



MINUTES-COUNCIL

Foundations for the Future – North Middle School

September 23, 2020 6:15 pm

In Attendance

Council

Terri Sartori, Chair
Lea Ann Triska, Secretary
Mei Yoong Cheah (Jennifer), Treasurer
Shannon Middlemiss, Fundraising Coordinator
Jyleen Wong, Parental Partnership Coordinator

Staff

John Deines, Principal

Guests

Zenita Lalani
Tracey Wishlow

Absent

Meeting called to order at 6:22 pm.

Chair Update**Terri**

- AGM will be held virtually on October 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm.
- Descriptions of each council position will be included with the communication announcing the meeting date. There is no urgent need to fill fun lunch, community partnership, or volunteer coordinator positions at this time.

Fundraising Report**Shannon**

- To be compliant with COVID restrictions, fundraising will be conducted differently this year. We will need to find vendors who have adapted their businesses to support direct-ship sales.
- We must also be mindful of the current economic decline when setting our fundraising goals. Getting an indication of what the school may need for the upcoming year will assist with planning.
- Opt-In will be run as our first fundraiser of the year and donations can be made through the "Pay Fees" menu on the school website.

Treasurer's Report**Jennifer**

- Current balance is \$6,825.95.

Fun Lunch Report**Shannon**

- Due to COVID, fun lunch will not be offered at the school this year.

Principal's Report**Mr. Deines**

- Learning conferences are scheduled for October 8 and 9 and will be conducted virtually.

Motion to approve funds up to but not exceeding \$400 to purchase supper for staff during learning conferences on October 8, 2020.

- **Motion: Terri Sartori**
- **Second: Shannon Middlemiss**
- **Motion carried at 6:42 pm.**
- Several upgrades to the building were made during the extended break including new flooring, new ceilings, LED lighting, and installation of touchless classroom sinks.
- The school year has gotten off to a good start, considering all the disruption and new protocols courtesy of the coronavirus. Although everyone is adapting to the new reality, it has still been very stressful for staff members.

- Online learning is officially underway as of Monday, September 21. It is much more structured than the online learning from the third term of last year.
- On Tuesday afternoon, a violent incident occurred at one of the homes on 1st Street NE, directly west of the school. Due to the nature of the incident, police have cordoned off the area and busses are now using the east alley for student pickup and drop off.
- A special team was called in to assist staff and students with questions, communication, and emotional support.

ASC Meeting Update

Terri

- The next ASC meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 5. At that meeting, we should learn about this year's fee structure.

New Business

- No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next meeting (AGM) is October 21 at 6:30 pm.

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.