

Community Schools Association (CSA)

Agenda

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Time: 6:30 pm- 7:30 pm

Attendees: Marcela Popowich, Melissa Brandt, Tracey Courchene, Marjorie Millman, Luke Klassen, Monica Padilla, Imisioluwa Bakare

Regrets: Brina Andrade

- i. Welcome and Call to Order – Marjorie Millman**
 - a. Call to Order at 6:35 pm

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

- iii. Old Business**
 - None

- iv. Principals' Report – Marjorie Millman**
 - Current enrollment – approximately 628 students: We have 89 students who are still remote learning with 12 students returning after spring break.
 - We completed I Love to Read Month with weekly themes, guest readers, and fun activities to promote reading for all of our students.
 - Our focus continues to be kindness. We celebrated Pink Day by creating a pink kindness tree where students had the opportunity to share kind wishes for others on hearts that became the leaves of the tree. We are continuing this theme this month and encouraging all of our students to do something kind for each other.
 - The first Monday in March was the start of kindergarten registration. If you or someone you know has a child who was born in 2016 who lives in the ESMP catchment, please encourage them to register soon. They can call the school to make an appointment to register.
 - We have a lot of people who would like to make ESMP their new school. However, we are full to the brim!
 - Welcome to Ms. C. Sabel who joined the ESMP team as our new library technician.
 - Welcome to Ms. K. Verdon who joined the ESMP team as our half time clerk in the mornings.
 - As many of you may have heard, the Manitoba Education Review was released on March 15th. There will be a lot of changes. We encourage parents to inform yourselves about the

changes to education and how this may impact your child. Here is a link to the Government site where information is found: <https://www.bettereducationmb.ca/>

- With the new Covid-19 variants now in Manitoba, we encourage parents to learn more about what to do if you contract Covid-19 or if you are close contact to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 as the process has changed. Here is a link to learn more: Province of Manitoba | COVID-19 (gov.mb.ca)
- Report cards will be released on Monday, March 22nd. Booking for parent conferences opens on March 17th at 6:00 a.m. Conferences will be on TEAMS and 10 minutes in length. They will take place on the evening of March 25th and the morning of March 26th.

COMMITTEES:

- ESMP has 5 school committees: Literacy, Numeracy, Indigenous Academic Achievement, Technology, and Safe Schools. Our committees continue to work on school goals.
 - At ESMP, despite the pandemic and all that it has added to our plates, all staff are still committed to lifelong learning. Therefore, we engage regularly in professional learning and professional discussions to support our teaching practice in the classroom. The more we learn, the better your children learn!
 - The IAA committee is hosting professional learning for all staff on the Circle of Courage on March 19th with the support of our divisional IAA consultant.
 - The Numeracy committee will be continuing our work on math conversations with the support of our curriculum divisional consultant.
 - Early Years and Middle Years classroom teachers are taking part in one of three Professional Learning Communities – Reading and Writing, Inquiry, and English as an Additional Language. We are looking at ways in which to support learners in these areas and using these strategies.
- Financial Requests:
 - No requests currently

Motion to pass: Melissa Second: Marcela

v. **Lunch Program Report – Tracey Courchene**

- We have roughly 305 students staying over the lunch hour now. This is a very big increase from last month where we had 285 students using the lunch program. Six of these students are new to the school in the last couple of weeks.
- There is no change in staffing since February.
- Tax receipts have been issued and sent home to parents that requested one.
- The books are ready for pick up from Curries accounting. The cost is \$380.80
- Unfortunately, we haven't received another wage subsidy check from Revenue Canada but it should be coming in soon.
- Financially things have not changed. We continue to function on a month-to-month basis, without a hold back. We are however still able to pay our expenses and supervisors.

Motion to pass: Melissa

Second: Marcela

vi. Treasurer's Report –Luke Klassen

\$1403.01 – opening balance

Minus \$ 50.00 – retiree for lunch program (Marjorie to purchase/Marcela to buy card)

\$619.52 – maker space promised

\$733.49 REMAINS

vii. New Business

- Questions about the new education reform
- Playground initiative – the group will be presenting to CSA. Massive project that costs + \$300000
- Heard that administration will be moved out of union? Parents voiced their concerns around this issue, could have a negative impact on the day-to-day between teachers and administration and parents and administration.

viii. Adjournment – Marjorie Millman

- a. 7:15 pm