

**Minutes of Battalion Park School Council Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, December 16th 2019 at 6:00pm**

In Attendance:

Holly Moir	Brent Bromley	Zeyad Al-Ssalmani	Jessica Moran
Lauren Savoie	Kristi McKinnon	Brian McKinnon	Gary Smith
Jeff Campbell	Nichola Smith	Calvonn Isuu	Rasheena Atkins
Ian Atkins	Dave Weicker	Grace Weicker	Leah Craig
Peter Karl	Barb Adams	Wendy Karl	Maria Ivanovic

1. Call to order: 6:03pm.
2. Opening Statement (Jessica Moran):
 - a. Expectation: Jessica welcomed everyone and read the Council's mission statement and the guiding principles of the council meetings.
 - b. Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves, name of their kids and their grade.
3. **Approval of Agenda of December 16th,2019:** 1st Lauren Savoie, 2nd Rasheena Atkins, all in favour.
4. **Approval of Minutes from November 20th,2019:** 1st Brian McKinnon, 2nd Brent Bromley, all in favour.
5. Grade 4 Teacher Presentations: (Mrs. Jordi Thompson, Mrs. Joanne Issler, Mrs. Jason Boothman)
 - i. The teachers gave a great overview of the different teaching techniques that includes the following:
 - i. Graphics Organizers – Using graphics to teach. It is based on asking students organize their ideas and information, graphically. Example: Planning expository writing. This helps students see connections between ideas and information.
 - ii. Social Thinking & Me – This is a teaching resource that was purchased with Casino money. The idea is to teach students to think about the people around them and then how to act. Example: expectable behaviour vs unexpected behaviour. The goal is to help students navigate social situations more easily and to resolve conflict before it escalates.
 - iii. Active and Hands-on learning / Authentic to the disciple- example: building catapults and reflection.
 - iv. Mold Garden – “What Molds the Fastest”
 - v. Varied form of assessment
 - Building a body of evidence
 - Conversation
 - Observation

· Artifacts

6. Student Council (Holly Moir)
 - a) Holly Moir welcomed everyone and gave a quick update on how students are engaging in this year's initiatives at CUPS. The students are focused on thinking of different ways to give back to the community. One of their initiatives is recycle old glasses.

7. BPSC Committee Report
 - i. Fun Lunch (Leah Craig):
 - i. Leah thanked all parents for their contribution to fun lunch as sales were as expected and things are going as expected.
 - ii. Brent also mentioned that Volunteers are needed for Fun Lunch – He encouraged parents to visit the Battalion school website or by siting signup.com and register.

Unexpected fire alarm event happened from 6:36 pm to 6:46 pm. Everyone evacuated safely. Fire department came and turned off the alarm. After investigation, it appears one of the kids unknowingly pulled the fire alarm by mistake.

 - ii. School Engagement Committee:
 - i. Season of Giving – Jessica gave a great update as the school donated 1152 items. Along that we donated 498 toys to the toy angels and 480 pieces of artwork to seniors.
 - iii. Student Engagement – Jeff shared the courses that are offered such as Home Alone and babysitting. He also mentioned that it would be great to have a volunteer to help. It is an easy entry position for a volunteer to start with. Jeff also mentioned a new initiative that the BPSC is considering to invite seniors to volunteer to read with students.

8. SHSES (Signal Hill School Enhancement Society) – (Phil Moir)
 - i. Report - More information will be on the next meeting January 22nd 2020.
 - ii. PayPal – Kristi mentioned the SHSES is looking for volunteer to be the Treasurer.

9. Executive Reports
 - i. Treasurer (Brian and Kristi McKinnon)
 - i. Financial Report – Brian welcomed the attendees and then he delivered the report. The current account balance is \$41,929.38.
 - ii. Brian also reminded all participants to submit all outstanding receipts before the end of 2019 so that they get cleared up.
 - ii. Update from the Council of School Councils:
 - i. Maria gave a high-level update on the Council of school councils meeting that occur on December 12th. The theme was around budget cuts. With \$32M budget cut, there will be administration cuts, no growth and increase of fees for transportation (Bus) for kids (\$375)
 - iii. Chair (Jessica Moran):
 - i. No updates.

- iv. Vise Chair (Brent Bromley) -
 - i. Brent mentioned the planning for skate night and game night started. It will be on Feb 6th. We will plan to have food (hotdogs and burgers) and we will have Calgary Hitman mascot "Farley the Fox".
 - ii. Brent also mentioned that Volunteers are needed for the skate night— He encouraged parents to visit the Battalion school website or by siting signup.com and register.

10. School Report (Principal Jeff Campbell, and Assistant Principal Barb Adams):
Jeff and Barb covered the following:

- i. Electronic Report Cards – (K-9)
 - a. Barb talked about why the school will be moving to have the electronic report for (K-9) students instead of printing them (twice a year). This provides a lot of benefits to the school such as:
 - i. Save time
 - ii. Save money
 - iii. Environmentally responsible
 - iv. Convenient
 - v. Central Access – PowerSchool
 - b. All Parents will have access to their kids mark online through PowerSchool. Barb will confirm if parents will have access to archive and print the report cards.

ii. Budget:

- a. Mr. Campbell talked about the current provincial budget. On Oct. 24 provincial budget left the CBE with a \$32 million shortfall. As this is a mid-year cut, the CBE must act quickly to present a balanced budget to the Board of Trustees before January 2020. Complex decisions are being made in a short time frame to balance school budgets. One of the most difficult decisions is to end 300 full-year temporary teaching contracts across the CBE. Temporary staff in many CBE schools received lay-off notices today, and the cuts will be effective January 2, 2020.

Our school budgeted very conservatively, however our cutbacks require us to find some savings. Our reduced budget will require us to adjust some staff and look for \$15,000 from school council funds to help us balance the budget.

Mr. Campbell then showed the yearly spending activities for how some of our school council money gets spent. Then he asked the audience to provide their thoughts on a paper on how best to manage these activity spending. Principal Jeff Campbell, and Assistant Principal Barb Adams will look at the inputs and make decisions about how to proceed.

11. Chair – Jessica Moran

- i. Future fundraising – Gift card

12. New Business for next agenda – Jessica

- i. Our next meeting will be on January 22nd, 2020 when grade three teachers will be presenting

ii. New business plan from the floor

13. Brain highlighted that there was \$774.56 left from last year and he wanted to move it and to be spent this year. **Motion to approval of the move:** 1st Gary Smith, 2nd Leah Craig, all in favour.
14. Maria Ivanovic made a **motion to adjourn the meeting**, Lauren Savoie seconded, all in favour. Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.