

School Council Annual General Meeting
January 20, 2021 7:00pm (Google Meet)
Minutes

1. Call meeting to order 7:02pm
2. Acceptance of Agenda. JB motioned agenda be accepted with addition of school photographer discussion, LC seconded. All in favor.
3. Introduction and Welcome of New Faces- None
Attendance: Jennifer Bahler, Lindsay Clark, Fei San Thompson, Jennifer Creasey, Kerri Orriss, Laura Lauder, Tracey Lynn, Don Rattray, Alexis Tucker, Heather Houston-Painchaud, Brenda Blagborne, Krista Stannard, Joanne Knispel-Matejka, Nadege Bougueng
4. Acceptance of Minutes from November 18th, 2020 School Council Meeting – KO motions to accept, JB seconds. All in favor.
5. Ideas for Learning Presentations –
 - Exploratories – how are they being run? Bring in a teacher for next meeting?
 - Wellness worker (Kathryn Gordon) – regarding how Fox Run is addressing mental health in regards to COVID
 - Mike or Darcy from HJ Cody - regarding transition time
 - Krista Carlson (FCSS Youth Services) – regarding mental health
 - -Kadyn Schmidtke - SL Mentors, Ment to Matter program
 - Cst Tania Donaldson again if there are any topics parents want to address
 - Joint school council meeting with all schools
6. Board Highlights –Trustee Joanne Knispel-Matejka – Updates are available online.
 - Moving career high into HJ Cody (will still function separate but will be held in the high school due to funding cuts)
 - Virtual school meeting were today
 - Looking into the mental health of teachers & students. There will be a new project where they can participate in a mental health initiative.
7. Whole School Steffie – Can something be done virtually?
 - Steffie decided that this wasn't the best use of funds this year. Feedback from parents seems to be that this is just another thing added to their plate this year. Steffie will purchase books in case restrictions lift & if they don't, the books will be used for next year.
8. Administration Report - Mr. Don Rattray & Mrs. Tracey Lynn –
 - Online November 30th:
 - more positive communication
 - more structure
 - most everyone liked the structure better
 - everyone so happy to be back
 - attendance was amazing, most classes had 100% attendance
 - Transitioned back January 11th:
 - teachers were thrilled to have students back
 - still following health protocols (hand washing, sanitizing, distancing)
 - Cohorts are still in place
 - lunch is the only time students can visit others outside of cohorts

-breaks are still staggered as are entry & dismissal

Exploratories - keep in place, planning with their homeroom

-hoping Term 3 will be back to how we started the year & adding in band

Extracurriculars – 1st Lunch Leaders meeting Tuesday @ 4pm virtually

-Literacy Day is next Wednesday, Spirit Day, Pink Shirt Day, February is kindness month – some activities are planned, videos & cards for Seniors, contests

-Badminton – been a huge hit, kids are loving it

-After school sports – waiting to see what government says, will meet again at the end of January to discuss. Will skip basketball for now, stick with badminton & come back to basketball later

-Character Development – Sparc Hope for Grade 8 is cancelled

-Heroes & Community Helpers is on hold, will see what announcement says tomorrow.

Transition – Grade 8 – starting to discuss what farewell will look like

-Traditional plans to work with HJ won't work. February 24th meeting with HJ to see what transition this year will look like.

9. School Photographer – all Sylvan schools in contract with current photographer but contract will soon be up. Not everyone has been happy with current photographer; Jenn will reach out to other school in regards to switching photographers.

10. Correspondence Received – None

11. Next Meeting –February 24, 2021 @ 7pm (Google Meet)

12. Adjournment – 7:45pm