

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 1, 2024 Time: 6:30pm

Present	Jordan Flower, Cheryl Steadman, Megan Banks, Kalee Fogarty, Jodie Guenther, Matt Russell Todd Brand, Julie Gutowski, Devon Sawby, Andrew Poole
Regrets	Kim Mayhew, Lindsay Kelly, Jon Stilborn
Call to Order	6:41pm - Megan Banks
Approval of Minutes	Approved from January 11, 2024 1st – Andrew Poole 2nd – Kalee Fogarty All in favour
Additions To Agenda	Nichol Foundation/Stage, Scholarship
Approval of Agenda	1st – Julie Gutowski 2 nd – Andrew Poole All in favour
Chairs Report	Balancing Schools discussion
Treasurers Report	Nine bins were bought for Healthy Hunger came to \$450
Admin Report	We have welcomed approximately 30 students since the start of January and are continuing to welcome students.
	We have some new curriculum money that we are using to support Kindergarten to Gr 3 with the Science implementation and Gr 4-6 with English Language Arts and Math curriculums. We have also added some new robots with this funding.
	Athletics - Our Jr A teams competed in Zones last week which indicates the end of their seasons. Our Jr. B teams start next week and then after that Grade 6.
	Literacy and Numeracy Assessments - Grade 1 students completed the LENs, CC3 and Numeracy assessments. Gr 3, 5, 7, 8 completed the Fountas and Pinnell literacy assessment.

	Merch Store - opening soon so families can purchase new Bison merchandise.
	Lockdown Drill on Tuesday, Jan 30 went really well. All students including Kindergarten participated in the lockdown.
	Alice in Wonderland Musical - March 6 and 7 th performances and tickets will go on sale soon. Watch the post for more information.
	Staffing Update - We added Kourtney Gibson to our Grade 7 team, Tammy Acker to support numeracy in grade 2-5 and grade 1 literacy, Carly Smith as a learning assistant until the end of June. We also have 3 maternity leaves coming and we are starting to look for replacements.
Trustee's Report	Continue to have student transportation needs, hard time hiring drivers. Partnered with transportation providers. Work with them on ways to retain drivers. Cameras on busses are a retention enabler for bussing companies for accountability. Indigenous learning branch increased emphasis. Well received by schools. Ratified collective agreement with local ATA. 2 part bargaining (salary etc) is provincial. Central table will open again soon.
	Balancing: questions about content and ideas. Format? Looking for feedback.
	He has a feeling that it's a hybrid; may not be one solid of the three. Looking for enough impact for the change. In the past, the trusteesmostly good decisions made. April 25 is the decision day. School announcements construction could be made before the date of discussion. Modular add could impact the discussion.
Tabled Items	Readathon: Julie – request money from council for prizes for read-a-thon. Motion to approve up to \$1500 for prizes and incidentals. Jodie seconds. All in favour. Fundraising for tech and stage.
	Stage: Nichol foundation: we did not get approved. We will apply again.

	Scholarship – Devon has given names for committee volunteers. Current draft sent out to look at it. Deadlines and suggestions will be set soon. After package review it moves to the selection phase. Date TBD: end of May/beginning of June.
Meeting Adjourned	7:58pm

Next Meeting: March 7th, 2024 - 6:30pm