

Blueberry School Council Meeting
February 24th, 2020

Malinda Ferris, Chair, called meeting to order at 1:32pm

In Attendance: Malinda Ferris, Jen Richens, Chelsey Litzenberger, Carmen Weber, Heather Sandboe, Suzanna Fellows, Patrician Whalen, Heather Bader Kopp, Trina Trimble, Sally Kucher-Johnson, Sheryl Bridgeman, Michelle Vischer

Agenda approved by Heather Sandboe, seconded by Carmen Weber

January minutes adopted by Suzanne Fellows, seconded by Trina Trimble

Committee Reports:

Chairperson Report – Malinda Ferris

- Condition of BBQ's
 - Carmen hasn't had a chance to look yet. She will look at them prior to the next meeting. Sheryl gave Carmen info on new ones should we need them

Vice Chair Report – Jen Richens

- Staff Appreciation Luncheon Update – March 30, 2020
 - Donations are down a bit from last year
 - We have a few big prizes that have been donated
 - We will get \$400 from the school (spend and submit receipts to Wendy). We cannot ask the Fundraising Committee for money
 - Some options for food that were explored are: Bings will cater for 50 people for \$500 or just rice for \$80. Jack's Drive-In is donating corn fritters. Freson Brothers will give us 15% off
 - It was decided that we are going to ask for the food to be donated. A menu will be planned and a form will be sent out with students to take home with specific dishes requested and an indication of how many people the dish should feed.
 - We are unable to specifically ask for cash donations but can accept them if they're offered.
 - As March 30th is a non-instructional day, the custodians will be at the school to accept food donations as well as to coordinate set up.

Treasurer Report – Jacklynn Cadeau (absent)

- Amount assumed the same (\$462.13), no report.

Trustee Report – Sally Kucher-Johnson

- A notice of motion was given that the Board of Trustees considers closure of Seba Beach School effective June 30,2020 and that the Board's decision on this potential closure be made at a Special Board Meeting to be held March 17, 2020. A public meeting was held at Seba

Beach School February 4, 2020. The deadline for written submissions from concerned electors is February 25, 2020. Concerned electors will have the opportunity to present their response to the Board on March 10, 2020.

- The Board received as information the Quarterly Financial Report. On November 30, 2019, revenues year to date were \$33.4M and expenditures year to date were \$33.4M resulting in a surplus of \$526. A deficit of \$3.0M is budgeted for the year ended August 31, 2020.
- The Board received as information the Division Wellness Report as presented by Wellness Coordinator, Felicia Ochs. The Parkland School Division's Wellness Initiative is focused on working collectively with staff, caregivers and community to provide programming supports and services aimed at fostering wellness in children, youth and families. The Division has embraced the concept that if students and staff are not well (physically, socially and emotionally), their ability to engage and therefore succeed in school and life will be compromised. As a result, our division ensures that we intentionally embed physical literacy, nutrition and positive social-emotional support and teaching into our learning environments.
- The board received as information the Occupational Health and Safety Report. It is our first one, so we can find any trends when it comes to Health and Safety in order to address them.
- In the upcoming months the Boards will undergo sessions with Students to receive input.
- It's survey season and Parkland School Division and Alberta Education wants to hear from all stakeholders including parents, guardians, teachers and students. All surveys are anonymous and are invaluable when it comes to informing decision-making in the Education Planning process at both the school and division level.

<https://psd70.ab.ca/view.php?action=object&id=23068&stream=Homepage%20News>

- All parents will be required to complete student registration this online process each school year. New students must register online, while returning students will receive an email or letter with further instructions on how to verify and/or update their existing information. Registration opens on February 3, 2020.

Principal Report – Sheryl Bridgeman

- A huge thank you to the Grade 6 parents who helped with the Carnival de Quebec on February 21st. It was a huge success and all of the kids had a great time. The Grade 6 students started off with a student led assembly and then organized and facilitated all Grade 1-5 kids for the carnival activities.

Discussion Items

- Suzanne Fellows – Chickakoo Run. There are many issues with doing the run at Chickakoo such as parking and the start and finish lines not being easily visible. Michelle mentioned that she believes it boils down to tradition and that this is where Blueberry has always hosted the run. Michelle said that it could be done at the school instead and that she will take it to the staff for approval.
- Carmen asked about a bursary through the school for junior high students to be used towards camps or scholarships. Sheryl will find out how much we need to top it up and report back at the next meeting
- Trina mentioned that the hotdog warmer isn't working. Carmen is waiting on pricing from Malinda for a new food warmer. Sheryl gave the ok to replace it – it's too old to repair.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:08pm

Next meeting is Tuesday March 17th @ 6:30pm (Zen Den presentation)

For people who were able to stay, Michelle presented the Google platform.