

Coalbanks School Council Meeting

MINUTES – September 16, 2019
6:30 p.m. Coalbanks Commons Area

Attendance: Cindy Dykstra, Laurie Chinn, Cassandra Paul, Allie Borgstrom, Sabrina Hansen, Angie Forsyth, Julie Van Dyk, Kendra Yoshida, Karla Wright, Chrysta Bell, Michelle Harding, Stephanie Beekman, Lana McKay, Courtney Wehlage, Allison McNaughton, Jacquie Van Dyk, Michaela Dilworth-Baum, Jenny Bond, Kaylee Low, Bonnie Mikalson-Andon, Erin Beekman, Ainsley Croil (Vice-Principal), Joey Gentile (Principal), Christina Eileen

1. Call to order
-6:30 meeting called to order; Bonnie welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the executive.
2. Review of the Agenda
-Kaylee motioned to accept the agenda, Sabrina seconded.
3. Approval of the Minutes, as presented (OR as amended) 5 min
 - a. June 11, 2019
-Cassandra motioned to approve, Kaylee seconded
4. Financial Report: Treasurer – Bonnie for Dina 10 min
 - a. Financial Transactions / Status to date:
-current balance is \$11,052.77; only transactions over the summer were \$6.00 in bank fees
5. Principal's Report: Principal – Joey Gentile 20 min
 - a. Bussing, parking lot, student safety
-complaints from parents (parking on crosswalks, u-turns,); email sent out to parents with safety reminders; police officer assigned to patrol our school
 - b. Portable update
-construction starting this week (behind schedule – access in the new year at the earliest); current grade 2/3 doors will be inaccessible; Family Center doors will be used, only at designated times; temporary chain link fence to ensure children safety in the parking lot; hope is to have a music room back in one of the portables
 - c. Door access
-door times/access are on a program; door locked first thing in the morning ensures the ability to check in children who arrive late; end of the day the goal is to get the bus students out before the doors open to parents
 - d. Bell times
-on the website; kindergarten start/end times are different due to instructional hours required
 - e. Kindergarten programming: plans for next year
-unsure if both half and full day programming will be offered next year (dependant on available classroom space)
 - f. Terry Fox Run: Thursday, September 19th @ 9:30
-goal of \$1000 to raise; reminder to parents sent out to bring in toonies; leaving school at around 8:45, walking to Nicholas Sheran
 - g. MIPI assessments/ F&P assessments
-F&P literary assessment at beginning of the year and again in March;
-MIPI – Math assessment to help identify areas to focus on;
 - h. Diversity & inclusion: October 22nd @ 6:30pm @ WCHS Learning Commons
-Café- collect input from admin/parents; what does diversity and inclusion mean to you?

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6. Committee Reports 10 min
- a. Hot Lunch Committee
 - first hot lunch - Subway - Sept. 25; 2 parents have volunteered to help
 - no other lunches booked as of yet;
 - 2 different lunchtimes (half the school eats at 12:00, the other half eats at 12:30)
 - teachers have to pick up their lunches from the servery
 - call for people to volunteer as chair or co-chair to help on a hot lunch committee
 - b. Fundraising Committee
 - i. Winter Growing Smiles
 - tabled for next meeting
 - ii. Dance-a-Thon
 - call for volunteers to help coordinate the Dance-a-Thon; someone to organize, people to help count money,
7. Old Business 10 min
- a. Election of Vice Chair
 - considering changing the AGM date to September for the future to ensure we aren't excluding parents new to the school;
 - one name put forward – Lana McKay; Joey gave opportunity for other names to be put forward; no other nominations
 - Kaylee motions to nominate Lana to the position of vice chair, Sabrina seconded;
8. New Business
- a. Committee Chairs 15 min
 - i. Hot Lunch Committee
 - Bonnie gave a description of some of the ways parents can help. There was a call for volunteers to help coordinate the hot lunch program.
 - ii. Fundraising Committee
 - discussion to set up a designated committee or to have groups of people take on different events; Kaylee Low volunteered to head up the fundraising committee;
 - b. Meeting time 5 min
 - survey sent out offering two different meeting times; 6:00-7:30 and 6:30-8:00pm; 56.82% chose 6:30pm meeting time; 6:30 start time for now;
 - childcare option – 55% voted they would be more likely to attend if childcare was offered; discussion on what that could look like
 - meeting dates set to avoid conflict with District Council meeting dates
 - c. Brainstorming about direction for School Council 15 min
 - why people attend: get information, bring ideas,
 - ASCA school resource guide; purpose of council, roles of positions; add the resource guide to school council portion of our website
 - plan to host an ASCA seminar/presentation;
 - purpose of council – advisory panel; understanding of roles and responsibilities;

Question: do we do a teacher appreciation luncheon? We've done coffee and donuts in the past, as well as a gift for teachers convention. Possibility of a luncheon in the future?

Question: What is the messaging and significance behind the coloured shirt days? Are the kids having an explanation put forward as to why their wearing a specific colour? (Orange shirt day, Pink shirt day, etc.). Mr. Gentile and Ms. Croil go around to the classrooms to explain the reasoning behind the days.

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Question: What are we fundraising for? Survey's completed last year. Highest votes went to climbing wall and items for the sensory room, as well as technology and items for the learning commons. Discussion on whether or not to prioritize continuing to give money for field trips. Discussion to continue as funds come in.

Question: Dance-a-thon: Are tax receipts issued? – only when the donation is made to the district, not to the school; a lot of the costs of the Dance-e-thon were covered by donations from business/the community so there wasn't much overhead

Addition to the Agenda from Joey: Beautiful library but not the biggest collection; Discussion about sending out letters requesting donations to purchase new books. We have to be careful with donation vs. sponsorship.

9. Next Meeting – October 21, 2019 @ 6:30pm
10. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.