

## MEETING MINUTES TAN Parent Council January 18, 2022 – 7:00 PM

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- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm
- 2. Attendance: Tyne Lunn, Wade Johnson, Kim Gagnon, Katie O'Byrne, Emily Smith, Christine Findlay, Moise Dion (Board Trustee)
- 3. Previous (September & November) minutes & agenda reviewed. Approved by Christine Findlay, seconded by Kim Gagnon
- 4. Executive Council positions fill VACANT positions. Emily Smith volunteered for the Vice Chair position. Kim Gagnon accepted, Christine Findlay seconded Emily Smith as Vice Chair.

Chair – Tyne Lunn Vice Chair – Emily Smith Secretary – Kim Gagnon Treasurer – Christine Findlay

## 5. Agenda

- Food fundraiser punch cards (optional vs required) fundraiser has pivoted to punch cards. Students were ordering and then showing up without funds. French Society is finding this is more efficient and consistent. Punch Cards are \$20 for 10 punches.
- PowerSchool Electronic only report cards. Some parents are having some barriers with internet connection and printer issues. There was a message in the newsletter that advised parents to contact the school to request a paper copy.
- Parents Matter Week Bingo inclusivity. Wade to follow up with Kim H to make sure that next year's bingo cards have no limitations.
- Recycling Bins gone? Adopt a bag? Eco Centre has removed all the bins
  due to financial reasons. The school does not have a recycling service
  currently. Someone from the school would have to "volunteer" to bring the
  paper recycling up to the eco-center. Maybe posting on social media/school
  messenger asking for help with the paper and cardboard recycling.
- TAN PAC email (Kim) Kim H found out that parent council cannot have a school division email address due to privacy and procedures. A Gmail account has been created with executive members having access. Email

address is: <u>tanparentcouncil@gmail.com</u>. We are hoping to have more parent involvement/access with this address.

- Report back on ASCA grant monies (Kim) Kim H not present. Discuss this at next meeting.
- Phone policy (Christine) Is there a phone policy? There is a policy in the student handbook. There is no limit as to what grade you can "have" a cell phone at school. Concerned that the kids are spending too much time on electronics. Some children are being exposed to content that is not appropriate because of the phones. Parents are asking that if possible, for teachers to make sure that there are no phones during class time. Wade's response, grades 5 and 6 phones must be in lockers, grades 7 and 8 phones need to be out of sight. This is a transition to high school. This policy is always evolving and the division/school is open to suggestions. Christine to do some research on other school divisions policies. Bring up at the next meeting.
- School division is still looking for parent feedback on the draft school calendar for 2022/23. Wade pointed out for parents to look at some of the four day weekends and instructional days.

## 6. Principal's Report – Wade Johnson

- Staffing update: Amy Purchase (Project Peace) has resigned, today is her last day. Jennifer Woods is her replacement and starting January 31. Three French immersion teachers are pregnant. There are no French teachers in Alberta looking for positions. Continuing to search for French immersion teachers. Some of the French immersion grades will be taught in English for a bit.
- Grade 7 Student/Parent/Teacher survey (Assurance Survey AB GOV) Surveys will be going out in the next couple of weeks. Parents to watch for it in the mail.
- COVID update questions to address:
  - AHS has assured that masks and rapid tests should be arriving by tomorrow. Parents to call in to the school to request the rapid tests.
     Rapid tests are for family use only. No rapid tests will be completed at the school.
  - What Supports are coming from PRSD? Looking for options for the air filters.
  - What Supports are coming from GOA? Masks and rapid tests at some point.
  - Preparedness for Online? Ready for it.
  - HEPA/CR boxes in the classroom. Wade has reached out to the maintenance department. Some filters are good for the classroom, but some are not. It is a large cost. They are looking for a costeffective option.
  - There is a lack of substitute teachers. If there are any stay-at-home parents or work from home parents with a flexible schedule, they would qualify as an adult supervisor and be paid. Would be greatly appreciated to find some of these people.

- 7. Trustee Report Moise Dion: board meeting this week. HEPA filters are a big topic at this next meeting. COVID 19 is still main priority. Advocating for a safe and healthy educational environment. Tyne clarified with Moise that the increase in custodial surface cleaning is not necessary. The focus should be on the airborne mitigation.
- 8. Project PEACE Amy Purchase last day is Jan 18. New worker has been hired–Jennifer Woods, she starts on January 31, 2022
- 9. Round Table Sharing information Discussion items should be added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting
- 10. Next meeting dates: posted on website. March 2022 and May 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm

## MEETING MINUTES T. A. Norris Parent Advisory Council (TANPAC) January 18, 2022

Meeting called to order at 9:02 pm

- Previous minutes. No minutes from previous meeting.
- Treasurer's Report. No new funds at this time. Christine has not picked up statements yet.
- Banking & account information update. No update at this time. Hoping in February.
- Update on Casino information. Casino information has been sent to AGLC.
- Fundraising. N/A
- Correspondence N/A

Adjournment & Next Meeting: 9:07pm. Next meeting dates on the website.