



MINUTES-COUNCIL

Foundations for the Future – North Middle School

October 17, 2019 5:30 pm

In Attendance

Council

Terri Sartori, Chair
Andrew Chu, Vice Chair
Lea Ann Triska, Secretary
Mei Yoong Cheah (Jennifer), Treasurer
Shannon Middlemiss, Fundraising Coordinator

Staff

John Deines, Principal
Josh Symonds, Associate Principal
Danny Williamson

Guests

Absent

Shabnam Afzali, Fun Lunch Coordinator
Sawson Awad, Community Services Coordinator
Marja Kuncic, Fun Lunch Coordinator
Sarah Stilborn, Communications Coordinator
Jyleen Wong, Parental Partnership Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 5:43 pm

Approval of October Agenda

Add : Review of goals.

Correction: Name of Associate Principal from Shawna Drummond to Josh Symonds.

Approval of October agenda as amended.

- **Motion - Terri Sartori**
- **Second - Andrew Chu**
- **Motion carried at 5:44 pm.**

Approval of September Minutes

Correction: Spelling of Jennifer's name from Young to Yoong.

Approval of September minutes as amended.

- **Motion - Terri Sartori**
- **Second - Shannon Middlemiss**
- **Motion carried at 5:45 pm.**

Chair Update

Terri

- The main amendments to the undated bylaws are to change "School Act" to "Education Act" and to move away from masculine pronouns in order to make the bylaws more consistent and inclusive.

MOTION 1: Move that the attached proposed amendments to the BYLAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FFCA SCHOOL COUNCILS (ASC) ("ASC Bylaws") be brought forward to ASC by School Council - North Middle School, FFCA, Calgary, Alberta in accordance with ARTICLE VIII PROCEDURE TO AMEND THE ASC BYLAWS of the ASC Bylaws.

- **Motion – Andrew Chu**
- **Second – Terri Sartori**
- **Motion carried at 5:48 pm.**

MOTION 2: Move that the attached proposed amendments to the BYLAWS of Foundations for the Future Charter Academy (FFCA) School Councils ("School Council Bylaws") be brought forward to ASC by School Council - North Middle School, FFCA, Calgary, Alberta in accordance with ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS of the School Council Bylaws.

- **Motion – Andrew Chu**
- **Second – Terri Sartori**
- **Motion carried at 5:49 pm.**

Teacher Representative Report**Mr. Williamson**

- The year is off to a good start and staff and students alike are settling in.

Fundraising Report**Shannon**

- Deal Deck sales at learning conferences were successful; 89 decks were sold. Being able to see the decks before buying likely helped sales. Profit from the entire campaign is estimated to be nearly \$1500. One last reminder will be sent to families before sales close next week.
- Tracking of sales for prizes has not been done.
- The Admazing books produced better results, however, demand for coupon books in general seems to be decreasing.
- We have received \$1750 in donations from the Opt In campaign.
- A profit of approximately \$824 was earned from apple sales. Delivery of the orders takes place tomorrow in the gym. Pickup instructions have been set to parents. Unclaimed orders will be donated to the Food Bank.
- No volunteers have come forward to unload the delivery truck, however, most of the afternoon distribution shifts are filled.
- We are raising funds through Fun Lunch sales, but do not have an update on the amount earned thus far.
- Ideas for future fundraising campaigns include Purdy's, Blue Grass, greeting cards with artwork designed by our students, and pizza sales.
- NEE is running a Learn-a-thon this year. We will gather information from them to decide whether or not we want to do something similar.
- We must ensure to coordinate with SRC so that we are not competing with their initiative(s).
- Since we have raised approximately \$4000 so far this year, we will not run another fundraiser before Christmas.
- We will fund the purchase of Christmas cards (instead of birthday cards) for the staff.

Treasurer's Report**Jennifer**

- The account balance is \$5816, as per the October 17/19 balance sheet. This number includes Deal Deck sales paid by cash or cheque, but not the sales paid through the school website.

- The cheque issued to Rosso last year remains outstanding, despite them insisting that they received it. If it has not been drawn on our account by end of next month, it will be considered a donation.

Fun Lunch Report**Shabnam and Marja**

- Tomorrow's lunch provider is Edo.
- Volunteers are not confirmed at this point, so we hope that the usual group comes in. We may consider sending a notice to parents stating that if volunteer help for Fun Lunch does not increase this year, next year's program may be cancelled.

Communications Report**Sarah**

- No update.

Community Partnership Report**Sawsan**

- Winterfest is the next big event. Planning will need to begin soon.

Parental Partnership Report**Jyleen**

- So far in this school year, we have had trouble engaging volunteers.
- Edsby remains the recommended way for Council to communicate to the parent body.

Principal's Report**Mr. Deines and Mr. Symonds**

- The school funded hydration station is not installed. The maintenance crew has not yet scheduled their work.
- Sports day went really well, however, one student was injured using the bouncy castle.
- Terry Fox Run day was good, albeit chilly.
- The staff had their own Welcome Back Breakfast coupled with a development day with SMS colleagues. One of the topics discussed was format changes to the Character Reports.
- Grade 8s viewed a film titled 2040 which is directed by an FFCA alumni. The film had a positive message about the world's future and was well received by students.
- Learning conferences went well. Thank you to Council for providing dinner for the staff.
- The staff room has been renovated and is now more comfortable to gather in as a large group.
- Randy Bottle, a local indigenous elder, will share his stories and virtual reality project with two classes.

- The Me to We club is travelling to Edmonton next week for an all-day event. Mr. Symonds will be accompanying the club.
- The TAAPCS (The Alberta Association of Public Charter Schools) conference will be held in Calgary next Friday and is a great opportunity for FFCA to interact and share information with other charter schools.
- NMS has initiated a number of different teams within the staff, including parental partnership, indigenous perspectives, assessment, character and leadership, and inclusion.
- Casual day is tomorrow and the staff will be dressing as characters from Harry Potter.

ASC Meeting Update

Terri

- Possibility of doing joint fundraising across all the schools.
 - Team Fund
 - Kampot Pepper
- Service Learning and Character balance from NMS to be investigated.
- Goals for ASC
 - Update standard operating procedures - Need to convert from school act to education act.
 - Fundraising and planning for 25th anniversary celebration
 - Have storage room full of stuff from the golf tournament. What can we do with it? Can do an online auction or event. Will need commitment before we can book a golf tournament, or we will lose the deposit. Only 15-20 people/campus would be required.
 - Other options include a "Taste of FFCA," games night, pub night, gala, silent auction, pot luck night, raffle.
- Resource centre and communication hub for school councils - Office 365/SharePoint
- High School
 - This year focus is on safety of students and creating a safe and caring environment.
 - Spanish was dropped as only 1 student signed up. However, parents are not happy about this and want to speak to the council/administration. There are quite a few students enrolled in French still
 - This year offering 4 robotics classes, up from last year's 2 classes.
- SMS
 - BBQ last Thursday and had 400 extra RSVP. Had a beautiful night for it.
 - Annie is the musical that they will be performing in December.
 - Objective to do more education. They will be starting with vaping. Will also have session on anxiety and 3rd is to be determined. Invites will be shared across schools.
- NEE
 - Starting off with Bollywood gala October 4.
 - Goal to increase parental involvement.
 - Teacher appreciation dinner on the 10th and will be doing a taco bar.

- Bulletin board to highlight families that have reached their 20 hours. They also get a lunch with the principal and extended recess.
- There will be a gift certificate draw from In School Wear for those that have 20 volunteer hours.
- In lieu of starting now and then will have a learn-a-thon. They are raising funds for a hydration station.
- Finding that room parents are being replaced by Edsby. However, there may be some requirement from an emergency response plan in the elementary schools to continue with room parents.
- NWE
 - Apple fundraiser in October.
 - Still short a fundraising and communications coordinator.
- SWE
 - First day of school decorated the sidewalk and had photo booth.
 - Welcome back BBQ a huge success. They had 300 more than expected.
 - Admazing is currently underway. As of last Friday, they have raised \$5,500 and still have books outstanding to sell.
 - Lost their treasurer but had 10 people volunteer. They had to do a second election.
 - 346 volunteer hours in the system already.
- SEE
 - Raffling off WestJet tickets this October. This will yield approximately \$14,000.
 - In lieu fundraising ongoing. This year it is different as all campuses are doing the same amount. Last year raised \$11,000 but this year may be a little lower.
- Admin (Lorne)
 - The new website is active. There were some changes today as well. Parents section changed to Important Information. Any feedback can go to Jeff or Curtis.
 - Uniform concerns about rugby pants. He is looking into reported color difference. The number of complaints about uniforms in general has reduced substantially.
- Board
 - Meeting on Sep 18 and retreat Sep 19. Preparing for election.
 - Posting late spring for CFO and this position has been filled by Reta Morgan.
 - Valued having board members at council in past so Jenny proposed trying to have board member at 3-4 meetings annually. Please submit council dates to Jenny so she can try to coordinate this.
 - Send events to the board and they will come to as many as possible.
 - Election coming for 3 board positions. The successful candidates will be announced at the AGM.
- ASC has discussed the possibility of hosting a winter festival as a fundraiser for the 25th anniversary. It would not be feasible to incorporate it with the NMS winter festival as parking would be difficult and there may be too many people. They may need to do a separate function at Bowness park, etc.

New Business

- No update.

Review of Goals

Andrew

- Goal One – no update
- Goal Two – no update
- Goal Three – Vaping and Anxiety through campus. We will look into the possibility of booking a speaker to talk about anti-bullying.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Next meeting is November 21, 2019.

Goals (as set at the June 13, 2019 meeting)

1. Improve communication to parents by using Edsby, the school newsletters, and emails.
2. Increase parental involvement by a specific percentage by the end of the year.
3. Increase community outreach by hosting one event per term.