

**School Council Annual General Meeting
September 14, 2021, 6:30pm VIA GOOGLE MEET
Minutes**

Those in Attendance: Trish Hammond, Jenn Bahler, Christa Currier, Angela Eadie-Gyori, Dawn Normoyle, Joanne Knispel-Matejka, Maridee Magas, Tara Spotter, Janelle Qualie, Leah Inkster, Gerri Macrae, Lindsay Clark, Jolene Jamieson, Margaret Bjornson, Janine Waldo

1. Call meeting to order

Meeting called to order by Jenn Bahler at 6:38pm

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: To accept the agenda as is by Jenn Bahler

Vote: All in favor, carried

Resolve: Agenda Accepted

3. Introduction and Welcome of New Faces

Introduced the current School council members as well as, Angela, Dawn and Joanne Tara Spotter- gr. 5 French immersion student (new to school)

Janelle Qualie- pre k parent

Leah – Has 2 kids in steffie

Jolene Jamieson- gr. 3 student also works in the office at the finance desk

4. Treasurers Year Financial Report – Lindsay Clark

Opening Balance at the beginning of last school year was **\$76.23**

Closing Balance of last year was **\$56.49**

Motion: To Accept the Financial report from last year as is by Christa Currier, Second by Trish Hammond.

Vote: All in Favor

Resolve: Financial Report accepted

5. School Council a year in review 2020-2021—Jenn Bahler

We are called a school council and are governed by the rules and regulations of it. Fundraising committee and school council are run separately but do work together on things. School Council asks fundraising committee for items for our school. Jenn read and updated everyone about the Annual Report (see additional report for detailed information). She talked about the last council members, presentations that were had, hot lunches, whole book club, & Steffie marathon.

6. Start Up

a. Hot Lunch—Jenn Bahler

Hoping to have hot lunch posted tomorrow online for parents. We will be moving hot lunch to the 29th since there is no school on the 30th now. This will be a donation hot lunch. Money will go to the Aboriginal dance group in Red Deer.

All the restaurants that we have currently used are back on board again for this year. It is hard to use some places due to the large volume of students that we serve so our numbers are large and in the past some places could not meet our numbers and food was not cooked correctly.

Jenn Currently overseas the hot lunch program but is looking at having someone shadow her this year to take over for her as she will be stepping down in the next year as she only has kids in this school for another year. Anyone interested in taking on this position is to contact her.

b. Fundraising—Christa Currier

*Will be done at end during Fundraising meeting. See additional Fundraising minutes for full details on the fundraising ideas for the year. Lots of fundraising ideas were presented. We are starting the year off with the veggie sale fundraiser. Orders are available to do now and veggies ready for pick up on Oct. 6th. (Need volunteers for pick up days)

c. Breakfast Club—Trish Hammond

Breakfast club is off to a good start again this year. It was decided that the teachers really like having the bins in their classroom last year and wanted to continue with them this year. They like that they have snacks in the class already should kids need them rather than them having to leave to the office for them. Made a small adjustment to the bins this year in just decreasing the number of items in the bins so that items are refreshed sooner to avoid things going stale. Items are still Nut free, non-perishable items such as cereal, granola bars, nutrigrain, fruit bars, applesauce and fruit cups. To start the year off we still have some gift cards from Sobeys and No Frills to use up as well as some Money in our account. We have about \$2543.61 in funds and gift cards available to use this year. Donations are always welcome.

7. Board Highlights— Mrs. Joanne Knispel-Matejka

The Board is wanting to know if people liked the decision to let parents to decide to wear masks in the school or not. Several people like that their kids do not have to wear masks. There are also several parents that would like to have kids wearing masks when in those close contact spaces. She is going to take this info back to the board to see as they are not sure if they still want to put masks back into place. Was brought up that people were disappointed in the research done in regards to this masking rule. It says all public places but then schools don't have to so there is no consistency.

There is concern now about how last year we had cohorts to decrease the spread and numbers were lower. Now this year the numbers are higher and there are no cohorts to help control the spread.

There was also some disappointment in the way that the mask information was announced to us from Chinooks Edge. They did not let us know anything not even saying that they were discussing anything or when they would let the families know what their decision was. They should have at least reached out to the parents and let them know they were reviewing thing and let them know a date as to when they would let them know their decision. Instead, they left everyone hanging and not knowing what was happening or a timeline for a decision Chinooks Edge also said we didn't have report out to families if there are cases of covid in our community. There is concern over this as they feel we should be able to share it with others for their safety and concern. (We can let families know about lice in the building /class but we can't let them know about covid cases which doesn't make sense)

Due to Legislation Sept. 30th is now a day off for the National day for truth and reconciliation.

8. Administration Report—Mrs. Eadie-Gyori & Mrs. Normoyle

- Nice to see lots of faces tonight.
- Staff are greeting students at the doors. Classrooms are looking a little different again as they did add the carpets back in. They have also included manipulatives back in and took out the dividers between desks and students.
- Masks are not mandatory but those that wish to wear masks are welcome to. Angela and Dawn both wear masks at the school.
- Current enrollment is 459. Lost some students but also gained a lot of students.
- Currently have more French kindergarten than English.
- Had a large increase in grade 4 students this year so have large classes with EAs to support them.
- Have 2 new teachers to our staff
- Terry Fox run is on Friday and teachers will take students outside when it works for them.
- Recesses are broke up this year with k-3 and then 4-6 grouped together.
- Arrival and departures are staggered again this year which everyone likes as it makes for less congestion and safer outside drop offs in the loop.
- Parent teacher conferences are coming up and right now parents have the option of doing in person or online. This may change depending on the increase in covid number cases
- No assemblies in person still due to the large groups but looking at online stuff.
- Sept. 29th will be our orange t shirt day for the indigenous awareness and cultural understanding. This is not a fundraiser. We will not be making money on this item, any funds generated will be donated back to the aboriginal artist.
- Case conferences are coming up for those with more needs to help create IPPs for them

9. Correspondence Received—none

10. Elections of 2021-2022 School Council Executive

a. Vice-Chair (Janine Waldo) will run elections

Chair –

Motion: To have Jenn Bahler remain as Chair president nominated by Janine Waldo, Second by Christa Currier.
Vote: All in Favor & Jenn Agreed to continue
Resolve: Jenn will remain as Chair

Vice Chair-

Motion- To have Janine Waldo remain as Vice Chair nominated by Jenn Bahler, Second by Lindsay Clark.
Vote: All in Favor & Janine agreed to continue
Resolve: Janine will remain as Vice Chair

Treasurer –

Motion- To have Lindsay Clark remain as Treasurer nominated by Lindsay Clark,
Second by Christa Currier.

Vote: All in Favor & Lindsay agreed to continue

Resolve: Lindsay will remain as Treasurer

Secretary-

Motion- To have Trish Hammond remain as Secretary nominated by Janine
Waldo, Second by Lindsay Clark.

Vote: All in Favor & Trish agreed to continue

Resolve: Trish will remain as Vice Chair

11. Sign Paper for the Signing authority for the bank accounts—plan.

No Changes in the council members so no need to make changes or go sign for signing authority. All those that were last on for signing authority will remain on for this year.

12. Year Dates for School Council & Next Meeting

Setting the meetings for the 3rd Tuesday of the Month. So upcoming dates would be Oct.19th, Nov.16th, No December meeting, Jan 18th, Feb 15th, Mar. 15th, Apr 26th (bumped back due to the week off), May 17th, no meeting in June.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Jenn Bahler at 7:48pm