

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**In Attendance:** Benjamin Hall, Hayli Stock, Marian Forrester, Carla Shephard, Rob Mady, Shellie Sullivan, Kiim Vassilicopoulos, Leila Mehrabi, Christa Bridgeman, Rhonda Williams, Keri Glowacki

**Meeting called to order at 7:08**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Approval of agenda and previous minutes:** First Christa; Seconded by Carla. All in favor

### **Message from School (Rhonda & Keri)**

#### **1. Drumming Residency**

- Chantel Chagnon. Elder in training doing drumming with the kids this week, and learning Cree songs. Kids really enjoyed it and all classes shared songs they learned.
- Will be posted on google classroom.

#### **2. Trickster Residency | Volunteers Needed**

- Trickster theatre coming to the school in the first week of May. Their team will work with classes to do short plays produced from the children's ideas. Theme is "lessons of the land". There will be a performance on the Friday at the end of the week.
- Will need many volunteers to make this residency a success. There will be a variety of positions to help to move equipment, make props, and help the event run smoothly.
- Props that are needed will depend on what ideas the kids have for the play. School may reach out with specific information about props that might be needed during that week.

#### **3. Earth Day Assembly | April 22**

- Partnered with ever active schools. They will help co-plan this assembly along with the Grade 5s. The grade 5s will be the leaders for this assembly including being the Emcee and acknowledging the land.
- Encouraging kids to walk or bike to school on this day.
- Ever active schools will also initiating a poster contest. Winners will get their poster made into vinyl on the fences. There will be winners chosen from each division of the school.
- The school has also applied for a grant to do some paintings near the school (e.g, bus zones, crosswalks). Plan is for this to be the Grade 6 legacy project

#### **4. Grade 6 HD Cartwright Visit | April 14**

- Will be coming to the school to visit the kids in the classroom to tell them about the school.
- Also having a open house for children and families to come tour the school. There will be more information shared about this directly from HD Cartwright.

#### **5. Soccer Residency | April 20-23**

- Will have a few soccer clubs represented in this residency, which is run through CMSA.
- It has been a long time since the school has had a soccer residency, so the school is looking forward to this.
- Will work with kids through the week to develop their soccer skills.

**6. Planning for 2026-27 School Year | Projections**

- There have been delays in projections because the school continues to be waiting on funding information to be provided by the government.
- The number of students enrolled have seen a bit of a decline, We have had 290 students enrolled this year, and are projected at approximately 277 students next year.
- The school will be piloting a new system of figuring out numbers next year. A new form will be coming from the school. Parents should expect an email around April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- This will be important to complete, as the school would like to have anticipated enrolment numbers by April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests | English Language Arts and Literature (ELAL) Part A | May 25**

- The first part of the ELAL exam will take place on May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The remainder of PAT's will take place in June.
- Parents can expect an email with more information.

**8. Kindergarten Orientation | May 28**

- Will host orientation of incoming Kindergarten students on May 28<sup>th</sup>
- Students will come to the school to have a tour with Lucy Pearson.

**9. Grade 6 Farewell | June 19**

- Parents can expect a flyer will be coming out soon with more information
- This will be the event to celebrate Grade 6 students leaving for Junior High
- The Grade 6's also voted on a special event and they chose a Mobile Escape Room.
- The escape room will come to the school on June 23<sup>rd</sup>

**10. Class Complexity Teams | Ongoing**

- The school has hired a new teacher with the new complexity team funding from the province. This teacher will starts working at the school tomorrow.
- This teacher will focus on literacy intervention with Div 2s students, specifically students who's English Language Proficiency is approximately at an LP1 and LP2s level.
- The school is currently also looking to hire two new Educational Assistants, and have also increased the FTE of one of the other educational assistants.

**11. Staffing Updates**

- Mr. G will be on a leave for the remainder of the school year.
- Ms. Pearson will be returning from her leave soon.

**School Council | New Business:**

**1. Succession Planning**

- a. There are some executive positions that will be opening next year as students move to new schools. For example, one of the roles will be Secretary, currently held by Kate.
  - i. Kim Vassilicopoulos indicated she may be able to take this position.
- b. Discussion about Chair position. Unsure of Sam's availability next year. Ben Hall doesn't mind continuing to chair the meetings.
- c. Treasurer – expect Shane will continue

- d. Fundraising and events: can continue to be shared by the team as needed and Hayli, Ben, and Carla can continue to look after fundraising with Healthy Hunger, Skip the Dishes, etc.

**2. Teacher Appreciation | June 29/30**

- a. Planning to hold a staff event on one of the last two days of work.
- b. Will consider bringing some food in for staff. Consider something like Shawarma Platters.
- c. Will plan for approximately 30 staff.
- d. More information to be discussed in upcoming meetings.

**3. Sports Day | June 26**

- a. Will hold sports day again this year on the last day of school. There will be several stations around the field for students to participate in.
- b. Will be needing a lot of volunteers again this year.
- c. Will use previous sign-up genius event to create a signup list for this year.

**4. Welcome Back Event in September | Open House**

- Don't have a date yet, as the school will need to review events for the upcoming school year.
- Considering an open house event held in the evening rather than the morning breakfast tradition (aka muffin mixer).
- Hoping this may be more accessible for some families to attend.
- Discussion about parent council providing food or treats, and being available to welcome parents and discuss parent council
- Also brainstormed options like having a picnic outside at the same time, or a bbq. More discussion to come on this in future meetings.

**Parent Council | Old Business**

• **Financial Report**

- Council Account: \$11,857.96
- AGLC Account: \$97,541.83
- Spring Dance: Took in \$1088.50 from entry and concessions. Approximately \$800 in expenses (DJ, Decorations, crafts, dj, concessions, etc). Expecting profit around \$250-300.
- All numbers are approximate, as Shane is still waiting for some receipts.
- Noted that we had a lot of extra chips, so made a note that we may not need as much concession inventory next time.
- Will use the snacks at the school to give as treats to patrollers.

• **Fundraising Updates**

- Purdy's fundraiser was okay this year, but noted that we didn't seem to sell as much chocolate as we had in previous years. Profit was approximately \$700
- Skip the Depot – account sitting at \$848
  - Discussion about going door to door with a flyer next year to encourage the community to use skip the depot. Could consider the kids doing a community walk to deliver the flyers to homes early in the school year.

**Next Meeting will be May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (in person)**

**Motion to Adjourn** by Ben. Seconded by Carla and Hayli. All in favor.