

TIMBERLEA SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tues Nov 19, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:

Waleed Najmeddine

Kelly Koban

Tammy O'Brien

1. Meeting called to order @ 6:35 p.m.

Chair welcomes everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from previous meeting Oct 17, 2019 have not been completed yet - cannot be approved.

3. Approval of agenda

Agenda approved.

4. Commendations

-Halloween festivities: great fun. Costume parade very popular, and organized games (gym) a great way for kids to be active.

-Remembrance Day Ceremony: joint with Christian School. Appropriately sombre.

-Triple ball: skill building game preceding Volleyball. Was a huge success and well-received. Parent/Staff helpers were Hope Martin, Bambi Lafferty and Vanessa Oliver.

5. ASCA member engagement: with Adriana LaGrange, Education Minister. Sat Nov 23, 100-400 pm. Please contact Chair for registration information.

6. Networks report: Vice-Chair missed Nov 4 meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. Principal was in attendance. Government budget (see Principal's report), and emergency

protocols were main topics of discussion. Suggestion was made, to have our school/district provide some proactive information to inform parents about the emergency protocols in place.

Our school's emergency muster point is St. Anne school. Principal will draft a notice to inform parents about the basics of what an emergency message might look like, and basic steps to follow so they are prepared.

Next Networks meeting is Jan 13. Chair will attend. She has advertised for a Networks rep, but hasn't received any replies yet. Principal will add it to his weekly emails. Chair will provide draft/info.

7. Questions/Suggestions/Updates:

-lighting at back (NW corners) of both portables.

There is no working lighting at the NW corner of either portable (closest to the field). This creates a huge dark area for kids to enter the school in the morning. Chair sent an email to Principal Oct 31, and he forwarded on the request to maintenance. Request has not been fulfilled.

-large class sizes

Some of the classes are quite large. Grade 1 is 30+, Grade 3 is 30+, and there are currently 34 Kindergarten kids, which might all become Gr 1 kids if they all remain registered at Timberlea. The large grade 5 class had 8 students moved to the Grade 6 class, creating a 5/6 split. There does not appear to be an easy solution to any of the large classes, and there are concerns that upcoming budgetary cutbacks will worsen the situation.

-Christmas concert: Dec 19, 600

-Salvation Army Angel tree

Mrs Harris and helpers will set up the tree this weekend, and the gift deadline will be Dec 10. There will be approximately 50 gift tags on the tree.

8. **Principal's report** (see attachment)

-Enrollment: 214

-FMPSD budget:

Funding from AB Education will remain at \$6679.79 per student per year. Other funding areas have been removed, or significantly reduced. This could mean significant shortfalls in areas such as building maintenance, equipment, transportation, etc. Adjustments may include job losses or staffing reductions to make up the shortfall. Parent voice can have the most impact, and Principal will provide relevant details/data to help with communications with MLA's.

-Microsociety:

Money name/design has been drafted. Oath of office/swearing in ceremony Dec 3 (tentative). Supplies needed might be financed partly through TSPA Casino account, however it was noted that AGLC usually restricts usage of those funds to items that the school/district wouldn't be paying for under their own budgets. Care and caution would have to be enacted to make sure that all purchases for MicroSociety supplies fall within AGLC guidelines.

-Clubs/Extracurricular activities

Tech and trades: Wed

Triple Ball: Tues and Thursday

Drama club: Monday

Knitting club: Tuesday

Art club (tentative) grade 2/3

-Important dates:

Nov 22: no school, TAS training

Nov 23: Triple ball boys' final

Nov 29: Term 1 report cards

Dec 5: Vista Ridge ski day grades 4, 5 6

Dec 13: no school

Dec 19: Christmas concert

Dec 20: no school

Dec 23-Jan 3: Winter break

9. TSPA update

General account: approx. \$5000 balance

Casino account: approx. \$20000 balance

-TSPA still needs a Treasurer to help look after immediate banking needs

-next meeting is Dec 9: candidates have been consulted and will hopefully be able to attend the meeting to acquire the position of Treasurer

-request from school is \$8500 to pay for MicroSociety training. This amount is 1/3 of total training costs, and is due in Dec 2019. This amount is based on MicroSociety contract that school and DO signed in April 2019.

-insufficient funds in TSPA general account. Chair advised maintaining a \$3000 balance at all times in the General account, to deal with Hot Lunch expenditures and other unforeseen expenses. TSPA chair would like a fundraising goal of \$15000 to build up the General account.

-Principal mentions that if TSPA is unable to supply the total \$8500 amount, the balance due to Microsociety would be paid out of funds that the school has accumulated from such revenue sources as facility rental.

-bulk of Casino fund (\$20000) has to be spent by Spring 2020 or it has to be paid back. School has requested funds for Microsociety supplies such as paper, currency printing, Marketplace supplies. School Council discussed, and recommended caution and confirmation in writing, with AGLC, to ensure that those expenses fall within AGLC guidelines. Possible additional ideas for usage of Casino funds include grants for each classroom (\$1000 each, for 8 classrooms), \$500 grants for each extra- curricular group, and other tangible supplies that would remain in the school, such as sports or tech equipment.

-upcoming fundraiser ideas include Ice Melt product sales, Popcorn sales, and Teddy Bear raffles.

Future meeting dates:

December: no meeting

Tues January 21, 630 pm

Meeting adjourned at 749 pm