**C. Ian McLaren School Council**

November 6, 2023 – Meeting Minutes

**In Attendance**: Stacey Swanson, Judy Leyden, Jack Molyneux, Amanda Charlton, Kailey Tiefenbach, Erin Dorman, Bianca Langlois, Laurice Pajunen, Lien Price, Cori Thompson, Damon Theroux, Christina Theroux, Kassie Anderson-Clarey, Joe Clarey, & Fiona Bray

**Land Acknowledgement**: Harrison Charlton

Meeting called to order @ 6:05pm by Amanda Charlton

Welcome & Introductions

Approval of Oct. 2, 2023 minutes – given.

Approval of Nov. 6, 2023 minutes – given.

**Administrators Report** – Stacey Swanson & Judy Leyden

* Code of Ethics & Meeting Norms reviewed for this and subsequent meetings
* Gratitude – thank yous to this and last years school council members for stepping up. Thank you to the Hot Lunch volunteers for getting the program up and running this past month. Thank you to our families/partners in learning making the start to the year successful.
* Fall sports update – Cross country & flag football have both wrapped, still going is triple ball.
* Activities around the school – Cougar Families are starting up, kids & teachers have come up with cheers & banners, this will be on going at CIM. Fire safety week was a success. “You’ve been boo’d”, pumpkin art, & Halloween carnival were all a hit. Mrs. Moore has been working with a crew of kiddos to make Cougar shirts
* Staff are working on – Progress updates & communication (weekly emails). Getting kids into the My Blueprint program, will follow them through to high school as a portfolio of sorts, highlighting student achievements & evidence of student learning. Some discussion of perhaps organizing a parent info. night to learn more about My Blueprint. Learner profiles coming out shortly, 1-4 point grading system being trialed this year, feedback welcome.
* Special Events to come: Alien Inline – Nov. 2-9

Remembrance Day Ceremony – Nov. 10 @ 10:30am

School Ski Trip – Feb. 8 Div. 1 & Feb. 9 Div. 2

Grade 6 Blue Bronna Camp – May 29

Trickster – TBD (awaiting grant)

* Community Building – Java Joe & Black Sheep fundraiser, Fall Fling & picnic table auction, Halloween parade to Rising Sun LTC
* Upcoming Dates: Parent/Teacher Conferences – Nov.8 & 9

Family Dance – Nov.8

Gr. 6 Camp Info Night – Nov. 9

Remembrance Ceremony – Nov. 10

Nov. Reading Break – Nov. 11-19

Picture Re-takes – Nov. 22

School PD Day – Nov. 27

Christmas Concert – TBD (Dec. 14 or 20) @ 6:30pm

Last day before break – Dec. 22

Back to School – Jan. 8, 2024!

**Trustee Report** – Jack Molyneux

* Please reach out & speak up via the FSD website advocacy page! Letters available on website to contact government & speak up for our students…funding etc.
* Footnotes review – available on the FSD website, great site for info. related to division goings on, practices, & budgets. Updated monthly.
* COSC meeting featured Gov. Rep. RJ Sigurdson – receptive to our areas concerns (budget, bussing, insurance), but, ultimately, we need parents & community members to speak up.
* Question about school sponsorship (eg. corporate sponsors) to fund where schools are lacking. Some difficulty maneuvering the legalities, but, certainly an option to look into.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:47pm

Next Meeting: January 15, 2024 @ 6pm