

## **Minutes of Battalion Park School Council Annual General Meeting Wednesday, January 22,2020 at 6:00pm**

In Attendance:

Holly Moir	Brent Bromley	Zeyad Al-Ssalmani	Jessica Moran
Lauren Savoie	Kristi McKinnon	Brian McKinnon	Susan Doan
Jeff Campbell	Corr Burgess	Ashli Johnson	Curtis Lesperance
Craig Gursky	Dave Weicker	Grace Weicker	Leah Craig
Kelly Van Sluys	Barb Adams	Wendy Karl	Nichola Smith
Jennifer Landels	Phil Moir	Ian Atkins	Rasheen Atkins
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1. Call to order: 6:14 pm.
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: Board Council introduced themselves, name of their kids and their grade.
3. **Approval of Agenda of January 22,2020:** 1<sup>st</sup> Holly Moir, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nichola Smith, all in favour.
4. **Approval of Minutes from December 17<sup>th</sup>,2019:** 1<sup>st</sup> Grace Weicker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian McKinnon, all in favour.
5. Grade 3 Teacher Presentations: (Mrs. Kounougeris, Mrs. Henderson, Ms. Zollner)
  - a) The teachers gave a great overview of the curriculum that includes:
    - i. Rock and minerals
    - ii. Hearing and sound
    - iii. Building with variety of materials
    - iv. Testing materials
    - v. Animal life cycle
  - b) The teachers shared the social studies plan which consisted of learning about 4 countries: India, Ukraine, Tunisia and Peru. The students learn about the heritage, food, games, quality of life, kinds of jobs, behaviours and customs of each country.
  - c) The teachers also shared how the Grade 3 curriculum tied into the school development plan consisting of:
    - i. Graphic organization – a way to teach kids how to organize their ideas and to tell a story.
    - ii. Common vocabulary and strategies for social thinking (designed to help students particularly at recess and lunch)
      - Self regulation
      - Social – Emotional Thinking
      - Social – Problem Solving
6. Student Council (Holly Moir)
  - a) Holly Moir welcomed everyone and gave a quick update on how students are giving a big thank you for the growth mindset posters created by Grace Weicker. The students are focused on thinking of different ways to give back to the community. A couple of ideas mentioned were – notes to the seniors for Valentine's day and sending notes to the Australian firefighters

7. BPSC Committee Report
  - a) Fun Lunch (Leah Craig):
    - i. Leah thanked all parents for their contribution to fun lunch, sales were as expected and things are going as projected
  - b) Student Engagement Committee – Jessica gave an update on the courses available for students to take:
    - i. Babysitting Course and Home Alone course:
      - Home Alone Course - 43 registered (registration closed) - second instructor arranged to split the class
      - Babysitting Course - 20 registered - registration closes March 18th
  
8. SHSES (Signal Hill School Enhancement Society) – (Phil Moir)
  - a) Phil gave an update on the SHES bank accounts (remaining balance of approximately \$7K)
  - b) Phil also reminded everyone that the casino night fundraises approximately \$67K for the school. Our next casino night will be between October and December, 2020.
  - c) Treasurer Position is currently open. An email went out asking parents if they could volunteer.
  
9. Executive Reports
  - a) 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.
  - b) Update from the Council of School Councils:
    - i. Next Council of School Councils February 19th - update to be given at the February 20th council meeting
  - c) Vice Chair (Brent Bromley) -
    - i. Brent mentioned the planning for the Family Shinyand Skate Night has started. It will be held on Feb 6, 2020, weather permitting. Hotdogs are planned to pre-purchase and Calgary Hitmen mascot "Farley the Fox" will be at the event
    - ii. Brent also mentioned that Volunteers are needed for the skate night– he encouraged parents to sign up on the [signup.com](#)
    - iii. Brent asked **to approve by Motion to spend \$600 for the skate night supplies**
      - 1<sup>st</sup> Leah Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup> Phil Moir, all in favour.
    - iv. Brent also asked **to approve by Motion to have two \$270 cash floats for the skate night**
      - 1<sup>st</sup> Holly Moir, 2<sup>nd</sup> Phil Moir, all in favour.
  
10. School Report (Principal Jeff Campbell, and Assistant Principal Barb Adams):
 

Jeff and Barb covered the following:

  - i. Electronic Report Cards:
    - a. Barb talked about why the school will be moving to have the electronic report for students instead of printing them.
    - b. All parents will have access to the reports cards through PowerSchool. Barb confirmed parents will be able to print the report cards (Print - Save as PDF).
  - ii. Budget:
    - a. Mr. Campbell talked about the current provincial budget. On Oct. 24 the 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. Our school budgeted very conservatively, however our cutbacks require us to find some

savings. As a result, one Education Assistant position was lost, Mrs. Munz. Also, Mr. Campbell requested \$15,000 from school council funds to balance the budget.

Mr. Campbell shared that the school decided to suspend the Artist in Residence program for this year. This will save roughly \$19,000 this year which will go towards balancing the budget. With the \$ 4,000 difference, Mr. Campbell asked the attendees to provide their thoughts on how best to manage the student's activities for the year. Principal Jeff Campbell, and Assistant Principal Barb Adams will look at the suggestions received and make decisions about how to proceed.

11. Chair – Jessica Moran

- i. Jessica has suggested in the last meeting the idea of future fundraising by having a gift card fundraiser – however after further information was received it appeared it would be labour intensive and less lucrative than originally thought
- ii. Another idea - 'cheque writing campaign' - similar to last year's staff appreciation direct donation ie: 250 families - \$50 per family donated = \$12,500
  - safer (no door to door sales)
  - less labour intensive for families and school volunteers
  - tax receipt for a minimum donation of \$25
- iii. Jessica mentioned the need of 2 Fundraiser Leads - flexible volunteer position, the work can be done from home
  - Wendy Karl and Nichola Smith stepped up to fill the positions
- iv. Classroom Top Up to benefit student learning - \$75 per Teacher (21) and Educational Assistant (3) = \$1800. The plan is to allocate this money before the Teacher Convention (February in February where there are lots of educational supplies and tools available for purchase (receipts to be submitted for reimbursement) – Jessica asked **to approve by Motion the spending of \$1800 for Classroom Top Up**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grace Weicker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kelly Van Sluys, all in favour.

12. New Business for next agenda – Jessica

- a) Our next meeting will be on February 20th, 2020 when grade two teachers will be presenting
- b) New business plan from the floor

13. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.