

ESSMY School Council Meeting Minutes – December 3rd, 2019

Attendance: Lori Beerwart, Helen Jamieson, Gen Gray, Luke Nguyen, Amélie Schoenberger, Nicole Schoenberger, Stacey Jost, Caren Heyza, Ed Beerwart, Jaden Babiuk, Marvin Babiuk, Sarah Inglis, Sabrina Lalonde, Lisa Pasichnyk, Chantal St. Jean, Michelle MacKay, Jenny Benke, Cathy Giesbrecht, Monique Aultman

1. Call to Order: 6:41PM
2. Acknowledgement of Territories: Mme Aultman

ESSMY acknowledges that it is gathering on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the homeland of the Metis Nation.

Opening Prayer: Prayer led by Mme. Aultman

3. Review of the Agenda – Michelle MacKay
4. Approval of the Minutes, as presented (OR as amended)
 - a. November 2019 – motion to approve minutes by Jenny Benke and seconded by Chantal St. Jean
5. Chairperson Report – Michelle MacKay
 - a. 2020 Meeting Schedule is as follows with additional dates in bold:

January 7th, **February 4th**, March 3rd, April 7th, **May 5th**, June 2nd

- b. Membership in Canadian Parents for French – The membership is \$60 / year and includes a 'Hello, Bonjour' presentation. We would need to find money for this.
 - c. Rules of Order were distributed to all
6. Student Representative Report – Jaden Babiuk & Amélie Schoenberger
 - a. A tonne of activities on the calendar for December; see the school website or FB page for the complete list
7. Trustee Report – Greg Schell □ absent <insert report if it was emailed>
8. Administrator Report – Cathy Giesbrecht

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Administrator's Report

1. Provincial Achievement Test + Accountability Pillar
 - a. Looking at the Accountability Pillar - we saw an area of growth in our PAT acceptable in grade 9.
 - b. We have investigated the major areas of growth required to be able to address this for this upcoming spring.
 - i. Reading for associated meaning. Teachers are finding that students are struggling with their ability to read in the various content areas is challenging. Working on reading - we know that some students still require work in reading strategies.
 - ii. Collaboration throughout the grades in a subject area has been very beneficial to analyze the PATs question by question and look for gaps in learning. Then work backwards to see what skills need to be built in grade 7 and 8 to lead to better results in grade 9.
2. A number of fantastic FNMI enrichment opportunities are being offered to our grade 7 and 8 students.
 - Metis Lifestyle presentation - grade 7 - Dec. 12
 - Blanket Exercise - grade 8 - Dec. 10
 - Warrior Women - coming in January
3. Interviews:
 - Interviews are not intended for each teacher to see each student each time. It is impossible for a teacher to see (for example M Auray teaches 165 students)

12 hours of interview time = 72 - 10 minute slots

Last year = two sessions with 36 - 10 minute slots

This year = three sessions with 24 - 10 minute slots

4. Transportation fees -

- As a division, we had a hunch that the government would reinstate fees and reduce this funding. We could not say that, nor could we charge it at the time. We sent this communication to allow ourselves the opportunity to charge retroactively, as this initiative was presented retroactively.
- a.

9. Unfinished/Business Arising

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- a. Retroactive bus fees (Helen Jamieson): If anyone is not aware, please see email from the GSACRD Transportation.
 - b. Decreased school funding impacts on ESSMY (Stacey Jost): Request for information □ Cathy will know more in the New Year and should will update us at the next meeting.
 - c. Update on the 2 school trips:
 - i. Panterra Trip is still not confirmed however is tentative for March 30th – April 4th
 - ii. Quebec Trip has 39 students going and is scheduled for May 15th – May 20th.
 - d. Concerns surrounding November Parent/Teacher Interviews: comments included the format and a single night was not a positive experience for all; Many did not get to see the teachers they needed to see. Cathy explained the time allotted for PTIs and how they chose to spread it out this year to three 4 hour sessions as opposed to two 6 hours sessions in previous years. Cathy will talk with teachers for their feedback. The next scheduled PTI in the New Year may change.
 - e. School Fees (Gen Gray): comments included a request to pay fees in installments or by semester
 - f. Yearbooks: comments included the hard cover is costly especially for Junior High and perhaps there could be a soft cover option
10. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 7th, 2020
11. Meeting Adjourned: 7:47PM