

School Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Scott Sherman

In attendance: Scott, Faye, John, Yvonne, Amy, Natalie, Lana, Carmen, Tamara

Trustee Report – John

- New Footnotes is about AI in education
 - o Embracing AI, learning how to use it as it will be commonplace in a few years
 - o Tools for learning about AI for parents
- Attended Rural Education Symposium in Edmonton
 - o Education minister talked to them and spent an hour answering questions
 - o Presentation on truth and reconciliation
 - o Survival of education in rural Alberta
- CTF Trailer update
 - o Brought to board, asked if possible
 - Got a maybe (didn't outright say 'no')
- Twizzler Tuesdays fundraisers have been really successful at other schools
 - o Faye commented: our school recently started a canteen with profits going to grade 7/8 trip
 - School is looking for feedback from parents on how this is going
- CJO performance was great
 - o Kids loved it

Admin Report – Faye

- Talked about literacy – government of Alberta results for grades 1-3
 - o Percentage of grades 'not at risk'/at an acceptable level breakdown by grade
- 12 out of 13 kindergarten kids are currently reading decodable books
- In-school PD day this month
 - o Science curriculum work
 - o Look at new social studies draft
 - Government looking for feedback by March 29
 - Much better than 1st draft
 - Still very content heavy
- 2 day learning conference in April
 - o Learning about trauma-informed schools
 - Adding to practices that the school is already doing
- Staff had been talking about looking into a breakfast program
 - o Kids come to school hungry after long bus rides, some eat entire lunch at snack time in the morning
 - o Have nutrition grant that is currently stocking 'good food boxes'
 - o Brainstorming with teachers: can grab breakfast from 8:15-8:30am during classroom 'soft start' that most classes already are doing
- Grade 7/8s have been helping younger kids with leprechaun traps

- Went over upcoming dates, as emailed out to parents
- The school is asking for parents to check in with Amy if they are coming in the school
 - o Amy will call kids down to the office to minimize disruptions in classes
- The school is asking for parents to let the school know if they are planning on moving or transferring schools before next year for a more accurate estimate of numbers for next year.

School Council Projects

- CJO concert
 - o 50% covered by grant, Fundraising to cover other 50%
- May be upcoming field trip requests as weather become nicer
- Astrodome
- Some grade 5/6 chromebooks may need new batteries or replacing, will find out

Extracurriculars

- Badminton starting in April for grade 6-8s

Science Olympics

- Grade 7/8s meeting once/week (4 kids)
 - o Crafting remote controlled autonomous amphibious vehicle, cost constraint \$90
- Grade 5/6 group (6 kids)
 - o Crafting raccoon-proof trash can
 - o \$50 budget
 - o Size constraint

Yearbook Update

- Principal's book can be requested from school and ordered through Lifetouch
 - o Cost is \$10 with no minimum order

Feedback on Lion's Quest

- Faye will bring it up at staff meeting next week
- May also bring it up at FAA for feedback or information if other schools have experience with the program

Grade 7/8 Camp

- Parents driving kids to camp need 2 million in insurance, working on parents giving permission for another parent to drive their child if they are unable to
- Fundraising is going well, upcoming bottle drive and Texas donuts, as well as school canteen

Before and After School Care Update

- Boys and girls club no longer running program at the school
- The room in the school can be used entirely for CTF now – benefit

- The mom that was interested in opening the dayhome for before and after school care in Blackie had no interest
 - o Everyone in program either arranged other childcare or busing

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm.

Next meeting is April 16, 2024 at 6:30pm.