



**School Council Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2020**

Approved

Members in Attendance: A. Lishingman(Treasurer), J. Harman, B. Steinke, J. O'Connor, N. Gidda, P. Dang, A. Goddard, D.Miller(Secretary), J. Kossick(Chair), W.Chan, E. Fung, Bharat K

Guests in Attendance: N/A

1.0 **Call to Order:** 6:05 PM by J.Kossick

2.0 **Additions/Changes to the agenda:**

None.

3.0 **Approval of Minutes from:** October 28, 2020

Motion: Approve Minutes from October 28, 2020 – A.Lishingman

Second: J. Kossick

Motion Carried/Motion Lost: **All** in favor ___ opposed ___abstain

4.0 **Student Council Report:** None to report

5.0 **Next Board Meeting:** December 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM

6.0 **Guest Report** – None

7.0 **Elementary Principal Report and Key Events of the Upcoming School Year:**

J. Harman

- Covid re-opening is going well. We have had a couple of cases, our plan is to be ready for more. See School Newsletter for further information on Covid and how you can access reduced rates for the internet at \$10 per month.
- No birthday or Christmas treats for children to share in class. It does not fall within the guidelines and there are too many steps to track.
- For teacher gifts, please ask the teachers if they are ok with a gift. Teachers are adults so can give consent to getting gifts.
- No dropping off lunches or supplies during the day. No parents allowed in the school. The school can help get them lunches and supplies as needed. School even has emergency items such as winter boots.
- Construction delays, waiting on the doors. We are doing a walk-thru on December 17, planning on using it in January. This will not affect students. Late drop off or early pickup will be the only thing in the new entrance.
- Mrs. Dias is going on maternity leave, and Mrs. Fallen will be covering her maternity leave. Mrs. Fallen has been a substitute teacher in the past.
- We have SLP, OT, and Psychologist available for support and to work on strategies to help children.
- Professional Development day in November getting ready for term change and cohorts. Question for school council members – how did the teacher interview process go for parents? Members provided feedback that interviews were well



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done and they were successful in the interview process. Mrs. Harman is wanting more feedback from parents and asking e-mails to be sent to her.

- Survey email being sent out to all parents to ask parents their thoughts as well how the start of term 2 has gone. Gather information to prepare for term 3.
- Power School needs to be checked daily for schoolwork, report cards, and everything is online.
- Children need to be dressed for the weather.
- ADD & important dates:
 - December 5 - snowflake theme day dress in blue, silver, and white (must wear dark pants)
 - December 16 Polar Express Day for Grade 1 – wear PJ's.
 - December 17 red and green day (last day of school)
 - December 18 - January 10 holiday/winter break (no school)
 - January 11 School starts for all in-class and online students

Follow Elementary on Twitter.

8.0 Middle School Principal Report and Key Events of the Upcoming School Year:

P. Dang

- Asking for feedback on how parents felt about the online parent/teacher interview process: was anything missing, was it effective, was time spent well, does it affect the human/personal relationship between teachers and parents. One parent's opinion was it was good to have it online because it was more flexible. Another parent agreed because of convenience. We did miss out on seeing the children's work when visiting the classroom and teachers. Another person mentioned they would rather have it in person than online. Mr. Dang is concerned this might make us lose relationships between parents and teachers.
- November – Four Aurora students in the Cadets program formed the Honor Guard in the lobby around the wreath and a poster of Vimy Ridge Picture. we conducted the ceremony via video, and then teachers presented the video to all the students at 11:00.
- November 19 PD day - focused on term 2 change over, in which no major bumps were seen in the term 2 change over. Many students moved to at-home learning, it was expected as the Covid numbers started going up in the province. A net movement to at-home learning; two full cohorts in grades 8 and 9; 41 students in Grade 7; grades 5 and 6 also saw large movement to the at-home cohorts. Term 1 report cards went well, there will be a change in Power School as children move from in-class to at-home and the effects it will have on their grades. Everything worked out well.



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- Nov 17 - Internet Safety for Parents, 11 parents attended from Middle School and 1 from Elementary. They had a great education lesson for when students go online and what could happen. Gives a deeper appreciation for the advancements of technology and the pitfalls that comes with it.
- November 30 - Grades 7 to 9 moved to on-line for the rest of December as per government directions. Grades 5 and 6 are still in the building, a very odd scenario for middle school, $\frac{2}{3}$ of our school population on-line. There are 6 classes present making it a very quiet building.
- December 4 - Mrs. Gieni is going on Maternity Leave, and Ms. Kristie Chan has a strong background in math and science, she was the EA in term 1.
- December 17- last day of school, there is a committee putting together activities for those students online. One event will be a craft and materials will be provided and sent home for parents to use for students.
- The Science Fair will look very different this year, but will still be moving forward. It will start right after the holidays and it will be short and simple.
- Covid-19 cases we are doing very well and case numbers are low compared to reports from other schools. Protocols and staff are doing a great job.
- Question from a parent – was the Internet safety course recorded? No, it was not for confidentiality reasons. Are councilors, OT, and other resources available for both schools? How do we get the process going since we are online? You are to contact the teachers and request online and they will help you go through the process and set it up.
- Ms. Harman – we have an anxiety webinar occurring next week online for parents about children’s anxiety. Tuesday at 7 pm. Pre-register for the webinar and it is offered by the school psychologist. This will give the parents strategies and help with the children’s anxiety.

9.0 New Business: **None.**

Report on Alberta School Council Update:

- Vote to remove Charter School to include them under public schools.
- A Charter school in Calgary got a group together to work on resolutions to rescind this decision to move Charter School to Public School. Trying to educate people on charter schools. Advocacy Committee is working to rescind this decision. There are different groups to communicate with, and advocate and educate parents on the Charter school.
- Advocate to the ATA if there are issues. Advocate to see if they could get rid of lottery system for entrance and on waitlists.



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- Resolution to advocate what charter schools are and have them do it for us instead of doing it against us. If any parents are interested contact J. Kossick and she will give you the information.
- Any questions – What are the next meeting dates?
- Questions – Is there talk about what happens if the extreme happens and the Charter schools are changed to public. There is a small number of representatives that requested this action therefore these committees are representing charter schools.

10. Announcement: None

11. Next meeting: February 3, 2021 @ 6:00 PM thru Google Meet

12. Meeting Adjourned 6:54 PM by J. Kossick