

TIMBERLEA SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, April 7, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE: Waleed Najmeddine Shavonne Wilson Doug Nicholls
Shannon Noble Erin Piercey Deanna Hoffer
Kim Snow Terri Higdon Jennifer Garland
Erika Doka Jessica Josselyn

Meeting called to order @ 8:35 a.m.

Erin welcomes everyone to the meeting.

1. Adoption of agenda with additions or deletions
 - No additions to agenda
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - Minutes from previous meeting approved
3. Administration's report
Mr. Najmeddine
 - Staffing
 - i. Phys. Ed 1-6 position filled – Ellen Polegato
 - ii. Vanessa Oliver EA gr. 4 (temporary)
 - Apples
 - i. Weekly pick-up from Save-On Foods
 - Wall of History - Richard Thorne received his picture plaque; which is to be placed on the wall
 - Ecole McTavish
 - i. On April 4 Scott Barr and 3 students visited to present to TL/CG grade 6 students.
 - Vision Action Teams
 - i. Academics – Debbie, Shannon D, Waleed
 - ii. Green Spaces – Chelsa, Stephanie, Marcia, Juliet, Waleed, Tyler, Bambi
 - iii. Marketing, Merchandising, Social Media – Waleed, Andrea, Meghan, Lisa, Shavonne, Tara, Mary Ellen, Christina, Alexa, Michael
 - iv. Vision Statement – Waleed, Debbie, Chelsa, Shannon D, Heather
 - v. Partnerships – Waleed
 - vi. Family Environment – Heather Fisher, Shannon M, Waleed

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- FNMI
 - i. Planning for Aboriginal Awareness Week May 23-26
 - ii. Nistawoyou Friendship Centre – Pollyanna McBain (May 25) – storytelling; Mitch Mercredi (May 24) – drummers, Bernadette Dumais/Travis Youngchief (May 23) - dance
 - iii. Metis Fest – May 25 – gr. 4’s usually attend. Need to confirm if they are going this year
- Multicultural week May 1-4 – Karla Power, Shannon Dube, Waleed
 - i. Monday: Art - Shannon will email ideas to the staff
 - ii. Tuesday: different dances for PDA – Shannon will share links
 - iii. Wednesday: Guest speakers to read books or tell traditional stories – Waleed to check with Multicultural Association for community members visiting TL
 - iv. Wednesday evening: Multicultural Pot Luck
 - v. Thursday: Assembly – wear traditional clothes – Dance – Karla will organize
- Important Dates
 - i. Apr. 7 – Timberlea/Christina Gordon Talent Show @ 1:00 p.m.
 - ii. Apr.10-17 – Spring Break
 - iii. Tue. Apr. 18 – Classes resume
 - iv. Wed. Apr. 19 – Monthly virtue assembly (gr. 3) @ 8:30 a.m.; Timberlea Parent Association meeting @ 7:15 p.m.
 - v. Apr. 24-28 – DancePL3Y sessions
 - vi. Fri. Apr. 28 – Author visit with Joan Galat (a.m.)
 - vii. Thu. May 4 – Picture Day
 - viii. Fri. May 5 – PL Friday (no school)
 - ix. Mon. May 8 – FMPSD Trustees visit @ 2 p.m., Joint Networks Committee meeting @ 5:30 p.m. @ District Office
 - x. Thur. May 11 – Grade 6 PAT English Language Arts – Part A (written)
 - xi. Fri. May 19 – PL Friday (no school)

4. Mr. Nicholls

- Thanks for the efforts for Timberlea School
 - i. Thankful for the cooperation between staff, students and parents
- Many opportunities for students in the district
- Dave McNeilly and Christina Gordon schools opening in September
- Commend staff, parents and attending students on the visioning session with Russell Thomas

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- Christian School
 - i. They are looking forward to having more space
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Currently the Christian School has a sea-can that they use for storage with a large mural on it with the words “God is Love”. Will that be coming to our school and if so where is it going to be?
 - a. With being a Public school, is this something that our parents are going to want their children seeing every day
 - b. Mr. Nicholls said that he is unsure what their plan is for the sea-can and will speak to their School Council and Society regarding it
 2. Christian School seems to want to be completely separate from us whereas now we are collaborating well with Christina Gordon School when it’s beneficial. How will that work?
 - a. Mr. Nicholls has asked the Christian School (parents and staff) what their entry plan looked like and the response was that they hadn’t really thought about it.
 - b. Mr. Najmeddine stated that he and Joe (Christian School Principal) have a good working relationship and share common thoughts on sharing the building

- 5. Shannon Noble
 - Mental Health is the biggest part of her portfolio
 - Research shows that it will be about 5 years before we are back to ‘normal’ after the evacuation last year
 - District Website as resources for help – click on the recovery button
 - i. Q&A for May 3
 - ii. Any questions not answered can be emailed to Shannon
 - May 3
 - i. Each Administrator can do their own thing that day, but strict parameters, keep it low-key
 1. Routine is best for everyone
 2. Support for students and parents on hand that day

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- ii. Noted that May 3 is just a day
 1. Parent noted that the first day that there's smoke in the area from a fire around us will be harder on the kids
 2. Ms. Noble shared that there is a game-plan for this as well. If/When this happens the teachers will point out to students where the fire is and that it is just wind blowing the smoke in our direction, we are safe. After a brief (5-10min) discussion, they will carry on with the normal daily routine.
 - iii. Data shows kids are doing good, parents not as well.
 - iv. May 3 – Mr. Najmeddine
 1. Thinking kids will be fine, parents not as much
 2. Have coffee in the multi-purpose room for parents and the library setup for kids
 3. Have the outdoor morning supervisors looking for signs of anxiety in parents. Have them direct anyone who may need to talk to the multi-purpose room
6. Archery
- Will be offered to grades 4-6 – limited space
 - Have instructor training taking place on May 6
 - Received a quote from Trophy Book Archery in Spruce Grove. Waiting for a quote from the local archery dealer, BT Archery & Supplies
7. Family Fun Day
- If this is something that we are wanting to do it would be beneficial to have a separate planning committee
 - i. Shavonne, Terri, Waleed, Jen, Erin and Deanna volunteered to be a part of the committee
 - Do we need permits if we serve food?
 - May 27, 11-3??????
 - First meeting will be April 21 @ 8:30 a.m.
8. School Tent purchase
- Waleed to look at the info again and forward the quote that they had received to Erin
 - Parent Association will do the purchasing
9. Effective Councils
- Review and complete the Effective Councils survey sent out by District Office.

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10. Election of vacant positions

- Deanna Hoffer nominates Erin Piercey for the position of Chair
- Erika Doka seconds
- **Erin Piercey accepts the position of Chair**
- All members in attendance approve the appointment of Erin Piercey to the position of Chair

- Jennifer Garland nominates Kim Snow for the position of Vice-Chair
- Erin Piercey seconds
- **Kim Snow accepts the position of Vice-Chair**
- All members in attendance approve the appointment of Kim Snow to the position of Vice-Chair

- Shavonne Wilson nominates Deanna Hoffer for the position of Secretary
- Waleed Najmeddine seconds
- **Deanna Hoffer accepts the position of Secretary**
- All members in attendance approve the appointment of Deanna Hoffer to the position of Secretary

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.