

Timberlea School Council Minutes

November 18, 2020

6:30 pm, Virtual

Principal Waleed Najmeddine, Teacher Rep Heather Fisher, Chair Carla Seguin, Vice Chair Rob Fisher, Secretary Phyllis Pitura, Jessica Jocelyn

1. Call to Order and Welcome
6:31 pm
2. Approval of the Minutes, as presented or amended
October 21, 2020* consensus reached
3. Congratulations: Carla - Congrats to the school and all staff members on all the things they have done to maintain a sense of normalcy for our students, from elections, to howler lunches and virtual assemblies. Thank you staff.
4. Networks Report: Rob, again problems to join the meeting not able to join the link. Carla to follow up with Angela to find out what's going on. Both Carla and Waleed had told Angela it would be Rob in attendance. Waleed will check his email to see if a summary of the meeting was made available and will share if he got anything.
5. Alberta School Council Association Request for Input "Weighted Moving Funding Average"
Completed survey. We have no knowledge on the new weighted moving average funding. Waleed will report back to us after his FMPSD Principal meeting tomorrow if there is any more information on potential funding changes.

Carla summarized the ASCA funding letter released this evening prior to the meeting, Carla will be looking into this further how it affects our school or board directly, ASCA has lost close to \$500,000.00 in funding. The reduced funding is supposed to go directly to classrooms.
6. School Wish List Idea
Waleed brought it to Jen to see if we could make purchases, on behalf of classes. Waleed will follow up with us on what Jen found tomorrow. We need approval from the School District to make sure there aren't any problems. Heather felt the wish list thing would be helpful. Tabled.
7. Breakfast Cart Program Update
Waleed had a discussion with teachers about the need for the breakfast cart, the feedback overall was that its nice to have snacks available. Waleed followed up with Independent Grocer on their offer of free granola bars. The bars and fruit cups are in the kitchen, the teachers are aware they can access these snacks for their class and keep a small stock of snacks on hand in each classroom. Should we do some sort of thank you for contribution to the breakfast cart? Carla suggested a card thank you note. Heather suggested a public thank you online for them as

well.

8. Christmas Concert

Teachers will be recording their individual classes and then splicing them together to share with parents. Possibly recording outside.

9. Principals Report

- Parent Feed back

Life touch Photos not as great as prior years, prior years we had a parent volunteer. We are still in a contract, but will explore other options. Parents would be interested in other options.

Food bank - The link to the food bank as beneficial, it would be nice to get feed back on how much was donated online. We would like to see a photo send to fort McMurray Public schools for them to share what we are doing. Mrs. Fisher will be getting photos from the contact at the food bank from our donations made during spirit week. They were very grateful.

Angel Tree - sign up genius made it really easy to find a family. 75 tags set out and most of them were chosen by the beginning of this week. Salvation army is very appreciative of Timberlea participation in the program. Thank you to Ms. Harris for setting up the sign-up genius.

Parental Attendance at Virtual Assemblies - Parents would like to attend virtual assemblies. Being able to watch it after the fact is a good option too. Waleed shared that based on an incident at another school, they have been directed to not put the links on social media, but rather to email it directly to parents, record on the school's end and share the link afterwards.

- Virtual Assemblies

Halloween costume parade was a big hit.

Remembrance Day assembly was great except the moment of silence had a brief hiccup.

There was no guest speaker, not joint with Christian school.

Virtual Assembly Grade 6 presented on humility did a great job.

November 26 grade 5 courage - one of 7 sacred teachings.

- Micro society

Allegiance with Aspen Heights, they are looking into a digital transactions app to incorporate micro society, COVID-19 is affecting the nature of micro just as it is real life.

Each class will be their own venture, with the teacher as the owner but with the possibility of students taking on larger leadership roles. They are currently visiting how to acquire a job, prep for an interview, how to do a resume etc..

The Mayor of Fort McMurray will hopefully help with the swearing in of our officials virtually.

Senators have not been appointed yet.

- Clubs and Extracurricular Activities
Things have been put on hold with current COVID-19 requirements and spikes in cases
Drama club has started and they are using the stage.
- Joint Christmas Dinner
Christian school would like us to Postpone till easter and revisit closer to that date to see how COVID-19 measures are.
- Howler Lunch -
Tomorrow students will receive their pizza but will eat in their respective classes to continue exercising COVID-19 measures of cohorts.
- At the end of Term, students can rejoin classes or choose to start eLearning. We have 1 student going to eLearning, one rejoining in school sessions.
- Phyllis requested feedback on COVID-19 case on the bus. Waleed - Re involvement with cases and the school bus incident, everyone was escorted from the bus through the building, the parents came and picked up their children. November 13 is when the students could come back to school after possible exposure to the virus no other cases came from this potential exposure, everyone on the bus is required to wear a mask and there is a social distancing practice in place as well. Note -Alberta health follows up with the schools to track flu season, thus why school secretary will ask parents reporting an absence if their child is ill, or have an appointment or are just going to be late, so it is documented for if Public heath needs to confirm records of transmission in the community.

10. New Business - none

11.Reminder Next Meeting January 20th

12.Adjourn

7:30 pm