

DDS School Council Meeting

Monday April 17th, 2023

Attendance: In person: Steph Winch, Mike Oliver(trustee), Michelle Marti, Danielle Ross, Mandy Zeinstra, Lana Grandmont, Crystal McGregor. Online: Laurell Greene, Roxane Drake.

Welcome and Call to Order @ 3:51pm

Agenda: Approved by Danielle

Previous Minutes: Approved by Mandy

Business arising from previous minutes:

- Staff lunch – May 2
 - Michelle has everything set up through Cattleman's to prepare lunch. There will need to be a budget increase due to increase costs. Mandy motioned to increase the budget to \$650, Danielle seconded, all in favour.
 - Please let Michelle know if you can help with this.
- Sound System Quote
 - Everyone agreed that the quote from Norton was way more reasonable than the other \$35,000 quote received.
 - Nortons quote included an upgraded amplifier and new microphones. The quote was \$2400. Steph motioned to spend the \$2400, Mandy seconded, all in favour.
 - The remainder of casino funds could be used up and the rest covered by funds raised at the Gala. Crystal is also going to contact Norton and ask about possibly putting down a deposit with the remaining casino funds and then paying the remainder when the new casino funds get deposited.

Principal's Report (Crystal McGregor)

- Thanks to everyone for making the Mini-Basketball tournament a success. The kids had a great time and the whole school was able to get involved.
- There are 2 PD days coming up. One is in Vulcan and will be for EA's as well. Staff can choose what things to learn about at this one. The other one is at DDS just for the teachers. The Indigenous Success Coordinator will be here to do a talk about how to teach kids to have a better understanding of the things we say to honor the indigenous culture, not just that we need to say them.
- Coming up in May there is a Blackfoot Knowledge Keeper coming to DDS. They will be teaching the kids how to use the land to create natural art.
- Setting school goals: data is being collected to determine next years school goals. They will be figuring out where there is shortcomings and where to go from there. These will be posted May 31.
- Outdoor classroom is complete for now. Next step will be tables. We could possibly use betterment funds for this or possibly a grant or donated from the Ag-Society. Crystal will look into this. The tables will cost approximately \$7000.

- There is some job postings going up for the fall. Permanent position for Kindergarten (Mrs. Grandmont is retiring after 36 years of teaching!). A temp. full time position in Grade 4 (full year). A temp. part time learning support teacher.

Trustee Report (Mike Oliver)

- Waiting for clarification in the increase in funding for EA's. Haven't see yet how much funding we are getting or when.
- 5% budget increase only ends up being about 2-2.5 due to other funding increases being taken away (covid, etc.). Mental health is a growing concern so the increase will focus on that
- Teachers salary will increase and usually Palliser also passes to increase on to EA wages, so hoping to be able to do that. Budget will be finalized May 31.
- There will be more money put into transportation but busing requirements have also been increased, for example grades K-6 are eligible for busing if they live within 1km of the school.
- Chamber of commerce has suggested inviting public out to the family dance and grand opening of the outdoor classroom.

Hot Lunch Report (Laurell Greene)

- Past and meat sauce hot lunch coming up on April 27th. It will be a smaller one as grade 5 and 6 are away for their field trip.
- For June there will just be track and field day lunch and possibly a pizza party. Laurell is going to approach 6A to see if they will sponsor this.

Treasurers Report (Mandy Zeinstra)

- Some cheques and invoices outstanding. Balance of account is approximately \$377.25. Budgeting around \$500 for Kona ice and \$50 for slurpees for pre-K.

Betterment Report (Michelle)

- No changes. Casino account sitting at \$1407.93.

New Business: NA

Around the table

- Mandy and Laurell are going to make a list of items needed in the kitchen.
- Track and field day scheduled for June 8.
- AGM coming up in May. Michelle is willing to stay if no one wants to take over but would welcome anyone who wants to. Mandy hoping to step down as treasurer so she can be around for guidance for her last year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:29. AGM scheduled for Monday May 15th at 3:45.