

**Date:** Tuesday June 6th

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Location:** Fort McMurray Christian School

**Present:** Geoff, Tunde, Christine, Elizabeth, Colleen

**Regrets:**

**Chair:** Tunde Oladipo

**Vice-Chair:** Elizabeth Benner

**Secretary:** Colleen Dorchak

**1. Welcome and Call to Order - 7:05pm**

**2. Opening Prayer - Tunde**

**3. Additions to and Approve Agenda**

a. **Addition:** Principal Report

Motion to Approve with addition by Christine

Seconded: Elizabeth

Result: Passed

**4. Review and Approval of [Minutes from May 17, 2023](#)**

Motion by: Christine

Seconded by: Colleen

Result: Passed

**5. Addition: Principal Report**

- a. Education plan is available for next year
- b. Focus is Numeracy and Literacy - real needed in Div 1 as ECDP to Gr3 students are most at risk.
- c. TfT is not officially a goal for the school - hard to get tangible data from this to see how we do in terms of goals. Working on figuring out how assess this.  
Some ways that this can be assessed in the future:
  - i. PCCE review was good and had some positive feedback so far
  - ii. Kids feel like they can flourish and are safe in the school.

Question: was is the benefit of removing it? Answer: Geoff has to have 2 goals, and doesn't feel that the christian education aspect needs improving. 1 academic and 1 other - geoff chose to do 2 academic.

- d. 223 confirmed for next year (84%). 265 based on people who haven't registered yet but have verbally said they would. 8-10 more kids will get us a 3rd ECDP/KG class. 23.5 for age group, sitting at 61 ECDP(20) and KG(41).
- e. 4.5 EAs are coming back. Hoping for one more 0.5 EA.
- f. As of right now only grade 4 temp position is left to hire. Gayle Neil has been hired for the Grade 6 position, Jonathan Macintosh has been hired for Junior High Math, Science and FNMI, Kim Huygen has been hired for Junior High LA and Social.

- g. Really important to fill out the graphics. Christine - Last year we had lots of graphics on social media can we keep putting those up again for this year.
- h. Christine comment - lots of people asking about pride week/month. Asking what the school is doing for it. Lots of people waiting to see if we are doing anything before enrolling.  
Geoff - had a meeting with other PCCE principals. There is a lot of pressure in other public districts on christian schools to do something for Pride week. We are lucky in that they are not forcing us to do anything outside of our comfort zone/curriculum. Based on conversations you never know if any parents/students will take things into their own hands and try and do something, this year we are okay, but its something we should talking about and potentially have something to do as an example of God's love to the community (conversations for next year). Knowing there are kids in the school that are struggling with these things, maybe we can look at being able to show them love and support.  
Christine idea - have a talent show, to show everyone's identity. Geoff - student council is trying to spear head something like this soon. Parents invited? Maybe, tentative June 21st, grade 3 to 9.

## **6. Actions from Previous Meeting:**

- a. Colleen will put a framework together to finalize at the June meeting. **Done**
- b. Tunde with Colleen's help will attempt to get something put together to review at the June meeting. **Has not been complete yet. Will work on it in the next couple of weeks.**
- c. Christine will get more details and let us know at the next meeting. **Done**

## **7. Review End of Year Report - Tabled until September meeting.**

## **8. Review School Council Plan for 2023-2024 school year**

Colleen went over plan that was sent out.

Comments:

- a. Would like to include the list of ASCA workshops add to plan for the year. Could potentially do 3 next year. What else can the money be spent on? Believe its PD for school council.
- b. Let's try and ensure that people know what is going to happen at the first meeting. Let people know that the first meeting is where the chair etc is decided.
- c. Maybe council can become more of a working group of people.
- d. Encourage parents to come with ideas, community building.
- e. Money for ASCA workshop idea maybe instead of workshops we can put some of that money towards volunteer appreciation? Answer: They are pretty firm with the money in the budget. But it could potentially work it out. They don't want it spent on teachers and staff too much.
- f. Working meetings - have ideas ready, but also leave room for some to come up.

- i. Discussion about the music room. There is funding we can draw from to make it more of a studio/theatre set up. Set up a space for kids to be able to create. JH workshop spot.
- ii. Can we use these working sessions as volunteer hours for companies. Would be beneficial if we can set up volunteers during school hours.
- iii. Look into Suncares and creating opportunities to 'sign up' for - Tunde will look into if this is something that they can do.
- g. Encouraging student voice in the school council and tying in with the student council.
- h. Media liaison - add as a role.

Geoff question: are we okay with where ServeYMM was in the year (May)? This is hard to try and nail down a time. Don't know when would be a better time. End of April might be too early with the whether. Maybe do the first week of May or last week of April. Maybe early June? Tie it in to Pride month? End of April might tie in with the spring food drive. Spring Break might be the date for the field trip. Dominican and YWAM. Geoff is meeting with more people about this. Lots of options talked about.

## **9. Natural Learning Space**

- a. Christine - this is something that has been shared with Timberlea and our school, and was started last year. Shifted around who has been involved in it from our school. Right now they are looking at sharing the \$10k design fee. From there we would get designs, and the projects would be mostly covered by grants etc. Our school would need to cover \$5k, Geoff has \$2.5K from the school maintenance budget. We could use \$2.5k from fundraising. We need a yes or no.
  - i. Questions/Comments:
    1. When would this start, do we need someone who is willing to work on this during the summer? - weeks to months (soon), unsure exactly the commitment and whether it would happen in the summer or not.
    2. Who is apart of this? - Geoff, Ronald and Christine currently. Would look at including Heather Joy as well.
    3. Where does the rest of the money come for to build the design - all covered by grants.
    4. What exactly is the \$10k for? - This would be money for multiple design options of potential ideas. We pick the ones we prefer.
    5. How much is currently in the fundraising pot? - around \$11k, there is inline skating that needs to come from there and field trips coming out of there.
    6. Is there an amount we should say we are willing to spend? Something around the words of up to \$2500 from society fundraising.

7. This is a big amount and we are not sure if its something that the school wants to support with a big price tag.
  8. Concerns around getting designs that can be used year round.  
Response: They had some different examples from Edmonton and other northern spaces, so they are definitely taking this into consideration.
  9. What if we don't like the designs? We could potentially tweak the designs slightly, but if we wanted them changed a lot we would have to provide more design money.
  10. What if we say no, would Timberlea build it anyway? - Probably but it wouldn't be great for our relationship with Timberlea if we chose not to give financially but then use the equipment.
- b. Motion by Colleen to approve spending around \$2500 towards the natural learning space design.
  - c. Seconded by Tunde
  - d. Result passed.

#### **10. Call to Adjourn**

- a. Motion to Adjourn by Christine.
- b. Seconded: Colleen
- c. Passed.

#### **Future Projects/Ways to be involved:**

- Community Building (Welcoming Committee, Classroom Reps)
- School Ambassador Program

#### **Tabled Until Next Meeting**