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Brookwood School Council

May 27, 2019

Meeting called to order 7:04pm

In attendance: Ashley Southworth, Angele Medeiros, Amelia Jones, Brenda Carlson, Lei Gryshik, Robin Hogg, Brandi Hoople, Michelle Tokar, Amber Ballermann, Lindsey Rion, Eric Cameron, Diane Lefebvre and Terry Caouette

Treaty 6 Acknowledgement

Welcome

Approval of agenda:

1. Lei first, Amelia seconded

Approval of previous meeting minutes:

1. Lindsey first, Lei seconded

Admin Report:

1. Admin would like to invite council members and trustee on Wednesday, June 12 at 11:30 at Something Else Restaurant.
2. Middle of ending our year with interesting and fun things as well as projecting into next year. Had stakeholders meeting where we looked at our vision and what we value. Diane and I have been looking at Thoughtstream – 138 people responded to survey. People feel very comfortable with communication and all staff. Two things that came up with parking and age of building, needing some updates.
3. Pyramid of interventions – universal supports to highlight that not just a few students are appreciating these supports but the whole class. Valuable to sit with school council to get feedback and to share. Great to have face to face conversations.
4. A lot of field trips are taking place. I.e. Swimming for all grade threes.
5. Want to thank council members for their support.
6. Backwards Day this Friday.

Trustees Report:

- The Board welcomed a presentation from two female Memorial Composite High School students on their experiences with the Elevate Aviation Airport School program they attended. It was a week-long introduction to all aspects of aviation: time at the International Airport covering things like aircraft and runway maintenance; training for cabin attendants, control tower operations and time at the Parkland Airport on basics of flying and time on the flight simulator.
- Construction update included: Copperhaven gym floor problems to be rectified and floor is to be built and ready for September; Stuart Olsen was the successful contractor for the Woodhaven modernization and work has already started on the new addition.
- 2019-2020 Budget Assumptions were discussed. Due to the new government being elected the education budget from the province, which we usually have by March each year, will not be provided until fall. Thus, we have to predict different scenarios and the resulting ramifications. We do expect some serious cuts and have to decide if we want to try to deflect some cuts with withdrawals from reserves which are quite low as is.
- Trustees delved into the Thought Exchange results (top 1000 thoughts) to see if there were any repeated thoughts that might need attention.
- Our Stakeholder Engagement Event, May 16, is a day in which School Councils representatives, members of the business community and various groups get to focus on selected topics for input and suggestions. It is an opportunity for the community to highlight their wishes and hopes for PSD.
- The Board passed a motion to adjust Trustees remuneration to make up for the one third tax exemption that the federal government removed January 1, 2019 to allow Trustees to take home the same amount they received before the change in taxation.

- Trustees and Senior administration are holding 3 community meetings on the topic of bus transportation: Spruce Grove, Stony Plain and in the west end to bring our public up to date on the state of affairs with bussing in PSD and in the province.
- The Board asked the Board chair to send letters of congratulations to our 3 MLAs who were successful in the last provincial election.
- The Board also asked the Board chair to send a letter of congratulations to the Tomahawk School Council who received an award of merit from the Alberta School Councils Association and a letter to Brenda Cryer who also received an award of merit for her individual contributions.
- Some Trustees and Senior Administration had a lunch meeting with Paul First Nation councillors and CEO to touch base with each other and discuss how we can work together to enhance school experiences for our First Nation students.

Chair Report:

1. Three elected positions that are available: Chair, Vice Chair
2. Brandi nominates Lei for Chair, Lei accepts.
3. By acclamation, Lei is elected Chair.
4. Michelle Tokar puts forth her name for Vice Chair. Ashley nominates Robin Hogg for Vice Chair.
5. Voting via secret ballots – By acclamation, Michelle Tokar is elected as Vice Chair.
6. Michelle nominated Brenda Carlson for Secretary. By acclamation, Brenda Carlson is elected Secretary.

Meeting ended 7:48pm Next Meeting Monday, September 30, 2019