**Selkirk Elementary School Council**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Monday, May 4th, 2020**

**6:30pm Zoom Meeting**

Tamara Boiteau is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: School Council

Time: May 4, 2020 06:30 PM America/Whitehorse

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Call to order: 6:30 via Zoom**

**Introductions:**

**In attendance: Melanie Davignon, Michelle Bolleen, Laura Davidson, Liza Marie Manen, Tamara Boiteau, Leslie Doran, Amanda Cann, Colleen Madore** (joined the meeting at 7:00)

**Regrets: Sandy Calhoun**

**Approval of Agenda**- Motion required – Moved by Michelle and seconded by Laura to approve the agenda as amended. Carried.

**Approval of March 9th, 2020 meeting minutes**- Motion required. Moved by Liza and seconded by Michelle to approve March 9 minutes as presented. Carried.

**Treasurer’s Report-** Sandy provided a report showing a balance in our account of $2,328.31.

**Principal’s Report-**

1. Staffing. We will be hiring several positions: two FI grade 4/5 permanent teachers, FI grade 2/3 permanent, FI grade ½ temporary (replacing Nicole Doré), grade 4 temporary until December (Martin Farrow on parenthood leave), full time counsellor permanent (Laura Orviss has resigned), PE bilingual half time VP (job posting closing the week) and there may be others as Administrator positions and teachers positions are filled during the hiring period.
2. Hiring. Administrator positions are posted and are the first to be filled as there tends to be a domino effect. We anticipate teacher positions will start to be posted within the next two weeks as they have to accommodate any potential teacher layoffs first.
3. EA. We still have not received our EA allocation for next year school. There were 477 requests that went to Student Support Services and each one must be reviewed. We are hopeful to know the outcome soon.
4. Modular. The modular construction is on schedule and the classroom furniture will be ordered mid-May. Fencing will be up shortly and the work will commence.
5. FI Ressources. Sofie Maurice, French Language Consultant, is responsible for the order. She has informed me she is working on compiling the purchase list.
6. First Nation Room. The room is having to be used a classroom next year to accommodate for our growing numbers. We have gone from 15 classes to 17 classes and require the additional space. However, I believe that this will help us move in the direction that this learning will be integrated into projects, inquiries, and other teachings and not taught in isolation.
7. Home Learning. We are up and running with home learning. Teachers are sending home learning packages every two weeks. There are many Zoom meetings and phone calls supporting students and teaching. K-6 have five hours of learning being assigned and grade 7 have about ten hours. There has been some adjustments and modifications made by teachers as it was more difficult to judge what “5 hours” of work was for at home learning. Thus far, the feedback has been good from families and we continue to adjust and fine tune plans based on feedback.
8. Food for Learning. Many students access our lunch program each day. We were able to purchase gift cards to Superstore and send those out to the families we knew would require support. Food for Learning gave an additional $1000 and Northwestel gave $800 for the phone book drive which we used for gift cards to purchase groceries. We will be sending more out this month to families.
9. Summative Reports. Summative report cards go home on June 12 and teachers will slowly being writing comments for each subject area. The bulk of the report will be the learning up to March break and teachers will use any assessments from home learning. We honour that students have varying degrees of support at home and may be meeting the basic needs first.
10. Front parking lot. There will be some work being done in the front parking lot. Light posts will be put in and wired shortly. There will be some fencing up blocking of the bus loop but will not affect our pick up drop off process. The contractor was hoping to be able to do this prior to the paving being done. As well, due to Covid-19 restrictions, not all electricians could be working in the building at the same time and we were able to help accommodate this request.
11. Graduation grade 7. The consensus is to postpone celebrations until next school year. There is a letter drafted for grade 12 students, there has yet to be one for grade 7 students. If the Department does not draft one, we will send one out shortly.
12. PD Day. May 15th will be our next PD Day. Staff will have the opportunity to look at some sessions on technology platforms which we have access to. These were previously recorded and were organized by Mike Snider, Learning Support Services. We will also look at next steps for the following school year via School Growth Plan and to address any observations/concerns brought forward.

**Old Business (Updates):**

Lights in the playground, parking lot questions update? – City and YG still in discussions.

Selkirk Street Safety update? Nothing new.

Permanent Principal competition-update – Congratulations to Tamara on her appointment.

Modular Classroom update – Highways and Public Works advise that everything is on schedule for delivery and set up for the beginning of school.

Student transportation update? Colleen reported that the Transportation Committee has asked for an update on implementation of electronic registration forms. They proposed that $300 be given to each school to encourage registration. Bus Bootcamp to meet the driver and learn the rules can be requested by the school to Standard. The school can make a request to the department for bus monitors. A request has been made to upgrade the Lewes Boulevard crossing. The City has made a committed to remove vegetation and install reflective stripping to sign post.

Fundraisers-Vesey’s update – The fundraiser made $1,071.50.

FN language teachers update? Nothing

Website update. Martin is working on it.

**New Business:**

Questions from parents - none

Hats – The administration has proposed giving each student and staff a hat with the school logo on it on the last day of school as an incentive to return school resources and to acknowledge that Council and Administration have been thinking of them. Moved by Laura and seconded by Michelle that the Council contribute $1,500 toward the cost of the hats.

**Information Items:**

Nicole’s Notes x 2

All correspondence from Dept of Ed re Covid 19

AYSCBC correspondence

**Next regular meeting:**

Monday, June 1st, 6:30pm

There will be a Council meeting on August 3 at 6:30pm in preparation for school opening.