



MEETING MINUTES
Parent Council
September 22, 2021 – 7:30 PM

1. Meeting called to order at 7:49pm
2. Attendance: Tyne Lunn, Crystal Owens, Kim Gagnon, Kim Holmes, Susan Rumleski, Kristin Grenier, Angela Leadlay, Marla Forman, Wade Johnson, Emily Smith, Kim Witter, Katie O'Byrne
3. Previous (17MAY2021) minutes & agenda reviewed – Accepted by Tyne Lunn
4. Election of Executive Council positions
 - Chair – Tyne Lunn, nominated by Kim Gagnon, seconded by Marla Forman
 - Vice Chair – Grace Nyland (not present but was willing to be in role again), nominated by Tyne Lunn, seconded by Kim Gagnon
 - Secretary – Kim Gagnon, nominated by Tyne Lunn, seconded by Susan Rumleski
 - Treasurer – no nominations or requests, will table to next meeting, will also post that we are looking to fill the position
5. Agenda Additions
 - Understanding Google classroom – Parent view (Kim Holmes)
 - Parent view vs Student View
 - Student has more access
 - Parent gets snapshot of what is being assigned, parent can click on the “assignment” to view more detail.
 - Parents cannot access the “Stream”. If parent wishes to see this information you need to log in using your child’s username.
 - Parents are required to be able to use PowerSchool to be able to view marks when they are posted by the teachers.
 - “Assignment” vs “Material”
 - Notes attached to assignment (eg. Directions)
 - Kim Holmes to possibly set up a Google Classroom Meeting Link that is consistent for the PAC meetings.
6. Principal’s Report – Wade Johnson
 - Start-up – numbers are up considerably from last year. This year 276 students enrolled so far. Class sizes are good, grade 5 has the biggest increase. A few new staff have started out well.
 - COVID contingency planning – moving forward with new directives as they come out. Grades 7 and 8 are still co-horting somewhat. Not moving between classes for each class.
 - School is fogged twice a week for sanitizing. Tuesday and Thursday evenings after all students have left the building. The product is approved to be used in schools and is being used across other school divisions in the province. Tyne brought up the concerns of what is it exactly? Wade was not able to answer but Crystal said she will bring it up at the next board meeting to get more information regarding it.
 - 3 Year Education Plan – to be tabled to next meeting
 - Support for student learning while sick or isolating from home (Wade/Kim H). Not blending classes this year. There is a separate virtual school now. Classes are still using Google Classroom though. All teachers have a success block where they can contact a student if they require extra help. Short of Chrome Books for grade 5 this year.
 - Tyne has suggested that a communication package to go out to the parents with options that the school has to offer to help the students if they are sick at home or are quarantining. (e.g., needs a Chrome Book, ways to get ahold of the teacher, etc.)

- Kim Holmes comments – teachers are very aware of the extra help that students may need especially if they miss a week of school. The success blocks are being utilized and the teachers are trying very hard to assist students who have been away.
- Parents are very concerned that students who are forced to stay at home due to illness are falling behind.
- Crystal Owens has stressed that parents should voice their concerns to the principal and the school board as they are limited to what the government provides the divisions.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September
 28 - Orange shirt day
 29 – Terry Fox Run
 30 – Non-operational day

7. Project PEACE

- TAN Queer-Straight-Alliance – (Kim Holmes) – Amy Purchase (not present) is an employee of AHS and works with Kim Holmes. QSA will meet once a week. Objective is to create a safe environment for anyone. All ages. Will be hoping to host some events. The High School has been doing an amazing job with this project for the last couple of years and Kim and Amy are excited that it is being offered at this grade level.

8. School Trustee Update – (Crystal Owens) Busy summer for the trustees. A couple trustees went to an inclusion conference. August 9 had the chance to meet with the Children’s Service Minister. Chatted about the mental health awareness survey. Tomorrow at Grimshaw Public School will have the Treaty 8 flag ceremony. Transportation bus garage is almost complete out in Grimshaw. Should be fully functioning by October. Anti-racism committee has been an eye opener. Has broken down to three sub-committees. Nomination day was this past Monday. Five returning trustees. Ward 3 will have an election. Two people running for the position.

9. Round Table – Questions & Issues (All)

- Tyne brought up a firm/strong concern with using Karen’s Home Cooking for Hot Lunch. Many parents have contacted Tyne to bring up this concern because of the vendor’s ongoing violations with AHS. She would like to know the process on choosing which vendors to use for hot lunch. Wade responded that they are trying to support local and avoid any political or social media issues. Tyne wants to challenge this decision as the vendor is violating AHS food handling safety issues. There is no political vendetta to this, strictly about the safety of the food being brought into the school for our children. Angela agrees the decision needs to be revisited as it is not a political issue, just safety issue. Susan thinks that if we are going to review, we need to review all the vendors. Everyone agrees. Kim Holmes wants to emphasize that the school really tries to stay neutral to issues that are on social media. However, she also wants everyone to know that they did not know that Karen’s Home Cooking had been violating health and safety protocols with AHS. Tyne wanted to close the discussion that she strongly feels that the leadership of the school should not place a neutrality stance on safety and racial issues with vendors that bring products into the school. Wade agrees and counters that the Parent Council could always organize the Hot Lunch program for the January round. Tyne wants to know with the information provided tonight, will TAN be pulling Karen’s Home Cooking from the Hot Lunch program?? School Cash Online has started already, Wade and Kim to discuss tomorrow on protocols.
- Tyne has made a motion to have Karen’s Home Cooking vendor reconsidered, Marla moves, and Katie seconds the motion. All in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

10. 2021-22 Council Meeting Dates @ 7PM (*make sure dates on school website calendar*)

- Potential 2021 meeting dates:
 - TBD

Adjourn TAN Parent Council Meeting 9:50pm

T. A. Norris Parent Advisory Council (TANPAC)
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September 22, 2021

- Meeting called to order at 9:50pm
- Attendance: Wade Johnson, Tyne Lunn, Kim Gagnon, Susan Rumleski
- Previous minutes
- Treasurer's Report
 - Case is ready for next Treasurer.
 - Banking & account information update – see attached \$5,516.01 – Kim Gagnon to update for signing authority
- Casino – December 7 & 8, 2021
- Fundraising – nothing to add
- Correspondence

Adjourned at 9:55 pm