

Parent Council Meeting October 16, 2018



In attendance:

Cheyenne Jones
Michelle Summers
Shawn Short
Nikki MacDonnell
Chaitee Mehta
Genna Pittman
Christy DeCoste
Reena Sholanki
Brandon Willis
Freya Fourny
Natalie Huntley
Shannon Smith
Annalee Nutter

Call to order 6:39pm

Approve agenda

- Mrs Nutter requests addition of effective school council checklist
- Natalie Huntley motions to approve agenda

Approve September 25, 2018 minutes

- Approved unanimously

Bylaw review

- followed a generic version before we created our council
- few people to look over and suggest changes to bylaws
Natalie Huntley, Cheyenne Jones, Shawn Short, & Freya Fourny
- can view Dickensfield school bylaws
-Freya to email Dickensfield bylaws to Shawn S, Natalie H, & Cheyenne J
- Above to email Freya notes prior to next meeting
-Shawn S suggests using One note to share documents, everyone will be able to make changes online
-Look at comparable shared document platforms and share to all members

Rules of order for school council meetings

Add to policies and procedure with changes

- 1-Keep
- 2-Change to Chair addressed by 1st name
- 3-Keep
- 4-Chair to maintain
- 5-Can't bank time for questions at a later time. Everyone gets chance to speak
- 6-Keep

- 7-Consensus, remember to motion
- 8-keep

Parent Society Chair Cheyenne requests ability to use councils' rules of order for society. Will pass motion formally during Society meeting,

Teachers Day

- Davids Tea provided 2 urns of tea for teachers to enjoy
- Mrs Nutters feedback: teachers appreciated the gesture
- Need to advertise to parents when there's an appreciation occasion upcoming
- Thank you to Christy DeCoste for creating the sign and graphics thanking teachers

Changes in Council

- Move to 1st Tuesday of month with the exception of January will be 2nd Tuesday
- help to plan ahead and bring focus to council

Freya motioned to move meetings

Shawn 2nd
majority in favour

New facebook account created for Council

Focus more on curriculum and learning in the school

New Remind for Council

- council for advising; society for fundraising
- include link for hot lunch etc
- would like to post picture of executive members and position for better

accountability

- instead of group photo Nikki motions to do individual photos of executive members
- Natalie 2nd
all in favour

Bank account questions: Will look into bylaws and ASCA****

Will wait for more information and leave funds with society

-Chaitee indicated at St Kateri council and society each had bank accounts and councils was not used therefore eventually closed

3 year plan

previous 3 year plan 2014-2017

- should correlate with school's growth plan and districts plan
 - would like to form a short term committee to form new 3 year plan
- Natalie Huntley, Marie McKay, Michelle Summers, Freya Fourny
- Review school growth plan on school website under documents or/on district
 - Mrs Nutter to send link to Freya to distribute
 - will discuss at next meeting

Natalie motions to review at next meeting

- Nikki 2nd
majority in favour
- Can add additional people at next meeting if desired

Principals report

Thank all for joining and being involved; kids do much better with overall improvement when their parents are actively involved in the school.

Accountability survey

Pleasantly pleased with results, gained favor and did very well

Mrs. Nutter to bring results to next meeting

Mrs. Nutter will be moving to District office for 0.2 hrs a week until December.
Outdoor temperature possibility of change from -22 to -28 including windchill currently kept inside at -22, depending on windchill. with the exception of the polar bear club

The Polar bear club to go outside with ATA supervision when colder than -20, only if students are dressed properly

Networks meeting: parent have brought up the possibility with district of keeping children outside to colder temperatures

Parents can email comments to Freya about colder temperature recesses

New jobs for students during assembly's

Parent questioning if they must email prior to attending parent council meetings

This is not necessary everyone is welcome

Babysitter's course (age 11+) and Home Alone course (age 8+)

compare the 2 companies in town who offer these courses to see what will work best for our school. May offers babysitters course as a 4 week after school program.

Mrs. Nutter to meet with 2nd organization and will discuss options at next meeting

Offering the course in Eagle Ridge may bring interest from residents North of the bridge

Gym availability

Looking into availability for parent groups in the evenings

Possibly a walking group with a drop in fee to cover gym rental costs, rotate weekly activity>

\$30/hr week nights \$40/hr weekends

Schedule with Mrs Nutter and work around previously rented space

Check into liability costs for parent activities (minimum 2 million liability)

Movie night options, check costs associated with licensing. Free admission with paid concession items for fundraiser

Work together with Parent Society to bring movie nights to the school

Networks meeting

Student body enrolment up 10%, highest growth they've seen in a long time.

Mainly in schools north of the bridge

School board sits at an annual deficit

Immunizations for grade 5 moved to grade 6

Not enforceable by school

New partnership facilitator Michelle Taylor

School volunteer Jill Anderson received volunteer of the year award

Alex accepted award for Confucius classroom

Indoor recess ideas

Intramurals, polar bear club,

EA's to help with supervision topic tabled until next Networks meeting

Parents not permitted to be alone in classroom with students without ATA present

Beacon Hill School wants to pay parents to supervise at lunch

Fruit for a Friend

Program is going well, some confusion on which fruits to send

Effective School Council checklist

Let's do a self-assessment

Read over and assess as a group

Mrs. Nutter to take notes to District

concerned too many hands in the pot

Focusing on putting council in order and looking forward for a good year

Where do we find the current School Act

What is the Mission Statement

FMPD School Website

Add information to site

ASKA Link

School Networks

Next meeting November 6th at 6:30pm

Natalie H motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:45

Reena 2nd

all in favour