DRAFT - Selkirk Elementary School Council

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, Aug 22, 2022

At 6:30pm in the library & Zoom

**Call to order:** 6:35 pm

**In attendance:** Nicholas Vienneau (principal),Melanie Davignon (SSC Chair), Ian Parker (SSC member), Sue Glynn-Morris (SSC member), Leslie Doran (VP), Janna Swales (parent and incoming Council member), Tim Kucharuk (parent and incoming Council member), Tina Busetto (parent and incoming Council member – on Zoom), Marilyn Marquis-Forster (Superintendent), Michelle Boleen (parent), Scott Kent (Yukon Party Education Critique), Colleen Madore (parent)

**Regrets**: Laura Davidson, John Coyne

**Before approval of Agenda**-The Education Act states that the new Council is to be sworn in and active as of the first day of school. Past practice has been that the new Council is sworn in at the AGM in Oct. Current and incoming Council agreed

**Approval of Agenda:** Sue moved to accept minutes and Mel to second. All in favour.

**Approval of June 6th, 2022** **meeting minutes:** Mel moved to accept minutes and Sue to second. All in favour.

**Treasurer’s Report:** *Same as June 6th report:*$5430.04 uncommitted - Log benches $1000 (pd), afterschool dance $720 (pd), firewood $350 (pd), waiting on FN storytelling $615 invoice yet to be paid. Sleds $400 (awaiting an invoice).

**Principal’s Report**

1. Welcome back open house – Thurs Sept 15 – 5:30-7pm. Open classrooms. Council to supply cookies and fruit.
2. Food Program has started up already – We have a new cook.
3. Elementary IEP’s will all be reviewed on Sept 29 by teachers
4. Field Trips – have started (e.g., canoeing and camping)
5. Brian M and 8 other staff completed the canoe course (Lake Water Leader) required by the Department with Jim Boyde
6. Brian will be providing outdoor ed for our senior intermediate classes, same as last year
7. New LAT (Learning Assistance Teacher) space – ground should be broken this week
8. Construction on Selkirk – there has been concerns about crosswalk and equipment running while students are outside.
   1. The crosswalk at Lewes and Alsek is closed until Oct. Crossing Guard will now be positioned at the flashing light across from Mercier.
   2. Mel will ask Trevor to see if the project manger can request the workers take their break when the primary kids are on morning recess and again after school to reduce dust and noise.
   3. The streetlights will be turned off on Wed and a 3-way stop will be installed. Mel will call Natasha (RCMP) about traffic control to request assistance at the 3-way stop. Tim will draft a letter for the Mayor and City Council will cc and Department of Education and Community Services tonight.
9. We are looking at all fall DART’s (reading assessment) and SWW’s (literacy assessments) to be completed by Oct 7 for grades 2-7. They will be administered again in the Spring.
10. We have implemented a unified literacy program (helps with consistency for students from year to year).
11. Hoping to have the first newsletter out on Friday (Aug 27). Council can send a blurb to be included.
12. Sept 15 and 16 are admin meetings in Dawson – Nicholas will stay back
13. Sept 28 and 29 are PD Days, Sept 30 is Orange Shirt Day. The school will be doing something to recognize Orange Shirt Day on the Tuesday of that week.
14. Admin has been trained in CP3 child protection (online). All staff are required to complete this by Sept 29.
15. New Staff: Catherine Bolduc-Gagnon, Monique Levesque, Andree Ann Verret, Frederique Boucher, Christiane Robert
16. Re-hired: Beverly Cueve, Eloise Noble
17. Welcome: Jasmin Daigneault, Claire Lodge, Tamara Neely, Chrystelle Ho…, Ariane Houle
18. Still to staff: 1.25 EAs, 2 Classroom Teachers, 1 LAT
19. Backfilling Sheila – have received 4 postings

**Old Business (Updates)**:

**Parking lot/Selkirk St Safety update**- see above

**Application for funding bus and swimming lessons-Every Student Everday – information**- whole school (grade 2-7). Shelia has made all the bookings. Next application due March 2023.

**Vaping Education for parents in September**- big uptake in vaping last Spring for 11-12 year olds and it was quickly dealt with. Health Promotions can deliver a Health Week. Nicole Schroder will reach out to HP. Health Promotion could also host an online session on vaping for parents the same week.

**Screen time**- 2 times/week during lunch last year. Will move to 1 lunch/week this year. It should be educational and French for FI.

**Bussing**- Mel heard there were 4 busses cancelled this morning in Whitehorse (first day of school). Chris Hanlin (YG Education-Operations) is supposed to notify school admin and School Council and he has not. Standard Bus has not relayed the inform in a timely manner. Bus Messenger does not work. Tim will draft a letter to the Department of Education re: communication re: bus cancellations. School Admin needs names of students on the busses so they can make seating plans.

**Selkirk Street**- see above

**New Business:**

**Sheila’s Retirement**- 28 years with SES. Party on Sept 23 in the Grey Mountain room at Mt Mac (more info to come). School Council will be asked to do a speech. She is collecting the Northern Light series from Lumel. Mel will swing by and see what’s available.

**School Supplies**- Golden Horn and WES requests $70/yr and it includes supplies and field trips. Christ the King has an option where parents can offer to contribute additional funding for families in need. School Admin will speak to

**Laura**- Mel will ask Brian to get a Selkirk hoodie with “Grandma Laura” on it. Council will cover the costs.

**Information Items:** N/A

**Next regular meeting:** AGM and regular meeting to follow on Monday, September 19th, 6:30pm in person and via Zoom. Mel will coordinate the swearing in for this night. There needs to be a Chair report, a Super Intendent report, and a financial report. Sue will advertise at least two weeks before in:

* Riverdale facebook page
* SuperA/Coyote Ice Cream
* Website
* Newsletter

Following meeting dates will be October 17th and November 14th.