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Valleyview School Council Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2019

Attendees: Jennifer Gray, Lisa Achilles-Belanger, Kristine Keene (Teacher rep), Janna Hall (Teacher rep), Shauna Aubin, Nicole Vingerhoeds, Jayme Blyth, Amanda Brennan, Care Greaves, Jessica Malone-Daniher, Sarah Bennett

Regrets: Abby Anderson

1. Call to Order - 6:34pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Jessy moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Care. All in favor.

3. Principal Update

KPDSB vision statement has changed “The Keewatin Patricia District School Board puts students first by creating a culture of learning”

Screening of “Kids Come First 2019” Video

Library Request – Lisa discussed 2019 Forest of Reading Program with teachers. School Council not funding the request for this program at this time given that the library budget has remained unchanged.

Hot Lunch – Hot lunch options were provided in an email so that parents do not have to open School Cash Online to see the food options. Reports from student council members indicate that School Cash Online seems to be faster and more user friendly this school year. The last day for October hot lunch orders is October 29th.

Spirit Gear – Email sent out to parents on October 8, 2019. Gear comes in two colours, golden or navy.

Action Item: Lisa and Jennifer will see if gear could be available to try on for sizing, they will also pursue a possible downtown location to try on clothing sizes.

October Events:

- October 1: Orange Shirt Day - Students cut out orange shirts and wrote a message and put it on the Valleyview tree. Each classroom teacher was expected to incorporate a teaching lesson around the day. Kindergarten “B” used this opportunity to write message about how kids should feel at school onto feathers. The examples they came up with included happy, safe, excitement, etc.
- October 7: Staff and students celebrated Cerebral Palsy awareness day by wearing green shirts.
- October 8: Junior and primary teachers worked on EQAO PLC.
- October 10: Dryden Turkey Trot – Weather being monitored, may cancel if too much rain.
- October 17: Picture Day
- October 15: Student Vote organized by Rachel Craig
- October 23 – Take Me Outside – Viper classrooms will take a learning activity outside.
- October 24: Viper Parent Information Night. Topic: Self Care Presenter: Holly Chant – Northwestern Health Unit

Parent Information Nights – Valleyview will be hosting a series of Parent Information Nights over the school year. Future topics include Screen Time and Anxiety.

School Improvement Plan (SIP) –SIP was presented by Lisa. Highlights include: creating a culture of inclusiveness, educators collaborating in learning opportunities and using data driven instruction, focus on community partnerships and Truth and Reconciliation goals (including cultural competency training, grandfather teachings and community partnerships with an elder). Messaging on the SIP will be posted to the Valleyview school webpage for the public to view.

4. Teacher Update

Terry Fox run/walk went really well with lots of participants. Over \$3,000 was raised. Cross country was successful. Hockey academy has started and 50 students are signed up and have been grouped by ability. Each student signed up gets one day on the ice per week. An email to parents of Hockey Academy students was sent out to indicate what night their child is playing.

5. Current Business

Governance By Law – Changes were made to reflect change in meeting dates (now the second Tuesday of the month) as well as the timing of the January meeting (will be held on the second Tuesday of the month). Discussion was had around considering an early September meeting date for next school year.

Motion: Motion to approve changes in Governance By Law was made by Jessy and seconded by Janna. All in Favor.

Goals for School Council

- 1) Fundraising to support the enhancement of student experience and engagement, including ground enhancement.
- 2) Family/Parent Engagement

6. Budget Outline

Field trips – School Council will contribute \$10.00/child towards field trip expenses for the academic school year. Field trip funds do not have to be used at the end of the year and can now be used by a teacher at anytime. Teachers can approach council to approve additional funds if their field trip exceeds their budget.

2019-2020 School Council Budget

School Council Budget School Cash – \$8162.88 Student Lottery Budget – \$12,337.41 Hot Lunch Line

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Hot Lunch Festival du Voyageur

Bake Sale Line

Cookbook Line

Classroom Student Line - \$3,500

Family Events Line - \$1,500

- Spring BBQ (Feast)
- Swim/Skate Night
- Viper Parent Information Nights Swimming Lesson Bussing - \$7,000

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Transportation - \$1,000

Family Events Line - \$2,000

- Mount Evergreen

Student Activity Line - \$2337.41

- Uniforms
- Clubs
- Library
- Grounds Enhancement
- Fieldtrip Other
- Truth and Reconciliation
- Lottery Licence Fees

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It was discussed that an update from Debbie at each meeting to see where the budget is at would be helpful.

School Uniforms – Different options for school uniforms were discussed. **Action item:** Jennifer and Lisa to investigate uniform costs.

7. Committee Business

➤ Fundraising

Valleyview Community Cookbook – Approximately 70 submissions were received for the Valleyview Community Cookbook. Contact has been made with Kenora born Mike Green (Master Chef Canada) who will be providing his Master Chef Canada recipe for the cookbook. A discussion was had around collecting artwork for the cookbook and it was decided that a class submission was the preference – Kristine and

Janna will talk to staff about submitting artwork on behalf of each class. The theme for the artwork is to be centered on "Growing Together". The cover of the cookbook could include the new Valleyview logo and crest, with a possible picture of the school.

Craft and Bake Sale – 17 tables are currently booked for the Craft and Bake sale taking place on December 7, 2019. If more requests for tables come in there is the option to open up classroom #4 and have tables set up in that location in addition to the gymnasium.

➤ **Engagement & Involvement Activities**

Parade Float Committee – Valleyview will be making a parade for the November 30th Santa Claus Parade. The theme is "Old Time Christmas". Those interested on forming a committee to participate in design, setup, and takedown of the float can contact Shauna Aubin.

8. **Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday November 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

9. **Adjournment:** Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm