

Parent Council September 21, 2020

Attendance: Karen S, Janine P, Niki B, Tammy D, Keri M, Kim K, Phoebe J, Janelle C, Patty M, Kyla G

Call to Order: 5:32pm

Additions to agenda: Old Business- Soccer Nets.
Approved by Kim, seconded by Tammy.

Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2020 meeting. Approved by Kim, seconded by Janelle.

Old Business:

Soccer nets need to get extended so they are a proper height.

New Business:

Vote for positions:

Chair- Janelle nominates Karen S. No other nominations. Karen by acclamation.

Vice Chair- Karen nominates Phoebe. Phoebe by acclamation.

Secretary- Tammy nominates Patty. Patty by acclamation.

Room Reps: Parent Council will put a call out for Elementary and Junior High Reps

Elementary: no volunteers. Will continue to look to fill this position.

Junior High: no volunteers. Will continue to look to fill this position.

Senior High: Patty nominates Tammy. Tammy accepts.

****Recess from Parent Council meeting: 5:45pm**

Meeting to conduct elections for RW Parent Society

RWS Parent Society Nominations:

Chair- Janelle nominated Kim. Kim accepts. All in favour.

Fundraising Committee- Karen nominates Phoebe. Phoebe accepts. All in favour.

Secretary- Karen nominates Patty. Patty accepts. All in favour.

Treasurer- Karen nominates Janelle. Janelle accepts. All in favour.

****Parent Council Meeting reconvened: 5:50pm**

COVID update:

- Stay at home guide was sent home from SPS.
- Floor markings, sanitizer, cleaning aids, special solution to clean tech. Kids use hand sanitizer when they enter and leave a classroom. PE equipment also gets sanitized. 4 times a day all high contact points are cleaned. Special disinfectant spray is used at the end of the day.
- Kids came prepared with masks, and did well with all changes. Cohorting with grades 5-9 are going well, students are not mixing with other classes. High School (grade 10-12) is considered one cohort.
- Grade 5-9 closed campus, only exception is to go home (with written note from parents).
- If a student is sick, they are sent to a special room and student items are cleaned or packed up.
- Students are now able to leave some text books at the school, on shelves in the classroom, instead of bring them all back and forth from home to school. Division has decided not to use lockers.

- Masks can come off when students are facing forward in a classroom.
- Sports teams will not be starting anytime soon.

Reports:

Student council/ Leadership- Considered an extracurricular, therefore has not started.

Trustee-

- Student advisory committee for entire district again this year. Will try to continue it through a zoom meeting.
- Student numbers are down this year- some went to continuity of learning, some went through home schooling.
- We have lost many bussing students, so transportation budget is no longer balanced. All division busses are now equipped with GPS and swipe cards. An app will be available in the future to track your child's bus.
- \$262 million dollars from Federal Government was given to Alberta Government for COVID relief at schools. \$1.8 million from Federal government came to SPS. This money will help cover costs already incurring due to COVID.

Principal -

- 232 students, 42 of which are learning online- 9 from high school, rest are from grade 5-9. This number is still fluctuating. Staff from RW have been reassigned for online learning. Mrs.Dorosh is doing .75 for junior high and .25 for high school. Mr.Dorosh is teaching online science 14. No longer an 8-9 split class. Ms.Morgan is teaching some classes this semester.
- Awards- discussions being held regarding what awards night will look like. Will not be able to gather like usual. More details to follow.
- Budget- new formula. Budget has not been released yet.
- BYOD- Students are able to borrow Chromebooks, but as much as possible they are encouraged to bring their own devices. 33 new chrome books have been received for our school. Staff will decide how to distribute.
- Power Announcements are limited, and are only sent out when they are important. Parents please check dates on online school calendars.
- Alberta Government will be looking for input on priorities for an assurance plan for schools. Thought Exchange will be sent out in October to parents to gather information.
- Staffing: New staff- Mrs.Van Der Hoek teaching math high school. Many new EA's.
- Terry Fox Run- School will do one by cohorts, every class will have a different time slot and run on school grounds.

Teacher Representative-

Funding for elementary bins was never used due to covid school stoppage. Will look into it, and re ask if necessary. HYPE still in Wellness hub. Delay on garden. Food for kids in need still available, but all of it needs to be prepackaged. Wellness hub is open for lunch for high school only. Other students may drop in, but not able to stay.

During Covid virtual learning Ms.Balance helped Metis families apply for Rupertsland Institute grant - Chromebooks were applied for and received by many students. Thank you Ms.Balance!

Parent Society

1. Chair- Nothing to report
2. Treasurer- see Financial Statement
 - Kim motions to accept Year End Financial Report, Tammy seconded. All approved.

- General Account closing balance as of May 31, 2020: \$5233.84
- Casino Account closing balance: \$5,572.78 needs to be spent by May 2021. This money has been budgeted for the small buss. Ms.Morgan will look into this and report back if this money is still necessary for small bus upkeep.

3. Fundraising Committee- Will look into Fundschrift fundraiser.

Next meeting October 19 at 5:30pm

Adjourned at 6:58pm