

School Council Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2022

Present: Mr. Geoffrey Bishop (Principal), Tunde Sofoluwe (Chair), Elizabeth Benner (Vice-chair), Christine Gogolinski, Reina VanGenderen, Laura Blake, Tina Briere, Lacey Miller, Mr. Frances Achus-Got, David Oger

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Motion to Approve the October Minutes: Christine Gogolinski, seconded by Laura Blake. Motion carried.

Discussion: Moving forward, the agenda will be posted to social media and/or otherwise distributed to the school community prior to the meetings.

Principal Update:

- Mr. Bishop, Miss Lemon, Mrs. Freake, Mrs. Hiltz, and Mr. VandenPol attended the PCCE Conference in Calgary. This was funded by the School Society.
- Mr. Bishop attended the TFT (Teaching For Transformation) 101 presentation and worked on his 'Deep Hope' statement for the school.
- Each of our teachers have a 'Deep Hope' for their classrooms, as part of the TFT curriculum
- Take Your Kid to Work Day: all of our grade 9 students participated by going to work with either a parent or other supervising adult, as well Mr. Bishop's children came to our school with him for the day
- Mrs. Huygen has been approved by the FMPSD to a full 1.0 teaching position (previously 0.8) which will allow her to provide help with Division 1 "pull outs" and giving individualized instruction to students. This relieves Mr. Bishop to do more principal duties and less teaching. This increase is paid for by the school Division.
- We had Parent Teacher Interviews. Positive feedback on the gym setup. Next PTI will include students and give them an opportunity to show parents some of their work in the classroom.
- 3 Board of Trustee members from the Division visited the school. They spoke with the Grade 5 class. Some of the plans for their visit had to be revised due to teacher illness/absence, however the feedback from the Trustees regarding our school and students was positive.
- Junior High Volleyball teams both won gold and wore their medals to school for a championship lap down the school hallways while the teachers and students congratulated them on their achievements.
- Corporal Jonathon Gillies attended our Remembrance Day Assembly and spoke to our students

- We have a Salvation Army Angel Tree in the school office
- SEE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR ALL THE UPDATES AND PICS OF SCHOOL HAPPENINGS
- “Our School Survey” was completed by grades 4 to 9 students. Anonymous data will be formulated and shared at the next School Council meeting
- Christmas concert will be held at Family Christian Centre on December 20th @ 6:00 pm. Looking for volunteers to keep things running smoothly. (Laura Blake will create a sign up genius for this). Sound person volunteer needed. (Christine Gogolinski has suggestions and will ask a few people for their help). Students should be at the church for 5:00

Christine Gogolinski (Fundraising/Public Relations person from society) shared:

- Christmas at the Cabin will be at the Doug Barnes Cabin in thickwood. This will be a fundraising event as well as provide us with public relations opportunity. There will be a market, bake sale, live music. See ad on our facebook group and page. Junior High students have been busy baking cookies for the sale.

Networks Update: (Elizabeth Benner):

- Elizabeth and Mr. Bishop attended the Joint Networks meeting at the Division office. This occurs a few times a year and includes principals, trustees, upper administration and school council members.

- The role of the Trustees was discussed, they said they are open to invitations to attend school council meetings.

- Current curriculum Pilot program is in Grade 6 for sciences.

- Learn Alberta website is a student learning hub with useful tools to assist with the new school curriculum currently being implemented in K-3 (Phase 1). Phase 2 will include Grades 4-6 next year.

Principals Report (cont’d):

- Alberta Education Assurance Measures Results Report: our results were above the provincial average, as with anything there is room for improvement, and this is one of the tools that helps us see where improvements can/should be made.

- **REMINDER:** PARTICIPATION IN THESE SURVEYS IS IMPORTANT AS IT IS PART OF WHAT WILL INITIATE CHANGE AND INFLUENCE CHOICES AT THE SCHOOL

Discussion/Future Business:

- Elizabeth Benner asks about a welcome package – does the school have one for new students/families? This is a project she would be interested in helping with.

- Next meeting: Welcome packages, New family orientation.

Future School Council Meeting Dates:

December 13th, January 17th, February 21st, March 21st, April 18th, May 16th, June 6th.

Motion to Adjourn: Tunde Sofoluwe, seconded by Reina VanGenderen.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 pm.