

Community Schools Association (CSA)

Agenda

Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Time: 6:30 pm- 7:30 pm

Attendees: Brina Andrade, Melissa Brandt, Aderonke Bakare, Tracey Courchene, Marjorie Millman, Luke Klassen

Regrets: Marcela Popowich, Amanda Cowan

- i. **Welcome and Call to Order – Brina Andrade**
 - a. Call to Order at 6:32 pm

- ii. **Approval of the minutes from the last meeting – January 2021**
 - a. Motion to approve – Brina, second: Melissa
 - b. Motion passed

- iii. **Old Business**
 - Did we get the lunch program loan?
 - After digging deeper into the fine print it was decided against getting the loan as we would have to pay back the full amount

- iv. **Principals' Report – Marjorie Millman**
 - Current enrollment – approximately 620 students: interesting fact – we've had approximately 40 new students register with us since October. We have also had 64 + 10 students return to in-person learning from remote learning. This has meant more tweaking and moving and schedule changes.
 - February is I Love to Read Month. We have all kinds of activities to support reading planned for this month. Everyone should have received information home about our planned activities. We try and send things by email as we know that not everything always makes its way home.
 - February is also Festival du Voyageur. While we cannot do our usual whole school pancake breakfast and whole school activities, our French Immersion team will still be doing Festival activities to celebrate this week and La Francophonie. Some English classroom teachers are also getting in the spirit. We left it up to English teachers to decide as it is also I Love to Read and our plates are full!

- Our SRO (school resource officer), Constable Dale McDonald will be spending the day at our school on February 24th reading to 8 lucky classrooms who won a draw to have her come and read to them. Jamie, Luke, and I have also been invited to come into classrooms and into remote learning classes to read to students this month.
- Ms. Vicky Klassen, our library technician, took a position at Springfield Heights School. We will have a new library technician starting with us at the end of February.
- We have incorporated grade level cohort clubs for every grade level in our school. Students have the option at lunch time once a cycle to get active with a supervising teacher. We continue to try and find ways to support our students' mental and emotional well-being by adding some fun and joy into their lives.
- Friday, February 19th will also be the last day for our half time clerk Mrs. Carly Hiebert. She has accepted a full-time position at John W. Gunn Middle School. We are in the process of interviewing and hiring for the position right now.
- A reminder that the 1st Monday in March at 8:00 a.m. is registration day in the RETSD. Because of Covid, registration will have to look different this year. We will be sending out information regarding our registration process next week. At this point, almost all of the classes at ESMP are full to the limit for next year, so I will not be accepting a lot of, if any, schools of choice.
- We will not be hosting any Kindergarten or Grade 6 open houses due to Covid. Our staff is currently working on a Kindergarten and Grade 6 information video to send home to parents.
- As we move to March, we want to share that our Parent Conferences will look the same as they did in December. They will be done on TEAMS as we will not be allowed to have families into the school.
- Finally, with the new Covid variant that has been found in many countries including Canada, I want to assure you that we are still being as diligent as we can to ensure that our students are maintaining social distancing and practicing good hand hygiene. With the return of many remote learners to in-person learning, we are no longer able to accommodate 2 metre distancing in all of our classrooms. Some of our students are now at 1.6 which is still considered acceptable by provincial regulations. If all of our students come back from remote learning after spring break, we will have to reconfigure the school again as 1.6 is the limit. Fingers crossed that it doesn't come to this, but if it does, rest assured that we have a plan in place.
- **COMMITTEES:**
 - ESMP has 5 school committees: Literacy, Numeracy, Indigenous Academic Achievement, Technology, and Safe Schools. Our committees continue to work on school goals.
 - Every classroom teacher will be incorporating an inquiry project into their teaching in the third term. Teaching teams spent February 5th planning and preparing together.
 - The entire staff worked with Elder Norman Meade on the Circle of Courage and with a divisional consultant on numeracy on February 8th.
- **Financial Requests:**
 - No requests at this time

v. Lunch Program Report – Tracey Courchene

- Last month in January I reported that we had 235 students staying over the lunch hour and now we have 285 students staying. This increase is due to the return of the remote learners and all the new students to our school.
- There has been no change in staffing.
- Tax receipt request forms were sent home with students as well as an email to ensure that the parents of remote learners were notified. I am in the process of writing them out and hope to have them sent home by the end of this week.
- We did qualify for the CEBA loan but after looking into it we realized that it would not benefit the lunch program. The loan would need to be repaid plus 5% interest seeing that we are a non for profit. We have qualified for the CEWS and have received a check for the month of September in the amount of \$2339.08. We have since applied for the month of October, November and December. The check for October is already in the mail.
- Financially we are still functioning on a month-to-month basis but if we continue to receive the wage subsidy then we should be able to build up the account to have our hold back in place once again.
- Thank you to Biatta (sp?) for her hard work and research in finding a wage subsidy that will support the lunch program

vi. Treasurer’s Report – Marjorie Millman /Luke Klassen

\$2231.67 – opening balance
Minus \$500.00 – pay for playground plan 1731.67
 \$129 – treats for Halloween
 \$200 – winter treats
 \$50 – retiree for lunch program
 \$652 – maker space promised
\$733.15 REMAINS

vii. New Business

- No new business

viii. Adjournment – Brina Andrade

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