



MEETING MINUTES VALLEYVIEW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

SEP 29, 2020

In Attendance: Jessy, Abby A., Kristen F., Janna H., Jayme B., Caralyn G., Shauna A., Lisa A. , Sherrie Q., Kate M., Amanda B., Nicole V.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Approved by Jayme B. – Seconded by Caralyn G.

3. Principal's and Vice Principal's Report

Lisa and Kristen report a really smooth start up to the school year. A lot of preparation work prior to the start of school to was required to make sure that social distancing could be maintained. There were many protocols to follow and procedures to put in place including the creation of many schedules.

The first three weeks of school were used to train students on new procedures and get them re-familiarized with school. With a successful few weeks underway, more focus is now able to put but into how to engage in various activities. The first "Week at a Glance" went out this week and activities are starting. September 29th was the Terry Fox Run and Viper spirit day. Students raised around \$1,500 in support. On September 30th, students are encouraged to wear orange shirts. The Viper tree in the main school hallway is hoped to be decorated with orange shirts created by students. On October 1st the students will practice a fire drill in cohorts. To facilitate this, alarms will be rung in classrooms and students will go to their designated safety area.

In addition to the above mentioned activities, Science North with be providing two outdoor coding workshops to participating grades. The Northwestern Health Unit has also stenciled the pavement path at the school, which the kids are very much enjoying.

Teacher Update

Kate Mays and Janna Hall provided an update on behalf of the teachers. They note that it has been really nice to have the energy in the school and everyone together again. It has been a big relief how normal things have seemed despite new protocols and procedures put in place. The children have been very compliant with their use of face masks and requests to social distance.

4. Finance

Treasurer's update

Finances have remained untouched since March other than the additional funds deposited from our vacation draw. Budget and finance talk resume with new executive. Full budget will be outlined at upcoming October meeting.

Upcoming costs

At this time it is difficult to tell what activities will be permitted and allowed. Costs that had previously been allocated to bussing, field trips, swimming classes, etc. will likely have to be reconsidered. This council will have to decide how to allocate some of the funds from last year into this academic year. Funds should be used to support both in-person and virtual students. Parents are asked to brainstorm possible ways to utilize funds and bring back their ideas to the October meeting.

5. Current Business

➤ **Elections**

- One nomination was received for Treasurer (Jayme Blyth)
- Two nominations were received for Chair (Shauna Aubin and Dennie Courchene). Vote was held which determined that Shauna Aubin was elected to Chair and Dennie Courchene was elected for Co-Chair. Dennie was not in attendance at the meeting therefore Kristen F. will reach out to him to see if he accepts the Co-Chair position.
- No nominations were received for secretary. Amanda Brennan offered to continue in this position for the year given there was no expressed interest from anyone else.

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- Shauna Aubin (Chair)
- Dennie Courchene (Co-Chair) *Kristen to contact to see if he accepts
- Amanda Brennan (Secretary)
- Jayme Blyth (Treasurer)

➤ **Review & Approve governance by-law**

To be reviewed at the next meeting.

6. Committee Business

➤ **Vacation Draw update**

- No other vacation draw books have recently been returned. Tickets documented as lost will be posted. Draw will take place on October 9th at 12:00 noon. A letter will be sent out to parents. Local media sources were informed of the event. The draw will take place live at Valleyview with social distancing measures and visitor protocols in place. Tickets will be drawn by Barb from the travel company that the trips were arranged with. It was suggested that Vipers dress in the school colours or in travel attire in support of the draw day.
- Tickets will be pulled from the draw books by school council members on the night of Thursday October 8th, with tickets to be locked in draw drum overnight. Lisa A. will request to borrow drum from Rotary.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday October 13, 2020 – Agenda will be highly focused on budget.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm