

Coalbanks School Council Meeting

Minutes – October 21, 2019

6:30 p.m. Coalbanks Commons

* indicates written report/attachment provided

Attendance: Allie Borgstrom, Karla Wright, Kendra Yoshida, Stephanie Beekman, Jacquie Van Dyk, Lana McKay, Courtney Wehlage, Kaylee Low, Angela Roman, Kristyn Moore, Alissa Mikusek, Bonnie Mikalson- Andron, Dina Mustedanagic, Morag Asquith, Jan Foster, Joey Gentile

1. Call to order
-meeting called to order by Bonnie at 6:32pm; time for introductions
2. Review of the Agenda
-Dina seconded approval of the minutes

Addition – Jan Foster -Trustee Report to School Councils (full report available on their website)

- changes to school websites across the division
- Feb. 4/2020 – townhall meeting at Victoria Park Gym
- parent attended the June meeting regarding concerns/suggestions regarding Educational Assistants; a written response to that concern was provided (available online)
- school division awarded ASBO Meritorious Budget Award for 2019/2020 budget year; excellence in school budget presentation
- October 24th – provincial budget will be brought down
- next meeting is October 22, 2019 – organizational meeting at 3:30pm, public forum is at 5:00pm

3. Approval of the Minutes, as presented (OR as amended) 5 min
September 16, 2019
-Lana seconded approval of the minutes
4. Old Business 5 min
 - 4.1. Review of motions from 2018/19
-Bonnie provided documents with information on last years motions
 - 4.2. Process for making motions
-ASCA handout
5. Financial Report: Treasurer – Dina 5 min
-Dina will touch base with Christina regarding September hot lunch numbers
-\$11,539.30 – current balance
6. Principal’s Report: Principal – Joey Gentile 20 min
 - 6.1. Accountability Pillars - scored excellent in 6 out of 7 categories; good in the other category
 - 6.2. Proceeds of Last Year’s Fundraising – reminder of the survey completed last year ranking fundraising priorities; traversing wall was ranked high on that survey; number one priority for the school; cost of anywhere from \$5000-7000 depending on the model purchased
 - 6.3. Portable Update – not much currently being done; construction will start as soon as they arrive; priority is to have the music room completed first
 - 6.4. Door Access – until construction begins, door access remains limited; Family Centre doors will continue to be used
 - 6.5. Inside Days - -20 degrees (with windchill) is the cut-off; all doors unlocked to allow access; question from parent regarding possibility of a Polar Bear Club – parents given opportunity to give permission for their children to be outside on those colder days; issue with supervision if some kids are in and some are out; 10-12 supervisors out at any given time

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6.6. Inclusion & Diversity Night: Oct 22 @ Winston Churchill 6:30 p.m.

-30 parents attending; 1 facilitator per 4 or 5 parents; hope to host 2-3 more evenings like this; information gathered at the initial meeting will help determine the format for moving forward; information will be posted on the website about the next steps

6.7. Education Plan

-3 year education plan is tweaked every year; presentation to the Ed Centre on November 26; quick link will be uploaded to the website;
-priorities of literacy and numeracy – MIPI numeracy evaluation – tool used to inform instruction moving forward;

6.8. Squeeze Machine/Steam Roller for Sensory Room

-request from Mrs. Beekman; estimate of about \$700.00 to purchase; hope to have a motion to purchase with support from school council;

7. Committee Reports

7.1. Hot Lunch Committee

10 min

7.1.1.Thanks to Committee Chair

-Alisha Dancause has taken on the role of committee chair; good group of volunteers for day of help as well as planning help

7.1.2.Update on Sept Hot Lunch

-waiting on numbers to know how it went

7.1.3.Lunches arranged for 2019/2020 year

-all of the lunches are booked except for one that we are waiting to hear back from the restaurant

-question regarding the consideration of McDonalds vs. hot dog lunch as far as health factors go and how decisions were made about what lunches to provide; committee considered health factors as well as the work load required to provide the lunches

7.2. Fundraising Committee

20 min

7.2.1.Motion to provide funds from Spring Fundraiser to sensory room/equipment

-raised \$1821

-question raised regarding the survey results from last year regarding fundraising priorities as well as drawing attention to where support for classroom field trips would fall (not included on the survey); Joey addressed the question as well as spoke to the money provided directly from the school for field trips; attention drawn to a need for more books in the library and plans for collecting funds to grow the library;

-MOTION: Dina motions for \$1800 from the spring fundraiser to go to purchase sensory items. Karla seconded. Motion approved.

7.2.2.Winter Growing Smiles (carried forward)

-fundraising committee made a decision not to run the fundraiser; focus is on the Dance-a-Thon as the fall fundraiser with plans to run one more fundraiser in the spring

7.2.3.Dance-a-Thon – October 31,2019

-forms are out; DJ cost has been covered by donation; family from the school donated 5 kids watches to be handed out prizes; 4 dance times;

-MOTION: Kaylee motions to spend \$50 for a Chapters gift card for a dance-a-thon prize. Kendra seconded. Motion approved.

-MOTION: Kaylee motions to spend up to \$100 on decorations for the dance-a-thon. Dina seconded. Motion approved.

-MOTION: Kaylee motions to spend up to \$500 on pizza party prizes (including tip – up to 15%) for the dance-a-thon. Kendra seconded. Motion approved.

7.2.4.Funding focus for 2019/2020 School Year

-wait to hear final funds raised from the dance-a-thon before making a decision on dollar amount to contribute to the traversing wall;

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8. New Business
 - 8.1. Division School Council Meetings – October 7, 2019 was the first meeting
 - the first Monday of each month (other than February – town hall)
 - Bonnie is looking for someone to share the responsibility of attending the meetings
9. Next Meeting – November 18, 2019
10. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm