

Park Meadows School Council Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2021

Meeting held via Zoom 6:30pm

Attendance: Mark Blankenstyn, Sharon Willms-Laing, Terri Smith (New Principal for September), Phi Jang, Marylou Williams, Linda McKeith, Caylee Rothe, Taryn Watson, Heather Farough, Jeff Kiefuik, Ashley Crabb

1. Welcome 6:35 pm

- a. Additions/Changes to Agenda- no changes, Motion to accept made by Linda, second by Caylee, carried
- b. Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2021 Meeting -Motion to accept by Linda, second by Heather, carried

2. District Council Representative Report -Tasha Hearty/Linda McKeith

– rapid covid testing could be coming to the district;
- Arts Alive and Well in schools will be online again with covid, check the division website for more info and links.
-ASCA AGM held virtually this year. Links are online with some free information and resources for councils and parents.

3. Yearbook -401 year books have been ordered. Mark increased the number to make sure enough copies were available for all staff and students of this current year. Mark is willing to find school money to cover the extra 25 or so copies if Council will not cover. After sharing thoughts on this decision Caylee made the motion for council to cover the expense of 401 year books, increasing from our previous total of 376. Heather seconded the motion. Carried.

4. Hot Lunch – May and June hot lunches have been cancelled due to the rise in covid cases within the school and schooling going back to online learning province wide. **Highly recommended and accepted by council that in the future, hot lunches should be from restaurants that offer a “meal” option. No extras (juice box, sides) purchased and handled by parents/volunteers. Subway and McDonalds referenced as places that offer a whole meal for one price.**

5. Treasurer Report –

-Balance ~\$19804.49
-Hot Lunch – none in May or June – April expenses still to affect the balance (2 Cheques: Tina and BPizza)
-Yearbook – school covers the cost up front to Lifetouch, School will get a bill to Shane to reimburse.
-any other expenses- none
-School Council Year End Report coming due at the end of June
-For 2021-22 school year – Transferring balance to the school or to foundation- We will take care of this at September’s meeting. **Recommended that the uses of any money transferred to the school be set out when we make that transfer. Mark assured us that the funds would go into a separate account for our school so they will be able to track and be accountable for the funds given. Main goals of Fundraisers to be set out in September as we will see a better idea of field trip restrictions and our new Principal will present any ideas from the wishlist that stand out to use as a goal, ensuring the school’s 3 year plan is used to guide this decision.** In regards to field trips, Taryn shared a fun virtual field trip the grade one students participated in, Taekwendo. More field trips of this type could be in the works for the new year if covid still restricts travel and events.

6. Looking Forward to the new School Year – AGMs and Fundraising needs/goals

-AGM to be held in October 2021
-Fundraising will depend on covid restrictions so hard to plan now.
- Council debated whether to have another dance a thon in the fall. Noted that we should move forward with some idea of a fundraiser instead of waiting. **MOTION made by Ashley for Council to proceed with planning a October Dance a thon (Monster Mash) with Council funds being used to buy top prizes. Seconded by Heather. Carried. Date to be determined, October 27-29.**
-Other ideas would be Terri and Sharon dye their hair if dance fundraising goals are met. All agreed that kids loved throwing pies at teachers. Mentioned that some feedback was offering the option for teachers to “pie” students too. Concern brought up that the process of handing out prizes this past year went long and kids were

anxious to be done. Difficult with covid restrictions and the large number of prizes we had donated. Keep this smaller perhaps, readdress awarding prizes (such as over a number of days as part of morning announcements). Dance athon will be planned at the September meeting.

- Other fundraising ideas brought up as interest were 50/50 draw with a Parent/Teacher night at the school and possibly another Market Day (maybe spring for Mother's day/Father's Day).

7.School Events and News

a.Past Events:

- THEME Day – April 21st – Rainbow Day
- Spring Photos – April 26 (EEP, Gr. 1 – 5)
- Kinder “Grad” Photos – April 26 & 27 (May 5 as well... due to quarantine on April 26)
- Grade 6 Parent Orientation for Wilson Middle School – April 29

b.Future Events: Taryn Watson

- Upcoming: Park Meadows has Talent – date may be changed due to all at home
- May 24 – NO School – Holiday
- May 25 – NO School – PL Day for Staff
- May 26 – First day back for in-person learning
- June 14 – Theme Day – “Sports Jersey” Day
- June 14 – Last day for EEP
- June 23 and June 24 – Last day for Kindergarten
- June 25 (Friday) – Last day for Gr. 1 – 5
- *Some time in June: Grade 5 Farewell. -details coming soon.*

c.Admin Info: Mark B.

- Grade configurations for next year -Mainly straight grade configuration with only one 2/3 split and one 4/5 split. Class sizes so far seem to be around 20-22 kids/class
- Curriculum Update – Mark referred anyone interested to visit the curriculum link online, especially the parent feedback surveys
- Time for Teri Smith (your incoming Principal) to speak to the Council- Mark gave us a quick intro to Teri. Teri has been married for 28 years, has a 21 year old and 18 year old twins. Teri grew up on the Northside of Lethbridge We introduced ourselves to Teri (done here as Teri had technical issues and joined our meeting in progress).
- Mark says his “farewell” to the Council – remembers coming into the role and taking on the wrapping up of the playground build. Thanked Council for our commitment and trust as we worked together. Special thanks to the Council Executive.
- Sharon Willms-Laing shared that the annex classrooms and halls will be getting a new coat of paint crediting Mark, his outgoing task to the school.

8.Next Meeting – September 2021 – stay with the third Tuesday night for Council Meetings.

-Plea was made for all council members to write a few sentences about why they joined Council and what they may have learned from being involved. These should be sent to Marylou to help put together another Parent info brochure to give out to parents in an attempt to get more parents involved on Council.

9.Adjourn -7:55 pm