



**FFCA NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20TH, 2014
6:55 – 8:40PM**

In Attendance:

Key Dang, Lorne McDonald, Gloria McCracken, Nancy Narang, Pamela Wilson, Erica Oseen, Bill McGregor, Sukhmeet Dhillon, Ida Langston, Shawna Burke Martin, Auralee Wolfe

Regrets:

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1. Meeting commenced with a round table introduction

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

3. Approval of November Meeting Minutes:

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

4. Administrator Update:

- Last Friday ~ Presentation to teachers on the topic of autism.
- School dance was successful and lights worked out great. Saving approx. \$500 by using in house D.J.'s.
- Food Bank activities are ongoing...12 days of Christmas went well.
- Grade 8 went skiing and had wonderful weather.
- Both basketball teams are doing very well.
- SRC purchased hallway furniture. Couches and chairs were purchased from IKEA which are very easy to clean. The hallway TV was purchased over the Christmas holidays.
- Ongoing in class fundraisers.
- February 13th – Visioning in the NMS. Students will do this exercise as well over a couple of periods during the day...this will be done at all grade levels.
- February 20th grade 5 orientation will take place.
- Casino has continued to help and pay for things like: busing to Food Bank and the Terry Fox run event, ipad cart in the library and wrestling mats.

- Ice issues are ongoing – trying to deal with it on campus.
- Newsletter updates cut off time is tomorrow morning...first step is to have them submitted before the 3rd Wednesday of each month, Lorne or Shawna need to approve the document first and then it must be passed along to Brenda.
- *Task – Need councils' decision at our next meeting regarding what to do for the NMS year end celebration.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Treasurer:

- Boots racks paid for.
- Cash on hand \$10,817.23
- ASE/Community funds - \$3038.00 projected for this year.
- SUTP invoice missing – tentative copy...Key looking into it.
- Royal Canadian Legion funds of \$500 deposited into Society account...need to reallocate it into the council account.

b. Fundraising/SUTP:

- No update
- Need to move forward with the Spell-a-thon. Nancy has a template of a form to circulate to parents.

c. Volunteer Coordinator:

- No volunteer update right now.
- Volunteer hours are included in our next meeting minutes.
- Looking to add volunteer hours into our Newsletter after February.

d. Hot Lunch:

- Extreme Pita was added as a new vendor for last month - 207 orders.
- OPA went well. Plenty of interest using this vendor for the first time – 253 orders.
- March 21st - hot lunch will land on our school dance day...everyone will have lunch early that day.

e. Community Liaison – Family Volunteer Initiative:

- Teacher appreciation night is going to take place January 30th.
- Update – met with Laurie to see what was done in the past.
- NMS provides catered chicken and veggies. We have water bottles, forks and spoons already.
- Need to purchase knives, Saran Wrap and reusable table clothes.
- Parents provide salads, desserts and other beverages.
- Already spent approx. \$405.00 out of the \$500.00 budget from last year...looking for more money from council to cover costs.
- Approx. 80 people to buy for.
- Proposed to increase teacher appreciation budget from \$500 to \$600. **Motion by Erica, Moved by Erica, second by Shawna. Approved**
- February - Valentine's Day bag of candy and note for students...with the help from the SRC.
- Puzzle cards from families are going well – approx. 20 to 25 cards received to date.
- SRC needs to mention to each class about students bringing their cards home.
- Ask Brenda to mention the positive turn out with the cards already received.

6. SRC Update:

- Each SRC rep. received a holiday gift of Christmas ornament, candy cane and a thank you note.
- SMS is very interested in what NMS does and are asking many questions.
- 12 days of Christmas was very successful filling 16 boxes = 984 food items.
- Students collected \$275 for Custodian Christmas gift.
- Upcoming challenge between SMS and NMS around Food Band collection prior to Family Day weekend.
- Students thrilled with the new lighting system – first time use was at the December school dance.

7. ASC Update:

- Community funds approved December 5th and \$21,798 was allocated across campuses.
- Two scholarships worth \$1000 was disbursed.
- Current year is from January to June and September to November is considered for the following year.
- There are a list of events that are ongoing. Items are submitted by different campuses to hold an event or activities on their own or together with other campuses.
- There is no approval process needed anymore. The campus will propose an event and it is approved.

8. Report from Board Member:

- ASC meeting next Monday.
- FFCA – one school, 7 campuses...no other school operates under this type of framework.
- Discussion regarding the expectations across all grades.
- Board will be trying to answer the question, how do we keep this culture/community?
- Piece for discussion...we need a clear understanding and maybe not willing to define because of our diversity?
- Do we need consistency even in the same grade and/or from grade to grade, or is this too much?
- Board and administration need to discuss – find a way to keep culture consistencies but allow flexibility?
- Why should we have 7 school councils?
- ASC – what do you want to do? Could you see value in one school council over 7 campuses and still have campus council?
- Example given...all fundraising under ASC – 1 school council and 7 campus councils?
- ASC is underutilized – open to conversation, good or bad idea...need to decide soon.
- Need more discussion and viable ideas at our next meeting...thoughts can be relayed to Pamela, Nancy or Key.
- Visioning session happening at this campus this week and the sessions are approx. 3 hours long.
- A board crawl will be going on soon at each campus...north campuses in March.
- Board retreat this weekend January 24th – Major topic of discussion will be Social Media.
- Falling behind with regards to this discussion.
- Discussion with how does technology enhance learning and what should we do with it.
- BYOD ~ bring your own device...do we do this?
- Tomorrow afternoon – 1pm press conference with Provincial Government.

- Discussion with MLA - first time we will be receiving money \$50 or 60 million for high school retrofit concerning boiler and electrical systems. It was suggested that even though this is a large sum of money, it falls short.
- Upcoming meeting with the Minister for a new plan regarding the NWE School.

9. Additions to Agenda:

a. Community Liaison:

- 5(e) Parent appreciation
- 9(a) Discuss NMS section on the FFCA website.
- Update Council and Society section of our website regarding position and names of Council Members. As well, add the Agenda and Meeting Minutes.

10. 2013-2014 Meeting Dates:

- Will have meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month
- Meeting dates are: March 17th, April 14th, May 12th, June 9th

11. Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 pm

- **Moved by Pamela, seconded by Nancy, Approved**

