Selkirk Elementary School Council

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, Feb 13th, 2023 5pm in the library

Or via Zoom

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**Call to order: 6:31**

**Introductions:** Minister Nils Clarke **(**MLA Riverdale North), Dylan Laird (parent), Karen Routledge (parent)

**In attendance:** Minister Nils Clarke **(**MLA Riverdale North), Dylan Laird (parent)

Tim Kucharuk (Council acting Chair for this meeting), Tina Busetto (Council), Leslie Dorian (vice-principal), Janna Swales (Council), Nicholas Vienneau (principal), Marilyn Marquis-Forster (Superintendent), Ian Parker (parent on Zoom), Karen Routledge (parent)

**Regrets:**

Melanie Davignon (Council Chair), John Coyne (Council),

**Approval of Agenda-** Tina moved to approve, Janna to second. All in favour.

**Approval of January 5th, 2023 meeting minutes-** Janna moved that we accept the minutes, Tina to second.All in favour.

**Treasurer’s Report-** Janna moved that we table February treasurers report to next meeting. Tina to second. All in favour.

**Principal’s Report-**

February 2023

1. Student Led Conferences coming up
2. Construction in the library is finished – addition should be done for March Break
3. School Growth Plan - Literacy focused through a NME Lens. Does anyone from school council want to join the planning? More info to come.
4. We have filled 2 of the 5 EA positions
5. Grade 1 French Immersion teacher did resign after 1 week. Dept of ED HR has been recruiting at job fairs.
6. Starting to plan grade 7 transitions with F.H. Collins. Grey Mountain transitions coming to March 7th assembly. Parent meeting went well.
7. Draft staff assignments for next year completed
8. Looking at potentially having a spring carnival. YFNED has offered to help and Brian Macdonald. Date/time to be determined.
9. Health and Safety issues – Admin were notified that is asbestos in floor tiles by company who was repairing chipped/missing tiles. The tiles are currently covered. Marilyn mentioned there may be a summary available for Selkirk and it was mentioned the tiles should be tested to confirm. Marilyn to submit Archibus ticket to have this looked into and tiles need to be tested.
10. Basketball Tournament -
11. In Camera Topics

1. Blue Slips tracking – 31 slips – 10 students one slip, 7 students 2 or more slips
2. French Week this week – lots of great activities this week
3. March 2nd – 4 classes 12:30-1:45 Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre.
4. Selkirk has received custodian 0.5 FTE 10:00-2:00pm daily.

**Old Business (Updates):**

**Parking lot/Selkirk St Safety update- Marilyn provided update on an email she received that is the engineering product. This document (final pre-plans) was provided at the meeting. Marilyn requested that council review and provide any feedback.**

**Discussion:**

* **On-going concerns expressed about safety of Selkirk St which is not addressed in plans.**
* **Where is this at with double sidewalk going all the way to Nisutlin?**
* **City has not been involved in the plan**
* **Suggestion that a formal letter be prepared that connects Selkirk’s Active Transport Plan to concerns and it be sent over email to ?YG cc to Nils Clarke. Ensure plans are informing each other.**
* **Anticipated this project is started in the summer and completed by the end of summer break. There have been a few others schools that have been parking lot projects completed quickly.**

**Council to review and prepare a letter.**

**Janna noted there was an issue with snow piled up Lewes at intersection. City has said they would prioritize clearing snow. Tim to email City re: same.**

**Director liability insurance – Marilyn attended a meeting with school councils last Wed on this topic. She noted there is a written response to come to School Councils from the Minister. Summary of the meeting was that legal risk for school councils is low when acting within the Education Act and in good faith. Where needed Dept of Ed would work with councils on case by case basis. Porter Creek had been named in legal suit previously. Dept is looking at options.**

**New Business:**

**IXL Funding** –

IXL is an augmented math program in English.

The funding was supported by a previous School Council which paid for the program for 3 yrs (250 licenses for student’s gr 4-7). Admin and educators would like to renew this, it’s well used and works for those students accessing. Quote provided, cost is $3990.00 for 3 years.

Council to review when other members are present and discussion re: shared funding. Marilyn mentioned Reflex is a program that could be another option.

Leslie to connect with IXL to explore options e.g. total cost if Selkirk had ~ 150 licenses, could this be paid for through school expenses?

**Ideas on how to move forward with information and communication with parents and FNSB**

* Follow up from Jan 24th meeting
* Parent had a question about how to get individuals the information they may need e.g. info session from Grey Mountain/Takhini held by YFNED?
* It was agreed that to hold off until current referendum is complete. Lots of conversations on this topic. Parent mentioned they would like to keep things going before June.
* Ongoing meetings

Tap Touch ???

**Information Items:**

**Staffing** –it was suggested to keep this topic on the agenda.

This topic was brought up for discussion by a parent. A few questions re: new hires and if Selkirk has student teachers this year. Admin responded that they had 2 student teachers. 1 is now subbing in the English stream. It was suggested that correspondence to school community re: staffing could be helpful.

Admin to provide staffing updates to start in April newsletter.

Other discussion:

* Teaching market is competitive
* Importance of recruiting/supporting student teachers was noted but sometimes teachers cannot take on a student teacher
* Partnership with other Universities that have French and English.
* Marilyn spoke to Dept of Ed’s active recruitment (department paying for extra services) and noted it has been effective. Posting YG education positions nationally.
* HR attending University job fairs.
* There has been support for new teachers e.g. other staff
* Could there be more options to recruit local student teachers? e.g. Yukon University. Some teachers graduating from Bachelor of Ed YNTEP program are now working in Yukon schools but the program is small.
* Thinking outside the box for staff shortages

**Next regular meeting:**

**Monday, March 6th (?) at 6:30pm in person and via Zoom**

Marilyn away for this meeting.

**In Camera information – 8:22pm**

**Out of camera 8:38**

**Meeting adjourn –** moved by Janna, seconded by Tina.