

Timberlea School Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday September 22, 2020 6:30 pm

Attendees: Principal Waleed Najmeddine, Teacher rep Heather Fisher, Carla Seguin, Robert Fisher, Phyllis Pitura

Google Meets attendees: Kelly Koban and Kelly Hansen

1) 6:40 p.m. call to order and welcome

2) Adoption of agenda – Kelly Koban

recommend move election of executive members from point 7 to 5 B Phyllis put forth motion to amend agenda as suggested, Carla seconded, all in favor, adoption of agenda complete

3) Congratulations and thank you – Waleed

thank you to everyone parents' staff and students the whole Timberlea community to such a great start up and for putting our trust in the school to guide us through this new year. Congratulations on an excellent start in uncertain times.

Open house was a success and Carla S at meeting really felt it helped put her children at ease with what school would look like on the 1st day back. We would love to see this be a new normal. Waleed felt the staggered start was well received both students and staff.

Thank you to Kelly Koban for all her work this past year, and for staying on as past chair as a community member.

4) School Council membership – Waleed

is typically made up of the principal, at least one teaching staff member (thank you Mrs. fisher) as well as parents of children attending Timberlea Public School.

Small discussion about revisiting operating procedures and updating wordings – new executive members encouraged to check Alberta Ed website to see what recommendations with respect to number of meetings in a year and how they be held going forward given current world situation.

5) Council Functions

A. Who is the school council? – Waleed and Kelly K – council is viewed as an advisory body to the school principal; more to come under 5C

B. Election of executive members of school council

Waleed – we have 3 candidates, currently Carla Seguin has put her name forward for chair, Robert Fisher and Phyllis Pitura have both put forth for vice chair, which leaves secretary

Phyllis – I would like to withdraw from application for vice char and apply for secretary.

Waleed – any other candidates, no can I have a motion to fill the secretary position

Carla S motion that Phyllis Pitura be elected to position of Secretary for Timberlea school Council, Motion seconded by Robert Fisher all in favor

Phyllis P Motion that Robert Fisher be elected to position of Vice char for Timberlea school council, motion seconded by Carla S, all in favor

Robert Fisher motion that Carl Seguin be nominated for Chair of Timberlea school council, Phyllis seconded, All in favor.

Thank you all and welcome – Waleed – this would be a good time to let all parties know these positions are volunteer positions. 😊

C. School Council Functions continued - Waleed

Council is viewed as voice of parents, all parents are encouraged to get in involved with council sharing opinions of various items, council members also get to voice parent desires on division issues – 1 rep from school council attends division meetings and reports back on upcoming issues at a divisional level example of things that may be discussed lack of gym equipment or playground equipment could be something that comes up at school level and divisional level as well

Items that are not discussed at school council – 1 parent direct issue with another child, a staff member, this is considered something the parent would need to come direct to the principle themselves and is not something to be brought up at council meetings.

School Council members also have opportunity to meet with FMPSD in a general meeting called Networks along side with principals of the other schools there is usually a main topic of discussion Example - Kelly K – late Jan mid Feb meeting is typically upcoming year school calendar

- ❖ Action item Phyllis request Waleed provide executive members with upcoming network meeting dates

D. ASCA – Alberta school Council Association - Waleed

annual conference, where discussion materials and subject matter is sent out in info packages ahead of time. All councils are encouraged to have one attendee if possible, to report back on their findings.

ASBA – Alberta School Boards Association -Waleed

board trustees, our voice at a larger level, this board is the advisory board Alberta Education

Lots of different levels council members can get involved at to have our collective voices heard from school level all the way to minister of education.

6) Reason for establishment meeting - Waleed

to replace outgoing board members as it was time for new members, as well covid's interruption to the end of 22019-2020 school year resulted in our typical AGM being missed.

Special thank you Kelly Koban, Tammy O'Brien, Jessica Josselyn for their active roles in school council 2019 -2020 and other past years as well.

7) Principal's report:

Waleed -today there is none to report – in a typical meeting Waleed would have some items to share with us, this meeting was called primarily for filling the board positions and getting school council up and running for the 2020-2021 year.

8) TSC vs TSPA two separate things:

Timberlea School Council is an advisory body to the school principal

Timberlea School Parent Association operates in the school with the principal's permission, and is an independent fundraising society. Reminder to keep discussions during council meetings separate. Council can ask the fundraising body for help if there are issues (like the gym equipment example earlier – where fundraising might help us acquire more equipment)

9) Next Meeting Date October 21, @ 6:30 pm

10) Adjournment time 7:35pm

❖ Action items from meeting

- 1) For Waleed to update Council executive on upcoming FMPSD Networks meetings