

Parent Council Minutes: September 19th, 2017

- Called meeting to Order at 7:02pm
- Welcome and introductions, 13 people in attendance. A few new faces that we were glad to see.
- Review of Agenda. Review of previous meeting minutes. Adopted as read by Larissa Koshel, seconded by Darcy Wood.

Reports

- President's report: Leslie Dyke gave an overview of what Parent Council is and does.
- Vice President report: Outlined VP responsibilities, 2 babysitters with babysitting course are available for our meetings, if anyone knows of others who would like to babysit and have the babysitting course, please pass on their name.
- Treasurer's report given by Darcy Wood: After payment to Yellowhead for Spring Fling and last year's fundraising allocations distributed, balance is \$341.60. Leslie Dyke elaborated on keeping a small balance year to year to be able to pay babysitters and incidentals.
- Fundraising report: The two board members who shared this position will be unable to continue for the following year. We thank them for their service. Discussion for this year's fundraising will be covered in Old Business.
- Principal's report from Mr. Hanke:

The current student population of HMK is 454, with a few additions to come. Four new staff for HMK: Mrs. Tara Kerkowich, Mrs. Tawny Kerkowich, Mrs. Vinell and Mrs. Whyte.

Recesses have been switched, now K-3 are the later recess and lunch with K/1; grades 4-5 are still the earlier recess and lunch.

Review of the Playstructure build and the Grand Opening of the play structure during the school's Terry Fox Run.

Review of announcement that Neepawa will get a middle school addition to NACI. HMK will be K-4, the middle school at NACI will be 5-8, and NACI will be 9-12

School planning priority areas for the 2017-2018 school year: Inclusion again will be forefront. Grading practices: To have clear criteria, the provincial guidelines are minimal. So that a student's grade would mean the same level in every classroom for that grade.

- Vice Principal's report from Mr. Freeman:

Review of Terry Fox run, successful again. Nice to have help from the Neepawa Natives again.

HMK has applied for a Full Bodies, Full Minds grant that gave \$750.00 towards lunches. There has been some help from church groups too.

Kassia Hollier held a kids movie night for mental health and donated \$250.00, which was used to purchase resources that would benefit mental health.

Roots of Empathy will be happening with grade two's again this year.

Bus Evacuation training takes place for all students next week.

Bulletin board close to the office has notes from the Teachers with the Hopes that the Teachers have for their students this year.

Low-cost HMK T-shirts will be made available with the HMK clothing sale, to promote inclusion. This is an area that parent council could help with.

Old Business:

- New Playground already reviewed. There have been some parents asking if the slide on the old playground will be replaced. Mr. Hanke says that it is already on order.
- Fundraising: We were looking at doing a raffle to support local businesses. Will be explored more with whomever takes Fundraising position.

New Business:

- a) Kelvin Hollier (Principal of NACI) in attendance, and is looking to start a Parent Advisory Council at NACI for the middle school years, especially for two years time when the building is complete.

He also shared with us that Myla Ignacio has been teaching Filipino class that includes Tagalog and Filipino culture. Up to 4 high school credits can be achieved with this.

There are 603 students currently registered at NACI. They have hired 2 new teachers to accommodate the increased enrollment. They have 7 new staff this year and will be hiring more EA's.

Mr. Hollier has had questions about whether Adult Education programs could be built in to NACI or the community.

The plan for the new school addition will be that it will be located to the West of the current NACI building in the space up to the school division offices, and will be a 2 storey building. They are supposed to be breaking ground for this project in April. The bus loop has been moved to the Yellowhead parking lot.

Hopeful that the town can relocate the basketball courts as they are well used.

Some parents asking if there will be playground equipment put up with the formation of the middle school. No firm answers for this until the building blueprint is more established.

- b) The RCMP asked to pass on information regarding the legal age for children to be able to stay home by themselves and look after siblings. The age in Manitoba is 12. It does vary province to

province. There can be big fines on top of the safety issues of leaving children younger than this at home by themselves.

They also asked to clarify, that on 3rd street where the buses park before and after school, if the stop signs are out and flashing, no driver may drive down that road. If the buses are stopped in front with the signs pulled in and no lights flashing it is safe to proceed down the street.

c) Parent Advisory Council goals for the current school year:

Larissa Koshel- How can we work with the school to help kids be able to meet new friends, have playdates after school, have parents get to know each other, pass on contact information if parents so wish etc.

We have looked at some of these options with Mr. Hanke and Mr. Freeman before. Ideas about a grade phone book or something for the planners.

d) Elections:

President: Leslie Dyke

Vice President: Larissa Koshel

Secretary: Leah Sumner

Treasurer: Darcy Woods

Fundraising: Erin Warwaruk

- Next meeting date: November 21, 2017 at 7 pm in the HMK staff room.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm