



MINUTES-COUNCIL

Foundations for the Future – North Middle School

February 18, 2020 6:30 pm

In Attendance

Council

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

Staff

John Deines, Principal
Danny Williamson, Teacher

Guests

Absent

Jyleen Wong, Parental Partnership Coordinator
Shannon Middlemiss, Fundraising Coordinator
Sarah Stilborn, Communications Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 6:21 pm

Approval of February Agenda

Approval of February agenda as distributed.

- **Motion - Terri Sartori**
- **Second – Lea Ann Triska**
- **Motion carried 6:22 pm**

Approval of January Minutes

Approval of January minutes as distributed.

- **Motion - Terri Sartori**
- **Second - Lea Ann Triska**
- **Motion carried at 6:23 pm**

Chair Update

Terri

- At our next council meeting, we must discuss and rank ASCA's proposed advocacy resolutions for their upcoming AGM. One topic of particular importance to FFCA relates to Resolution P20-04: Achieving Equitable Public Education in which charter schools are not included in the definition of "public" schools. We must ensure our fellow charter school councils are aware and that appropriate responses are prepared.
- Another resolution relates to new legislation requiring schools to have an EpiPen on site in case of emergency. Principals must have a special permission letter to enable them to purchase the EpiPen for the school. Currently, pharmacies do not extend any type of discounted product pricing for schools nor do they allow bulk purchases.
- NMS may have a volunteer to sit on the ASC's preliminary planning committee for the 25th anniversary celebration. In order to have a backup volunteer if necessary, a request will be made in the next e-newsletter. The commitment is expected to be about 2 months in duration.
- It was suggested that the student representative council be contacted for their ideas and suggestions for the anniversary event.
- The ASC silent auction begins next week and there are a lot of great items available to bid on. Hopefully we get a good response.

Teacher Representative Report

Mr. Williamson

- Student Representative Council (SRC) is holding a Tape the Teacher fundraiser next week. Tickets will be raffled off for the chance to tape one of 4 teachers to the gymnasium wall. Proceeds of the raffle will go toward new outdoor basketball backboards and nets. Any extra funds will be used to purchase water filters.

Fundraising Report**Shannon**

- Pink Shirt Day is next week and we are running a pink sprinkle donut fundraiser. Donuts are available for purchase through Healthy Hunger at a cost of \$2 each. Approximately 40 orders have already been placed. Another notice will be sent out through Edsby.
- Information for the upcoming Mom's Pantry fundraiser will be presented at the next council meeting.
- The Think-a-thon fundraiser will be held in May. Test papers are being created soon.

Treasurer's Report**Jennifer**

- Financial reports were distributed by email before tonight's meeting and are as up-to-date as possible.
- The invoice for the sleigh ride for the winter festival is higher than what was motioned at January's council meeting.

Motion to increase the amount budgeted for the winter festival sleigh ride an additional \$77.50.

- **Motion - Jennifer Cheah**
- **Second -Terri Sartori**
- **Motion carried at 6:44 pm.**
- The balance in our account is approximately \$3818. We will need to raise additional funds before the end of the year to ensure we can meet our commitments and legacy projects.

Fun Lunch Report**Shannon**

- This year's fun lunches have been operating smoothly.

Communications Report**Sarah**

- No update

Community Partnership Report

- No update

Parental Partnership Report**Jyleen**

- The annual Winter Festival is happening next week and the forecast indicates the weather will be more pleasant than it was for last year's event.

- Not all volunteer positions have been filled to date. Another request for help will be posted on Edsby.

Principal's Report

Mr. Deines and Mr. Symonds

- The board held its first meeting with its newly elected members last week at NMS. There were various reports and information presented by the board members, members of central office, and our own NMS campus. It was nice to see so many FFCA parents in the gallery.
- Topics of discussion included resource and transportation fees, policy updates, technology, reading resource program, and a funding shortfall affecting the families of some incoming kindergarten students.
- The Minister of Education, Ms. LaGrange, held a press conference today to announce some changes ahead of next week's provincial budget. Each school division is supposed to see an increase in operational funding, however, the number of grants has been reduced. A three year rolling average of enrolment numbers will be used to determine a school's funding for the coming year.
- Two days of PD sessions were held last week. This included grade level meetings within NMS as well as with SMS, training on the assessment reporting framework, information regarding trauma in the classroom, and budget information from Reta and Kurtis from central office.

ASC Meeting Update

Terri and Andrew

- There is no update since ASC has not met since our last council meeting.

New Business

- Please begin thinking about whether or not you want to volunteer on council next year and in which role you are interested in participating.
- Grade 5 teacher, Jodie DeVries, gave a presentation at the last board meeting regarding her specialized training and work with children with reading disabilities. We think this would be a topic that many parents would be interested in learning about and will ask Ms. DeVries if she would consider making a similar presentation at an upcoming council meeting.

Review of Goals

Andrew

- Goal One
 - A volunteer request for ASC's 25th anniversary preliminary planning committee will be made in the next school e-newsletter.
 - The poster for the food drive poster is ready to share.
 - The purchase of the hydration station will be announced in an upcoming e-newsletter.

- Information regarding the ASCA conference/resolutions can be communicated in March.
- Goal Two
 - We will inquire with SMS about co-hosting the vaping information session. If they are not going to host the event at all, we will plan to do so.
- Goal Three
 - No update.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Next meeting is March 17, 2020.

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.