



School Council Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2021

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Members in Attendance: J. Kossick (Chair), A. Lishingman (Treasurer), P. Dang (Middle School Principal), E. Lund (Middle School Assistant Principal), V. Tran (Middle School teacher rep.), M. Healy (Elementary School Principal), M. Smith (Elementary School Assistant Principal), B. Steinke (Elementary School teacher rep.)

Guests in Attendance: None

Call to Order: 6:02 PM by J. Kossick

1.0 Additions/Changes to the agenda: No changes

2.0 Approval of Minutes from:

Motion:

Second:

Motion Carried/Motion Lost: ___ favor ___ opposed ___ abstain

3.0 Student Council Report: None to report

4.0 Next Board Meeting: November 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM (on-Line)

AGM: November 25, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Policy Committee Meeting: November 5, 2021 @4:30pm

5.0 Guest Report: None to Report

6.0 Middle School Principal Report and Key Events of the Upcoming School Year: Reported By P. Dang:

- COVID – No positive cases with any students all year – strict safety measures and no transmission – doing well.
- PTI (Parent Teacher Interviews) – October 20 to 21, 2021 – went well and lots of positive comments from parents and teachers. Done at mid term point – will be doing the same for term 2
- October 22, 2021 – PD day TAAPs conference – had great sessions and a lot of collaboration with other charter school teachers.
- October 27, 2021 – Grad 6 immunization – went well and tried to get some of the grade 7's - try to catch March 1 and 2nd and all of the grade 9's.
- Missed Lunches – Parents donated to the missed lunches due to the email that was sent out. Thank you! Significant drop in the amount of usage of the missed lunch programs with the reminder.
- Pink shirt day to help support Anti Bullying – November 19, 2021
- Remembrance Day celebrations on November 10, 2021 – internal celebration – no parents due to COVID.



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- November 5, 2021 – Powerschool viewing will be turned off for teachers to enter in comments.
- November 12 – 15th – No school due to Day in Lieu.
- November 26, 2021 – Term 1 Report Cards.
- Student Award Ceremony – Event that is streamed from early December.

7.0 Elementry School Principal Report and Key Events of the Upcoming School Year: Reported by: M.Healy

1. Read-In Week Highlights

- 2 MLAs, principals, Marty Chan, live virtual and recorded readings
- Wear a Word Day and Storybook Character Day done on Friday
- Chapters gift card awarded through a draw in each classroom
- draw for books
- Thank-you to the School Council and Fundraising committee for funding this event.

2. Staffing:

- a. Afsheen Fink is returning to Gr. 4B November 10 from Maternity leave. Trish Salvador will leave Grade 4B and she requested to be added to our Supply Teacher list.

3.. Professional Development Program

- a. October: Assessment, New Curriculum Planning k-4 & TAAPCS Conference
 - Oct PD- Michelle Jones from the AAC presented to elementary staff. Focus was on creating quality assessments to align with new curriculum
 - TAAPCS- Teachers attended sessions and had opportunities to engage in discussion in small groups. Over 400 attendees.
 - opening speech by Adrianna LaGrange -expect final curriculum draft to be completed in Spring
 - Other Projects at Aurora
 - Application Funding was received from Alberta Education to support learning gaps identified by screening tests for grade 2 and 3 administered by teachers in early Fall.
 - Will apply for funding in January for grade 1. Waiting for norms tables from Alberta Government to determine which students would be eligible for funding.



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- Pullout programs to address learning needs for students are in place. One on one and small group support provided by EA'S and Mrs. Woodman our Reading Specialist.

5. Important News

- Parent Teacher Interviews were held virtually earlier this month to provide parents with information and feedback with a view to improve student success
 - Feedback
 - Parents should view student performance in Power School prior to meeting with the teacher
- Nov 1 routes for buses 2, 10, and 12 were adjusted. Number of riders are more balanced and routes decrease riding times.
- Covid - Elementary are cohorting, masking and sanitizing. No outbreaks this fall.
- Grade 4 parents will be emailed honors certificates if their child attained honors standing Average of 80% in four Core Subjects, with no mark below 70%
- Food bank donations are welcome for the month of December. Parents can buzz in at front doors and Sanjana will let them drop items in the box. Boxes are in the entryway. Students can drop off items when they arrive in the morning.

6. Major Events

- a. Oct 31 – waitlist changes were due (we're already getting ready for Kindergarten 2021-22).

- b. Kindergarten virtual information night is scheduled for Dec. 7. Notices for registration will go out Nov. 30
 - Nov. 5 -Policy meeting
 - Nov 10- virtual Remembrance Day Assembly -poppies are available
 - Nov 18 Board Meeting 7:30
 - Nov 15-19 Bullying Awareness Week
 - Nov 19 Pink Shirt Day
 - Nov 25 Board AGM virtual 7:00pm
 - Nov 26 Report Cards Online at 4 pm



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8.0 New Business:

- 8.1 – Top Marks – Requests from the grade 5 and 6 students to wear hoodies- official hoodies from Top Marks. Parents thought this was a great idea. Will be restocked in the smaller sizes in the spring – will be approved from next year and worn on PD Days.
- 8.2 - Disable Google Email – for grade 5 and 6 – the email portion are too young to use properly, using it as a distraction. Will there be a way to teach kids how to use email properly? Might look at part of the options for the grade 7 kids. Parents were okay with this happening. Takes Monday Nov 8
- 8.3 - Cohorts – (Middle School) Struggle with the kids mingle with only their classes, asking parents if they are okay with opening up the cohorts within the grade. So not just in their class but also with the whole grade to open up students being able to talk to each other and open up their peer group. Parents were okay with this as long as the kids are still safe. Not sure what will happen with Elementary School.

9.0 Announcement: None

10. Topics tables for next meeting: Approval of the October minutes.

11. Next meeting: December 1, 2021 @ 6:00 PM thru Google Meet

112. Meeting Adjourned 6:49 PM by J. Kossick