Selkirk Elementary School Council

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, June 6th, 2022

At 6:30pm in the library & Zoom

**Call to order:** 6:32pm

**In attendance:** Melanie Davignon (SSC Chair), Laura Davidson (SSC Member), Ian Parker (SSC member), Sue Glynn-Morris (SSC member), Tamara Boiteau (Principal), Leslie Doran (VP), Janna Swales (parent and soon to be Council member), Tim Kucharuk (parent and soon to be Council member), Tina Busetto (parent and soon to be Council member), Marilyn Marquis-Forster (Superintendent), Michelle Boleen (parent), Lisa R Bird (parent), Colleen Madore (parent), Shaoli?

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

**Approval of May 9th, 2022** **meeting minutes:** Laura moved to accept minutes and Ian to second. All in favour.

**Treasurer’s 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. **Staffing**

Hiring continues for next year for teaching positions. Posting just closed. Hoping to fill last two positions. EA allocations have been received and we will be posting to fill any vacancies.

1. **6/7 Overnight Camping**

All 3 classes participated in an overnight end of the year camping trip. Though we had to adjust one date due to the slow snow melt, it was great to start and end the school year with an outdoor experience.

1. **Final Assembly**

Our final school assembly will be tomorrow at school. We are reserving it to only staff and students. We are hopeful next year to be able to open our doors again to parents, dependent on the school operational plan.

1. **Grade 7 Farewell**

Our grade 7 farewell will be June 15 at 11am. Grade 7 families will be able to attend and our grade 6 students from the split classes. Grade 7 awards will be awarded during this ceremony as well.

1. **Summative Reports**

Reports will be sent home on the last day of school with each student. Any students absent will have their reports mailed to the primary address on file. Parents who know their child will be absent on the last day of school can reach out to their student’s classroom teacher to see if it is possible to have their report sent home with their child on their last day.

1. **Last Day of School**

Early dismissal will be at 2:45pm. The afternoon will be sports day lead by our grade 7 students in conjunction with Brian MacDonald and Hannah Milner. A great way to end the year with some physical activity and fun ☺

1. **Retirements**

Shiela Whitehead, administrative assistant, announced she will be retiring in September. Shiela has been working at Selkirk for 28 years, and needless to say, knows everyone and everything. Though this will be a tremendous loss for Selkirk, we are so thankful for her hard work year after year, her genuine connection with students and families, and constant flexibility to never let anything rattle her. We wish her the very best in this next chapter for her and her family. We will miss you!

Darcy Leblanc, LAT & Reading Recover Teacher, will be retiring at the end of the school year. Selkirk has been so fortunate to have his expertise in early learning and French Immersion on staff for the past two years. His quick connection with students, ability to lead by example, and is effortless way to put anyone at ease will be missed. We hope he won’t be a stranger and wish him the very best next adventure!

1. **Thank You and Farewell**

Teachers: Melanie Fortin, Silke Taeter, Carola Receveaux, Sofie Maurice, Maryse Levesque, Hannah Milner, and Kajusta McClements will be leaving us at the end of the year. I would like to thank them for their work and dedication to student learning this year. I will wish them the very best!

I would like to highlight some Teachers On Call (TOC) who have been consistent faces at Selkirk this year. We found ourselves in some trying times throughout the year, and whenever these individuals could, they were in our building supporting students. A big thank you to: Margaret MacKay, Annie Veilleux, Tamara Neely, Sandra Gabb, Veronique LaChance, Rhea Yergeau, and Graeme Campbell.

**Old Business (Updates)**:

**Parking lot/Selkirk St Safety update-site visit and transportation master plan updates:** Selkirk Street construction needs to finish before the parking lot can begin. Work is scheduled to begin next Spring.

**Busing appeal – update:** Reply from the Department of Education received and will be shared with the parent regarding the appeal. No substantive action by the Department has been taken to address the situation. The parent requested that the bussing rules be shared with parents at the start of the year. Marilyn recommended that a letter of expectations for riding the bus be sent home and signed by a parent of every student (as even those who don’t take the bus regularly do take it for field trips) at the start of the school year. Mel will follow up with the Department of Education to request this approach.

**Application for funding bus and swimming lessons-Every Student Everyday:** Got the full amount $11K for bussing and swim lessons for every class (minus K and grade 1).

**Communication with the Minister – Intensive French and announcement on Friday:** Council has still not received the 0.5 FTE allocation for post-intensive French. Marilyn has made recommendations to the Department. Robert Service School gets funding for this position. The Catholic Schools get an extra allocation for religion.

**End of year celebration:** YFNED is going to rent a big BBQ and donate 400 elk smokies and bison burgers + buns + individual bags of chips. SSC will buy flavoured water, veggie burgers/dogs and veggies in a paper bag + + condiments + popsicles/freezes and bags of ice. Mel will pick up groceries. Leslie will book the staff room for chopping. Mel and Laura will come at 9am to chop and others can come at 11. Laura making a motion to pay up to $500 for cover food for the event. Ian seconded. All in favour.

**AYSCBC AGM- update:** Mel was at the AYSCBC AGM. She did not join the Executive. She learned that every school faces the similar issues re: staffing, infrastructure, and communications.

**Principals position:** Position is open. Will determine on June 12 if sufficient applications have been received. If yes, then will start to review applications. In coming council members that are already sworn in can participate in the hiring committee. Likely that Ian, Tim and Mel will form the hiring committee along with Marilyn and an HR person from YG. The Department of Education will also invite the First Nation Education Commission to identify FN representation from TKC and KDFN.

**FSLAC -update:** The Department of Ed has access to ~$773K for language programming (any French programming) for the 22-23 school year and is accepting suggestions for. Trips (e.g., to Quebec City, Montreal etc. for grade 6/7 would count). There are specific criteria that would need to be met. Tamara can provide the email with more details. Suggestions must be made to French Programs by June 15.

**New Business:**

**Canoe Instructor:** Brian MacDonald requesting$500 to cover the grade 6/7 canoe field trip guide. Laura made a motion for the $500 to cover the guide. Ian seconded. All in favour.

**School Supplies:** Following up on an idea to bulk buy school supplies made last Fall. Tamara pointed out that it can be very challenging to get money from some families and would take considerable coordination. It’s too late in the year (requests for lists have already gone out). Mel will add it to the agenda for January 2023.

**Vaping Education:** Council will follow up with YG Health Promotions for a September presentation for parents and teachers.

**Screen time:** Ian raised thateven though the school made a policy this year about screen use in classrooms it has been increasing. Mel will add it to the Aug meeting agenda for the beginning of school year as a reminder for Admin to remind staff.

**Information Items:** N/A

**Next regular meeting:** Monday, August 22nd, 6:30pm (first day of school) in person and via Zoom