



**School Council Meeting
February 6, 2019**

Members in Attendance: J. Harman, P. Dang, J. O'Connor, V. Dias, E. Fung, J. Kossick, M. Racine, A. Lishingman, D. Miller, N. Fisher, C. Rich

Guests in Attendance: I. Gray, N. Ofosu

- 1.0 **Call to Order:** 6:07pm by E. Fung
- 2.0 **Additions/changes to the Agenda:** None
- 3.0 **Approval of Minutes from:** Not available until next meeting
- 4.0 **Student Council Report:** A. Anchoris reported:
 - \$2.00 Hoodie day raised \$757.00 with \$180.00 going towards the grade nine farewell
 - Upcoming events:
 - Valentine's Day Events - instead of selling candy to raise money there will be "Minute to Win it" games.
 - There will be a School Dance organized, with a portion funded by the hoodie money.
- 5.0 **Board Committee Meetings: E. Fung reported:**
 - Board meeting: Wednesday, February 20 @ 6:30 pm
- 6.0 **Guest Report: Nicole - Update research project**
 - Last December talked about the social connectedness project, approval from U of A and Simon Fraser.
 - Application with the Edmonton Public School - in final stages.
 - Started with the interviews, 1 formal interview
 - Plan to complete 4 interviews - concentrate more with the focus on discussions
 - Request for the parents that are familiar with the school system - any parent preferable with a Male who is involved at this level (school council) to be interviewed. Looking at the Parent Teacher Interviews and ideas about how they are doing and where there could be improvements.
 - There will be request for Parents whose children started in August.
 - Will come back in November 2019 to discuss findings.
- 7.0 **Middle School Principal Report and Key Events of the school year:** P. Dang reported:
 - Staffing: Mr. Gray will be teaching Math 9 and AP - Stephen Balchan hired to teach Options 8/9 Tuesday/Thursday afternoons
 - Mr. Dang will be teaching Health 6 and Mrs. Schultz will take over the Math Curriculum Lead working with the math teachers and resources from grades 5 - 9
 - Second round of shots for the grade 9's next wednesday - February 13, 2019
 - There will be a Valentine's Mufti Day and hot lunch - February 14, 2019



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- There was a notice in the newsletter regarding the homework calendar website. Parents were asking why there was a change - the site lists daily home work that is written in the agenda, and at times they do not match, seems redundant and is causing more headaches than needed or do not match. This started as a teacher initiative and the statistics gathered from the website that there are not a lot of parents and students using the site.
- There has been an increase in security with cameras being placed by the foods lab, have been placed on the interior and exterior of the building. There will be one in the elevator. There is a magnetic lock for the front door, the school will be locked from 9:00am- 11:00am and 12:45 pm - 2:45 pm. For the safety of the staff and students.
- PAT grade 9 information session after the science fair, was well attended.
- Final exam schedule is out for the Middle School
- Accountability survey is out and Mr. Gray will be completing the survey with the students

8.0 Elementary Principal Report and Key Events of the school year: J. Harman
reported:

- Staffing: Mrs. Lacey leaving on Feb 15th and Miss McKay will be covering her leave - Welcome Back!
- Mr. Balchan helping out the elementary school with Technology, replacing Mr. Gray and will be helping with the students who need extra help with English as a Second Language and Math - Miss. Oh, our librarian will be the Learning Commons Liaison working with Mr. Balchan and their first project is keyboarding and coding for the elementary students.
- Professional Development Day - January - Kindergarten Assessments were discussed, and how they will proceed. They are assessing 20 students in a group with 5 teachers assessing the group. Other teachers worked on Winter/Summer Fun Day, revised the admittance procedures from grades 1 - 4 and attended a session on Conflict resolution
- We were not successful with the Band Aid Grant submission - thank you for the help, and gave us ideas of what we could get for musical instruments.
- Winter Craft Night was amazing, thank you to all of the volunteers. There are ideas for a ticket system for each student where each student could participate on the sleigh rides and the crafts. This would ensure that the students would not be turned away from all of the festivities during the evening.
- AERR survey went out to the grade 4 parents and Mr. Gray worked with the students to have them completed.
- Kindergarten assessments took place on February 1, 2019 and will happen again on February 27, 2019.
- Grade 1 - 4 assessments will happen end of March/April once the kindergarten assessments have been completed and the numbers are in from registration.



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- Field Trips: Telus world of Science happened on February 5, 2019, Buoyancy in the classroom for grade 2, food impact for healthy nutrition for kindergarten and grade 1. The kindergartens will be going to the new museum.
- Mufti Day will be on February 14th along with Mucho Burrito hot lunch. Pizza 73 hot lunch went extremely well.
- February 18, 2019 - No school due to Family Day.
- February 24, 2019 - Jump Rope for Heart will be due.
- February 26 Grade 4 Science Fair located in the Learning Commons. Pizza lunch for participants and certificates. Parents can visit during Period 8.
- February 27 Winter Heritage Day and Pink Shirt Day with a bake sale by the CUBS.
- February 28 and March 1 - no school - Teachers Convention.
- February 28 Current student Registration for school next year is due
- March 11 - 15th Dance play for the elementary students.
- Choir and Crochet club has started again for grades 1 and 2.
- Grade 4 CUBS raised \$511.00 and 102 toys for Santas Anonymous Fundraiser.
- Grade 1 -3 hockey intramurals have finished.
- Grade 4 intramurals has started.
- Calendar for next school year is in the Newsletter.
- Won an award of excellence for writing with the Canadian National Creative Writing association.

9.0 Treasurer's Report: E. Fung reported:

- **Previous Balance:** \$15,032.55
- **Revenues:** \$8,023.50
- **Expenses:** \$14,945.39
- **Approved outstanding:** \$4,656.61
- **Balance:** \$7,394.55

10.0 Fundraising Report: E. Fung reported:

- Goal: 1800 water park tickets - Winter craft night sold 14 tickets, January 24, 2019 sold 65, January 31, 2019 sold 100 tickets. Deadline for the fundraiser is February 15, 2019. If we have more than 750 tickets sold on or before that date, we can get another 1080 tickets for \$2500.00. If we don't sell the additional tickets will be a \$6300 profit - if we sell the total 1800 tickets, we will bring in \$24,500. This money would help us out for the first part of the school year next year. Deadline for order would be March 14, 2019.
- Totals for the different fundraisers for the year: ADmazing - \$2464.11 Harvest Bundle - \$2107.28, Booster Juice - \$1710.80 1400 Vouchers (7 families bought 610 of these vouchers).
- Spell-A-Thon - can bring in \$2000 for School Council and \$2000 for the teachers - Do we want to have this again this year? Middle school will get back to the school council and Elementary will get back to school council as well.



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- Meeting next month the Aurora Fundraising Society will be attending the meeting for a 10 minute follow up regarding the status.
- Fund the priority items first and look at the items that have been on hold.

11.0 Request for Funds from School Council:

J. O'Connor reported the following requests for funding from Middle School:

- V. Leong - Grade 5-9 for scoreboard - \$500
- A. Joblinski - Grade 5-9 for Science Olympics - \$700
- V. Leong - Grade 7-8 for boys basketball team jerseys - \$500
- P. Dang - Grade 5-9 for Rubik's Club - \$150
- J. O'Connor - Grade 5-6 for Swimming Year End event - \$700

Motion: To fund \$2,550 - J. Kossick

Second: A. Lishingman

Motion Carried: All in favour

V. Dias reported the following requests for funding from Elementary:

- T. Ouellette - Grade 4 for Science Fair - \$300
- J. Harman/M. Healy - Grade K-4 for 30 singlets in small sizes - \$500
- V. Dias - Grade K-4 for PE Dance - \$816
- B. Steinke - Choir to sing to Seniors - \$265

Motion: To fund \$1,881 - J. Kossick

Second: C. Rich

Motion Carried: All in favour

Fund Requests on hold:

- None

12.0 New Business:

12.1

- Workshop in March - Goal Setting - Parent Engagement - What does that look like, how do we get more parental involvement.

12.2

- Alberta School Council Association Annual Conference April 26 - 28, 2019. If you are interested please let Ellen know.

13.0 Announcements: None

14.0 Topics Tabled for next Meeting: Workshop - Parental Engagement

15.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 in the Learning Commons

16.0 Adjournment: E. Fung moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm