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MINUTES

FFCA North Middle School Council Minutes

Date | time March 19, 2018 | 6:49 pm *Meeting called to order by* Sandy Truong (vice chair)

In Attendance

Council

Jennifer Ho, Treasurer
Terri Sartori, Secretary/Hot Lunch Coordinator
Breanne Adkins, Community Coordinator
Sandy Truong, Vice Chair
Shannon Middlemiss, Hot Lunch Coordinator

Staff

John Deines, Principal
Shawna Drummond, Associate Principal

Guests

None present

Absent

Danny Williamson, Teacher Representative
Susan Hendry, NMS Partnership Coordinator
Sharon Zerk, Chair
Rhonda Rempel, Member at Large

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve March agenda as distributed.

- Motion – Shannon
- Second – Terri
 - Motion to approve the March agenda was passed at 6:52 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve February 12, 2018 minutes as distributed.

- Motion – Shannon
- Second – Breanne
 - Motion to approve February 12, 2018 minutes was passed at 6:52 pm.

New Agenda Items

- No new items

Chair Update (Sandy)

- Teacher appreciation potluck
 - Similar to appreciation that was coordinated at elementary schools
 - Using parent volunteers for classroom supervision is difficult at this age. We are looking at doing an activity in the gym while the lunch is ongoing. The lunch will be in the art room and art classes can be moved for the morning to allow for preparation.
 - We would need 3-4 week's notice prior to the date to coordinate with parents and teachers. Not all classes have room parents so would need to communicate with parents using other means.
 - Can send out notices to each grade level for food. Each grade will be asked to bring in a different type of food (appetizer, main dish, dessert, salad).
 - We can do appreciation gift/token in conjunction with the luncheon. This will depend on the council's finances.
 - May would likely be the best time to do this as April and June are both incredibly busy.
 - Sandy will check in with Sharon to see if she has any information/documentation about the luncheon from the elementary school.
 - Shawna will find a couple of dates that work and let us know.
- The cheer squad did very well over the last weekend and came in the 3rd place.
- AGM information will be going out in the newsletter.

Teacher Representative (Danny)

- No update

Fundraising (All)

- Sandy has fundraising in her background and would be interested in finding out more about past fundraisers to potentially help in this area.
- Spell-a-thon was \$2,139.75 but only \$163.40 for grade 8 students.
- Based on pro forma do not need to fundraise to meet this year's demands but this will mean we just have just enough money with no cushion.
- Coco Brooks was agreed to as a fundraiser. A letter will go out as soon as we get back from break. Breanne will speak with Coco Brooks to get the information.

Community (Breanne)

- Not much to do at this time. Breanne will help with teacher appreciation volunteers when the date is selected.
- Parent orientation is in April for the new Grade 5 class. There may also be a lunch but will let us know at the April meeting.

- Thank you to everyone for making Winter Fest a success.

Treasurer Update (Jennifer)

- Statement of Operations and Balance Sheet handed out at meeting.
- Balance currently \$7,089.97. Approximately \$1,000 has been spoke for already for token economy.
- We have the following events planned this year that have yet to come out:
 - AGM - \$50
 - Teachers (39) appreciation - \$250 (more if we want to buy gift cards)
 - Bus driver (14) appreciation gift cards – \$70 (\$5 gift cards to Tim Horton’s)
 - Grade 8 celebration - \$550 (assuming photo booth reimbursement is requested)
 - Carry forward amount - \$5,000

Hot Lunch (Shannon/Terri)

- All families will be/have been reimbursed for the last lunch as it was a mess. Have been working with Lunch Lady and Healthy Hunger to rectify this. Shannon and Terri to work on message to parents regarding this. The vendor was very apologetic as they overbooked the date.
- Simple Simon is on Friday. The food will be labelled and sorted. So far, we are hopeful that this lunch will go better.

Parental Partnership (Susan)

- No update

Administration Update (John/Shawna)

- The last PD day was completed successfully, and SMS will be coming here for the PD day after the Spring Break. They will be talking about dealing with trauma in the classrooms.
- Teachers are working very hard on their report cards.
- The ski lessons were awesome. Have been doing 2 days for the last 5 years and its made a huge difference. The majority of the kids are on the chair lift skiing down the hill by the end of the 2nd day.
- For next year, it would be nice if parents could have the option to pre-purchase additional skiing after the lesson is over.
- In April the SLC will be doing their water walk again. New this year the NWE has requested that the SLC students help them with their first walk. Our students would walk to the elementary and then walk with students from the NWE and complete a presentation about the reasons for the walk.
- Terry Fox assembly to be scheduled. NMS has been participating for 10 years so they would like to come and do a presentation and thank you in April.
- Parent orientation for Grade 4 parents on April 17.

ASC Update (Sharon)

- “WE” Day
 - Smaller committee was formed to investigate options. Amy and Olana from NMS are going to be speaking about the Me to We organization to check on logistics and price.
 - Originally, they were looking at pulling this together for this year but now realize this may be too difficult. They are now looking at next year at the earliest.

- As more information is available, ASC members will be speaking with administration and council.
- If classroom time is used, they will be looking to tie this opportunity into the curriculum.
- From other campuses
 - NWE bought a hydration station. It is a great idea but cost \$5,600.
 - SMS is hosting a movie night as a fundraiser (Jumanji).
 - Career fair at the high school was a success.
 - 3 new electives added for Grade 9 students: Robotics, Journalism and Film Studies.
 - Looking at creating a video to market the high school but trying to determine who the audience is – potential FFCA students or existing ones.
 - Roughneck tickets on sale for Mar 24 and Apr 14 games. The high school will also be working with the Stampeders when their season starts.
 - SEE will be hosting another parenting power session in April and in May.
- From the Superintendent
 - Focus on budget and staffing. Staffing movements will be minimal and waiting for the provincial budget.
 - Working with the government continues and Roger has joined a number of committees for Alberta Education
 - Delegation from Australia will be touring for 2 days in Australia. They are very impressed with FFCA and will be writing 2 of their 7 papers on our success.
 - Uniform RFP has closed. We are down to 3 potential vendors and parents should be happy regardless of who's selected.
 - Photocopying and snow removal/grass cutting RFP's pending.
- From the Board
 - School Council Appreciation Night was a success
 - Transportation costs have gone up.
 - There have been no increases in 5-6 years and going forward will be looking to tie increases to cost of living increases.
 - Transportation for charter schools is funded less than other public schools and is more expensive because of this.
 - Instructional fees have been approved and will be discussing activity fees, field trips and elective fees.
- Community Fund
 - Looking at making changes to make it sustainable for all campuses. Currently the high school can not raise enough money to cover these costs.

Next Meeting

April 16, 2018

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 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.**