Selkirk Elementary School Council

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, November 20th, 2023 at 6:30pm in the library

Or via Zoom

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**Call to order: 6:35**

**Introductions and attendance:** Tim Kucharuk (Council), Tina Busetto (Council), Leslie Dorian (vice-principal), Nicholas Vienneau (principal), John Coyne (Council Chair), Colleen Madore (parent), Sofie Maurice (teacher – literacy coach), Janna Swales (Council)

**Regrets:** Melanie Davignon,

**Approval of Agenda-** Tim moved to approve agenda w/ school literacy plan presentation added after treasurers. Tina to second. All in favour.

**Approval of October 16th, 2023 meeting minutes-** Tina moved to approved w/ amendments, Tim to second. All in favour.

**School Growth Plan Literacy Presentation.** Sofie is in a literacy coach role at Selkirk and provided update:

* 5 LAT trained to administer assessment tools
  + Assessments of literacy skills that have conducted: 96 students English (gr. 2-6), 95 students French immersion (gr. 2-5)
* Created class overview and profile, identified where intervention needed
* 2 literacy coach supporting instruction in 5 classes
* LAT focused interventions for below benchmarks
* Continue to support teaching and learning of structured literacy and interventions
* Celebrate our successes and identify next steps w/ staff
* PLC on literacy
* Continue progress monitoring to see what students are learning and where they need more support
* Reassess in January to analyze results and adjust supports accordingly
* Other schools are embarking on this in the Territory.
* Sofie noted the value in coaching educators

Tim asked about communication re: literacy intervention. Information is to go out to parents if have not received yet. There is going to be a sentence in report card on LAT report to notify parents if child is receiving interventions. General communication re: newsletter.

**Treasurer’s Report-**  Mel sent out report. Janna needs to meet w/ Mel to review. Tim moved to accept Treasurers report sent out by Mel for that it could be in the minutes. Tina to second. All in favour.

**Principal’s Report-**

October 16, 2023

1. PD Day on Nov 24, Staff are here for universal design. EAs have another PD
2. TOC issues -this continues to be a large issue, had to pull 2 teachers from PD. EAs had no breaks today. Classes had to combined because not enough staff. Request for water checked after large number of school and staff experiencing GI issues. Superintendent said he could not shut down school. Follow up action – should council could provide a recommendation to minister on threshold. It was discussed again could Dept staff support coverage? John to revise TOC email and send to Trevor cc Mary Cameron and Minister offices.
3. Construction on Selkirk – On hold for the winter. 3 drops offs. New parking lots is going to have lighting.
4. Bus cancellations are ongoing. Standard alerts not inconsistent.
5. Clubs and Sports teams have started. Rock Band, Rainbow Club, Math Club, Improv Club. Multicultural Club, hand games and more. Some many options for students to join in.
6. 3 EA’s have been hired as well as the 6/7 teachers (accepted the positions, class having success). Gaps in EAs improving.
7. FSA’s handed back to the Department – get results in January.
8. Report Cards go out Dec 20.
9. Festive Follies Schedule is on the school website. First 2 weeks of December.
10. Many absences 2 weeks ago, it settled down after the Remembrance Day long weekend. They had 6 classes combined to make 3.
11. Blue Slips – 62 total (Oct/Nov). 12 students received 2 or more. 12 students received 1. Average #. Biggest focus is on language less on physicality. A few emails have gone home recently. More supervision is improving situation.
12. There is a student on alternative programming that requires Nicole’s Schroders (School Counsellor) space in AM. In order to ensure this space could be well utilized Admin has requested to superintendent to have a wall so that the room is split in two to make another space with a door out to hallway. They have been told no. John to start a draft email to go to Trevor.

**Old Business (Updates):**

**Parking lot/Selkirk St Safety update- see principals report**

**FNSB Update/School Board – John and Janna are going to rescheduling meeting with Kim Ramsay principal at Grey Mountain.**

**Bike racks on south side of the school** – need more. There may be an opportunity to access City of Whitehorse grants. Environmental grant – email [sustainabililty@whitehorse.ca](mailto:sustainabililty@whitehorse.ca). School could apply. Admin to follow up.

**Method for staff to ask for funding?** – Mel may have the applications. John to start a specific email on funding for Council to review and approve over email.

**Shortage of TOCs meeting** – Meeting is Tuesday November 28th @ 6:00pm. Tim has not heard back yet from Trevor about any $ for newspaper ads or to support advertising etc. No advertising has gone out yet. Janna to do a poster for the meeting. Tim to email Trevor to follow up re: advertising. Janna, John and Tim to attend meeting. Admin to attend. Anyone welcome! Admin to email out school community.

**New Business:**

**Cards for fundraiser –** proposed school fundraiser where students design images. Printed in packs of 5.

2 quotes for printing. Discussion re: image theme and it was suggested to have a mixed variety pack of cards, Leslie to check in w/ PLC on themes. 5 image designs to come from students that could be sold for a fundraiser. Designs to come by January.

**Information Items:**

**Next regular meeting:** Monday, December 11th at 6:30pm in person and via Zoom