



COUNCIL MINUTES

Foundations for the Future – North Middle School

Date | time 12/5/2016 7:00 PM – 08:00 PM

In Attendance

Council

Faruq Suleman, Chair
Sharon Zerk, Vice-Chair
Rhonda Rempel, Community Coordinator
Sukhmeet Dhillon, NMS Partnership Coordinator

Staff

John Deines, Principal
Shawna Drummond, Associate Principal
Candace Kraushaar, Teacher
Effey Garvey, Teacher
Cyndi Baak, Teacher

Board

Wayne Weinheimer, Board Director

Guests

Jenny Ho

Absent

Lisa Chin, Secretary
Jennifer Cheah (Mei Yoong Cheah), Treasurer
Erica Oseen, Community Coordinator
Susan Hendry, NMS Partnership Coordinator
Alka Chandiramani, Hot Lunch Representative
Raj Sandhu, Hot Lunch Representative

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve December 5, 2016 agenda as distributed. New Agenda Items – added Pink Shirt Day Presentation

Approval of November 14, 2016 Minutes

Motion to approve November 14, 2016 Minutes as distributed.

- Motion – Faruq Suleman
- Second – Sharon Zerk
 - Motion to approve November 14, 2016 minutes was passed
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Teacher Representative Update (_____)

- SLC explained that the students pick from a variety of initiatives and campaigns based on their personal interests. They choose from both local and global initiatives. It's the goal of the group for the students to lead as much as possible and develop good critical thinking skills. Recently, students participated in the We are Silent Campaign where they silenced their voices to bring awareness to those whose voices can't be heard. We also had the raffiki campaign with proceeds going straight to WeVillage initiatives. Now we are running the Stuff a Sock campaign for the drop-in center. Want to focus more on the service learning aspect of charitable work. Trying to avoid external incentives and rewards and have students participate just for the character of helping out. Hoping that the SLC students will be drivers of the initiatives and get their peers interested in participating. The students in this group are driven, engaged, compassionate kids. Hoping to have a carnival in June in partnership with the School Council. School Council asked about what the chocolate sales go towards and we mentioned the Erica Wiebe presentation and then some things from the past such as the outdoor courtyard classroom and full-length mirrors in the student bathrooms. Faruq suggested the SLC may want to save 20% of funds raised each year for a big project down the road which will also teach the students about fiscal responsibility and budgeting. It was also mentioned that we want the students to be resourceful and use what they already have and not necessarily have to contribute with monetary donations. Should we have a school goal as to how many socks get donated? The idea of a friendly challenge with the SMS might be fun to do in the future.

Faruq motioned to put \$500 from council to go towards buying toiletries and socks for the stuff a sock campaign. Sharon seconded. Motion carried.

SLC asked if Society or Council could come present at an assembly so students know what the parents do for them.

Pink Shirt Update

- Pink Shirt Day – See attached proposal – we want to propose this to the society and also propose that grade 8s can keep their shirts and grades 5-7 turn their shirts in. Maybe only the grade 8 students' shirts will have the hashtag. Cyndi will ask if there could be a discount as this is for a great cause. They may need to ask AGLC for approval. It would be great to have an answer on this by the beginning of January.

Administration Update (John Deines)

- John has some updated quotes to give to society. Grade 8 microscopes have been ordered, delivered and have already been in use in the classrooms (funded through society). Erin Cochrane has accepted a transfer position to SMS to replace a Spanish teacher who is retiring there – she will continue to coach cheerleading for the rest of the year. Canadian gold medalist Erica Wiebe came and presented to the students. Her

message was about believing in yourself and making the best choices for yourself. She also focused on the power of a positive mindset. John is in talks with someone who may have a used C Can for us to purchase

Board Update (Wayne Weinheimer)

- Wayne Weinheimer came from the board to update us on some policies. He began by talking about the Parent Partnership surveys and forums. Information will go out about this in January. If anyone still want to provide input, they can email to board@ffca-calgary.com Uniform policy is up for revision (the uniform items, not the supplier). If there are any questions/concerns about the supplier, contact Lorne McDonald at Central Office. There is a tab on the website for board policies under review. AGM is coming up on Thursday, if you can't make it, please send in proxy ballots. The Board partners with TAAPCS (an organization for all Alberta Charter Schools). The board has been working on professional development around policies, laws, etc. with other charter boards and continues to look for new professional development opportunities

Fundraising Coordinator

- Fundraising – Admazing received 431, gave away 39, leaves us 392 that were sold. We collected \$7780. The bill was \$4116, so we earned about \$3700 profit.

Community Coordinators (Erica Oseen and Rhonda Rempel)

- a. On December 15th, we are asking for \$75 to supply some fresh fruit and veggies for the staff to show appreciation. Later in the year, we'd like to do something involving the students where they make a little thank you card, photo album for their teachers. Comments were made on the good feel of the slide show running to show all of the fun events going on. It might be nice to make raffikis here, send them to Uganda and have the kids in Uganda give them to the South Sudanese refugees. This wouldn't involve any sort of affiliation to a religious group or organization. It would just be kids helping kids to help other kids. Are we interested in doing a multicultural type of carnival at the end of the year? Letter writing campaigns to parliament maybe around education? Faruq motion for up to \$100 for coffee and timbits for staff Christmas appreciation, seconded by Sharon. Motion carried.

Hot Lunch Coordinators (Alka Chandiramani and Raj Sandhu)

- Dec. 16th is the next hot lunch and casual day and dance.

Parental Partnership Coordinators (Sukhmeet Dhillon and Susan Hendry)

- : Sukhmeet let us know the number of families who have logged hours so far this year.

Financial Statements (Jennifer Cheah)

- We have about \$9000 in our account

ASC Representatives (Sharon Zerk and Faruq Suleman)

- Will be forthcoming

New Business

- Winter Festival Update: Please see attached

Next Meeting

Set for January 9, 2017

Meeting Adjourned: 8:57 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.