costs associated with the school building and grounds

- Nancy- I agree with the points Key listed and think one question should be kept in mind when we approve any expenses from the School Council or Casino Funds. How does the expense we are about to undertake benefit the students?
- Gloria- In agreement with your spending priorities, Key.
- Ida- I also agree with Key's priorities as set out below.
- Jason- I do agree with what Key has said about the direction of fundraising spending but have one additional comment. There is no mention of community spending initiatives, which would include things like teacher appreciation, community/neighborhood communication & activities, and other types of recognition or community involvement items. I do believe though that this type of spending is not something that would be allowed to come from our Casino funds but rather from peripheral fundraising activities. I think that we would want to have some form of inclusion, by way of blanket statement, to include these types of appreciation and community involvement activities for our fundraising directives. Again, all this would be a generalized statement of where the fundraising dollars are spent, but it would be up to the individual campuses on where those dollars are sourced from.

**b. Treasurers and ASC:**

- mixed bag of how Council Treasurers do things at different Council campuses.
- Need similar processes, documentation and backup
- Ask: go through emails to look for past years information. Shawna Drummond to also look for hard copy data at school
- Goal is to modify ASC to take on the “one school, seven campus” motto
- We do not know what the other campuses are doing
- Important to share information for a stronger school

**9. Additions to agenda**

- a. Parenting information manual idea
  - i. NMS to consider for next year
  - ii. Shawna Drummond to follow up
  - iii. Information to include: hot lunch, bell times, school hours, other
- b. Nancy email – tabled for September **cannot find this email regarding this conversation...Key/Nancy – do you recall what this one was? I believe it was an awesome new idea to introduce for the new year and new Council but I cannot recall and am unable to search for it**
- c. NMS presentation to the Board has been postponed due to Lorne McDonalds absence

**10. 2013-2014 Meeting Dates:**

- Will have meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month
- Meeting dates are: June 9<sup>th</sup>

**11. Meeting Adjourned at 7:52 pm**

