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MINUTES

FFCA North Middle School Council Minutes

Date | time January 15, 2018 | 6:59 pm *Meeting called to order by* Sharon Zerk (chair)

In Attendance

Council

Sharon Zerk, Chair
Jennifer Ho, Treasurer
Terri Sartori, Secretary/Hot Lunch Coordinator
Shannon Middlemiss, Hot Lunch Coordinator
Breanne Adkins, Community Coordinator
Susan Hendry, NMS Partnership Coordinator

Staff

John Deines, Principal
Shawna Drummond, Associate Principal
Danny Williamson, Teacher Representative

Board

None Present

Guests

Absent

Sandy Truong, Vice Chair
Rhonda Rempel, Member at Large

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve January agenda as distributed.

- Motion – Sharon
- Second – Terri
 - Motion to approve the January agenda was passed at 7:01 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve November 20, 2017 Minutes as distributed.

- Motion – Sharon
- Second – Shannon
 - Motion to approve November 20, 2017 minutes was passed at 7:03 pm.

New Agenda Items

- Winter Festival (Feb 15)
 - Family night. Admission is \$5 or Food Bank donation for each person. Horse and carriage ride, winter activities, marshmallow roasting. The \$5 has gone to the food bank in the past but have talked about a portion coming back to council.
 - Invitations will be sent out tomorrow
 - Volunteers needed from 6 to 8. Shawna will be coordinating with Susan. The majority of the tasks will be related to set up. Requests for volunteers will be sent out around Jan 29 so we have the ability to ask parents to volunteer at teacher interviews.
 - We will need a truck to pick up the lights. Terri to check with Jimmy.
 - We will be selling popcorn and cotton candy (1 included but can purchase additional for \$1)
 - Typically, attendance is around 500. Asking for people to RSVP by Feb 8.
 - Shawna confirming fire pits with Erica

Treasurer Update (Danny)

- Paying for gift cards for bullying competition as SLC did not have the funds to do this.
- Token economy payment pending. Its going really well and students seem to be enjoying it.
- Winter Fest budget will be \$1250.

Teacher Representative (Danny)

- Token economy is going really well and students seem to be enjoying it.

Fundraising (All)

- New ideas
 - Survey Monkey presented
 - Decision to complete survey monkey, with addition of new ideas and a due date (end of next week)
 - John/Shawna will send out survey link once its updated by January 19
- “-a-thon” set for the 21st of February.
 - Provide information 2 weeks prior to allow for fundraising and study time (February 5)
 - Volunteers to come in and help tally amounts (coordinate with Susan)
 - The students can mark their own tests as the results do not go towards the report card
 - Shawna likely has the information we’ve used in the past and will pass this along
 - Breanne will coordinate with Shawna
 - Brenda and Lisa will complete the photocopying. Shawna will coordinate this with them on our behalf.

- The money will be due by the end of February
- In the past, to increase grade 8 participation, a portion of the money raised by the grade 8's was donated to the Grade 8 Farewell
 - Decision to donate 50% of money raised by the Grade 8's only to be donated to the Grade 8 Farewell
- Math was done last time so decision to go with a spell-a-thon this time
- To increase awareness will have teacher spelling challenge (run by John and Shawna)

Community (Breanne)

- Working with Shawna on Winter Fest
- Breanne will be taking on coordinating the "a-thon"
- Learning Conferences are coming up on Feb 1. In the past council has provided dinner. Decision to provide pizza this time. Sharon will check on group discounts at Coco Brooks.
 - Kim will get orders and we will just reimburse them for the cost.

Hot Lunch (Shannon/Terri)

- November was Coco Brooks. Was delicious but a gong show. They are looking at making improvements for next year.
- December was Fuel for Gold. They were late with delivery and were not labelled. Have tried to call to discuss but haven't returned calls.
- January is Tim Hortons and they should be well organized. They have been good in the past. It is also a popular choice with 1,900 in sales.

Parental Partnership (Susan)

- Nothing to add.

Administration Update (John/Shawna)

- AERR/AEP
 - AERR – Annual Education Report – All school boards must issue one. The government gives you the survey information. The school then fills in the rest. It is similar to a report card for the school. Schools then discuss their highlights and areas for improvement. 2016-17 report handed out at the meeting. Focus on areas that declined. Grade 6 declined in a number of areas but still outperformed the province. Social Studies dropped the most but were performing extremely high in the past. It would be difficult to maintain this but are still looking at how they can improve. Also saw decline in percent stating that schools have improved and parental involvement. Will be investigating this further.
 - 3YAEP – 3-year Annual Education Plan – Summary of what the school will be working on for the next 3 years. 2016-2017 report handed out at the meeting. The goals are brand new this year and each has a dedicated committee. Will see the word framework being used repeatedly. Will be working on writing down the "handbook" to formalize each one. The goals will tie back into the PAT results. Charter Goal 2 relates directly to the Charter Mission and the measures they use to report on them. Will also be defining the use of technology.

- Previously the 2 documents were combined. However, they are due at different times and combining them means they are both due at the beginning of the year. Decision to decouple them and relook at 3 year goals more closely.
- Activity Fee & Field Trips for 2018/2019
 - All schools required to complete a breakdown before the school year. This means by January need to have a good idea of what will be doing so this information can be provided to the board by February. Once its declared can't tack on extra (for activities or field trips).
 - Activity fees proposed to be the same (\$80 for 5 & 6 and \$200 for 7 & 8). No major changes to field trips.
 - The funding for Kananaskis field trip may have changed so will no longer need council support. Danny will update as needed.
 - Aaron is back in Australia and Catherine is back at FFCA. It was very interesting to learn more about their system and challenges.
 - Natalie Powell is now filling in for Candace. She is doing well.
 - Met with elementary principals on new transition program. Came up with 5 different ways to experience the transition. Would like more opportunities to interact and have brainstormed some new ideas.
 - Increase interaction on Terry Fox day
 - December spend time with SLC (mini project)
 - In spring check out the school in a fair, discuss clubs, sports, intramurals, etc.
 - May do a community building with the grade 4's only
 - Continue with parent introduction night

Board Update

- Uniform supplier is expiring. February 23 there will be 3-4 suppliers coming in to give presentations. Looking for parents to join them to provide feedback. More information to come. The board did mention that fewer pieces of clothing would make us more attractive to some suppliers.
- Wear-it is now coming to the campuses. Will be at a north school and a south school every couple of weeks.
- Elections for new board members are complete. Congratulations to Rizvan Bharmal, Faruq Suleman and Jeff Wilson.

ASC Update (Sharon)

- No meeting in December
- Talking about bringing all the campuses together (e.g. skating at Bowness park, social at Maxbell, Olympic Plaza, host barbecue at High School, mini "We Day"). If anyone has any ideas, let ASC/Sharon know. Currently we have 3500 students at all 7 campuses.
 - February 26 ASC meeting would like Community Coordinator to join the meeting to discuss this further.

Next Meeting

February 12, 2017

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

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.