

School Council Meeting - April 7, 2020

Attendance: Stacey Jost, Suzanne Morton, Greg Schnell (Trustee), Cathy Giesbrecht, Monique Aultman, Amelie Schoenberger, Jaden Babiuk, Helen Jamieson, Shana Fairbank, Mary Addison, Sarah Inglis, Brad Babiuk, Taylor Daum, Anita Rivero

1. Call to order - 6:38PM
2. Acknowledgement and Prayer - Monique Aultman (Prayer from Brother Richard Hendrick)
 - 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) - Reviewed - no one objected or amended. No one approved, moved on.
5. Chairperson Report - Suzanne Morton filling in for Michelle McKay
Nothing to report at this time
6. Student Representative Report - Jayden Babiuk, Amelie Schoenberger
At this point we have nothing planned, but we are thinking about delivering something online.
7. Trustee Report - Greg Schnell
 - a) A certification of recognition for the school year of 2018/2019 given to ESSMY. Recognizing teachers, administration and staff at ESSMY for high achievement of citizenship. Congratulations ESSMY for record of success.
 - b) COVID-19 - Great job to teachers and support staff for being very quick in home learning transition
 - c) Aftermath of COVID-19 - fiscal side pertaining to Alberta Education - will be in huge deficit. This dept was not planned for. Will have a long recovery.
 - d) Superintendent David Keohane is retiring at the end of this school year. Looking for a top notch superintendent for GSACRD.

- e) Question from Shana- financial utilization rate of ESSMY after all of the changes
 - i) Greg - looking at enrollments. Open houses has taken a back seat to physical distancing
 - ii) Cathy - Enrollment will not change drastically for 2020/2021 year.
Utilization is quite low - 50%-60% utilization, this number will not go down.

8. Administrator Report - Cathy Geisbrecht

Thank you Suzanne for agreeing to run online meeting

It is important to continue with school council

Welcome to everyone, especially welcome to the new faces, nice to see new people, hope you will join us at our other school council meetings.

Heartfelt thank you to the staff. You are all pushing beyond your comfort zone and are doing a great job!!!

We are touched by the positive feedback from the parents. Thank you for all the accolades.

We will be asking for formal feedback from parents - what can be improved, what are we doing well. If kids are struggling, we would like to know so that we can help them.

We miss the kids and our colleagues. The school is big and lonely! We are looking forward to getting back together.

Registration is going well. Numbers are stable at around the 300 mark, with about 100 kids in every grade.

Scheduling will change for the 2020/2021 year - going to a trimester system instead of a semester system. There will be three report cards; Nov, Mar, and June

Kids will have more option opportunities as they will be picking 2 options per semester, (Total of 6 per year) unless they are in band, musical theatre or sports academy.

a. Presentation of 2020-21 Proposed School Fees

We are real careful of what we charge and we don't charge for anything that is not needed.

Not proposing any changes in fees.

School council fee	\$16.00
Cultural performance &/or special events	\$32.00
Technology fee	\$30.00
Health Symposium fee	\$20.00
Locker rental fee	\$1.00
(cleaning of locker)	
Lunch hour supervision	\$11.00
(Taken a loss every year, won't go up, but may go down)	
Special event fee (Grade level retreats)	<u>\$10.00</u>
 Total	 \$120.00

Special Group Activity Fees (clothing - charged separately)

Grade 9 (only) Farewell celebration	\$10.00
Volleyball Jr B Team	\$75.00
Volleyball Jr A Team	\$175.00
Basketball Jr B Team	\$100.00
Basketball Jr A Team	\$210.00
Badminton - all players	\$27.00
(These are maximums, we did not charge this much this school year).	
Year book	\$40.00
Option fees:	
Art	\$20.00
Home Economics	\$20.00
Fit 4 Life	\$25.00
Music	\$125.00
Industrial Arts	\$50.00
Outdoor education	\$50.00
Robotics	\$20.00
Multimedia	\$20.00
Musical Theatre	\$30.00
Sports Medicine	\$20.00
Unesco	\$20.00
Leadership	\$20.00
Travel	\$20.00
Forensics	\$20.00

We don't ever go over the fees without permission.

Question - Suzanne - What will happen with the unspent fees from this year?

Cathy - we are in the process with the finance department to give back reimbursement. However, we have not been told that school is not going to come back this year. If school is back in June, we still need the money that was charged to families.

Lots of calculation need to be done so that every student receives the right amount back. What was already spent during the year and what needs to be refunded.

Upcoming field trips which were paid for have been refunded.

Once a decision is made that school will not be opening its doors for the remainder of the year, refunds will be given.

Report card Q3 will be on powerschool at the end of this week

Online interview process will be detailed in school newsletter this week.

9. Unfinished/ Business Arising

Plug to Monique and Home Economic kids:

Make scrub bags for the healthcare workers, cleaners, etc. The mandate for hospital workers is to not wear any of their hospital clothes home. Must bring a change of clothes. The idea of a scrub bag, is to put your dirty clothes in it to take home and through in washer to wash your hospital clothes. The scrub bag is given free of charge to any hospital worker by the person making the bag.

Suzanne will distribute bags

Cathy will put in newsletter and social media for others who can sew to make scrub bags.

10.Next Meeting: May 5, 2020 online at 6:30PM

11.Adjourn - 7:24PM