

## **School Council Meeting - May 5, 2020**

**Attendance:** Cathy Giesbrecht, Monique Aultman, Stacey Jost, Suzanne Morton, Greg Schell (Trustee), Jaden Babiuk, Lisa Babiuk, Helen Jamieson, Shana Fairbank, Connie Wiwchar, Lori Beerwart, Gillian Brinston-Kurschat, Anita Rivero

1. Call to order - 6:35PM

2. Acknowledgement and Prayer - Monique Aultman

a. ESSMY acknowledges that it is gathering on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6 and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. Thank you Creator.

3. Review of Agenda - Reviewed, no one objected.

4. Approval of the Minutes, as presented (OR as amended) - Motion to approved - Lisa Babiuk, Seconded - Shana Fairbank, all approved.

5. Chairperson Report - Suzanne Morton filling in for Michelle McKay  
Nothing to report at this time

6. Student Representative Report - Jaden Babiuk

Instagram account - @leapordunion  
Foodbank initiative - raised \$100.00 - email Mme. Sherbank for more info  
Babs blabs podcast

7. Trustee Report - Greg Schell

- Holding trustee meetings on-line
- Search for superintendent has commenced
- Provincial government has stated students are not returning to school for the remainder of the school year
- Trying to get a budget update, no news from the government
- Looking into transportation fees and credits
- Unsure about September start date. Once info has been received, this will be shared with parents.

8. Administrator Report - Cathy Giesbrecht

- a. Presentation of Yearly Revision of ESSMY Code of Conduct in a Safe and Caring school
  - Essmy Code of Conduct reviewed annually
    1. Expectations of students
    2. Handbook represents school practice, declaration, safe and caring environment, attendance, general expectations of students, staff and parents. Values and participation of students, staff and parents.
  - Draft - have only one handbook for students, parents and staff which reflects the values and beliefs of each member
- b. Update of ESSMY Handbook
  - New education act will be reflected
  - Rest of Handbook will be updated
  - Jr. high expectations will be revamped for the coming school year
  - Staff have already provided feedback, parents can now give feedback.
  - Once the handbook is completed, it will be dated and posted online.
- c. Collection of School Class Configuration and Preparation for 2020-2021
  - Request for Class configuration for grades 8 and 9's was emailed to families. Deadline to respond is this Friday, May 8, 2020

9. Unfinished/Business Arising

Questionnaire for online learning was posted for parents. Concerns were answered by staff, identified students who were struggling. Still needing to address a few items, the calendar was cleaned up.

Required vs optional online meeting:

1 required meeting per week - mandatory to attend - teacher is either teaching or reviewing the subject.

1 optional meeting per week - not mandatory, for students requiring assistance  
Mme. Giesbrecht, Mme. Aultman and Mme. B.K are reaching out to those families where students have not been online.

Staffing - Mme. Saaid was laid off in April. Thank you Mme Saaid for all that you have done for the students.

Deploying students to other teachers for help.

Mme. B.K. accepted a VP position at Vital Grandin school for the next school year - Congratulations and thank you for everything you have done.

Registration is going well. #'s are solid and we are getting excited for the next school year.

ESSMY was lucky to have had the opportunity to have our Open House prior to COVID, as a few schools were unable to do so.

School fees - we will be working to issue refunds for families.

Refunds may not look the same for different grades. Some money was already spent over the course of the school year.

Grade 12 grad - Mme Giesbrecht met with parents on line to discuss the 9 graduates and to get a sense of what they would like to do. The students would like to postpone the celebration to another time when it is safe to do so.

Grade 12 is the most pressing issue, but we would also like to recognize the grade 9's, 10's and 11's as they will also be leaving ESSMY.

Suzanne Morton and her team have distributed 1140 bags in the city of St. Albert to healthcare workers. If bags come in, they will get distributed.

10.Next Meeting: June 2, 2020 online at 6:30PM

11.Adjourn - 7:12PM