

SCC Meeting Minutes

February 1st, 2021

Attendees:

Raquel Weinmaster, Baydon Rowe, Polly Anne Rowe, Julie Gabriel, Oriahna Ries, Dennis Nesseth, Lori Betge, Nicole Pohl, Richelle MacDonald, Neil Wendell, Erinn Walker, Janelle Prybilski

Regrets:

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm by Julie Gabriel

Additions to the Agenda – Staff Appreciation, National Congress on Rural Health, Yearbook Request

Motion to adopt old minutes made by Raquel Weinmaster. Motion seconded by Julie Gabriel.

Financial Report:

- Raffle – Sask Gaming Authority was hacked before Christmas and the website is not yet up and running, so we are still awaiting finalizing a few things for that.
- \$1500 was our take from the 50/50 raffle.
- Motion made to write a cheque to the GSSD for the amount of \$4792.80 by Julie Gabriel. Seconded by Baydon Rowe. Motion passed.

Principal's Report:

- SRC was hoping to have a representative here tonight but they were unable to come. Mr. Nesseth will cover this later on.
- Mr. Nesseth is grateful for the support of the GSSD leadership and their work in guiding the response to Covid related issues to fit with new provincial guidelines.
- Attendance is down a bit due to Covid close contacts as well as parents just feeling more comfortable to keep their children at home. Nicole P. pointed out that the significant snowfalls this year may also be a reason people are keeping their kids home. Mr. Nesseth acknowledged there have been a large variety of factors, including road conditions.
- No longer a need to contact trace, which does ease some workload for administrative staff.
- Staffing change - a few maternity leaves have been covered.
- SRC report – One of the projects they have going on right now is the collection of eyeglasses to be donated to the Lions Club from whence they will be sent all over the world to those who don't have access to them. Janelle P. asked if there are any plans to have any kind of spirit events for kids to look forward to. Mr. Nesseth is unsure at this time, but will speak to Randeem for further details on this. Mr. Nesseth shared that it's been a challenge with current restrictions, but this may change in the next weeks or

months. Janelle pointed out that perhaps some of these activities or events could be by grade or class. This is a great suggestion that Mr. Nesseth will look into with the SRC.

- Neil W. asked about a rumoured ski trip. Mr. Nesseth stated that there were some plans in the works for a ski trip, however, at this time, those types of events are on pause, as per the school division. Mr. Nesseth is hopeful that there will be opportunity to move forward with those plans in the next few weeks.
- LIP – staff has had opportunity the last couple days to review many of the LIP plans, which up until now have been impacted by the time taken to be compliant with Covid tracing and etc. and are now dedicating more time to some key areas.
- Technology – many of the devices at Yorkdale are needing replacement. The GSSD has begun to assist with the replacement of many expired Chromebooks, however, many more (74) are still needed. Mr. Nesseth has ordered the replacements but will want to keep building up the “stock” of devices for the school in order to ensure an appropriate ratio for students, keeping in mind that technology advances quickly. Mr. Nesseth would like for the SCC to consider contributing to this in the future.
- Safety Patrol Equipment - thank you to the SCC for contributing funds to this! Question was raised about snow removal on the sidewalks north of the school. Who is responsible for this? Mr. Nesseth stated that the city is responsible as far as he is aware, however, he does know that the city is very short on employees and has been struggling to keep up. He will follow up with this.
- Covid Update –
 - Parents are no longer obligated to report Covid cases. Onus is on parents to do the testing and keep kids at home for the appropriate time. The only time staff or students need to stay at home is if they are sick or test positive for Covid.
 - Extracurriculars can move forward.
 - Remote learning provision – this will only happen if: 1) teaching and learning in classrooms would be more efficient remotely because of a high number of absences 2) there are too many staff away or 3) the MHO or SHA declares an outbreak at the school specifically (this is unlikely given the SHA is no longer contact tracing).
 - New info graphics will be sent out tomorrow.
 - Questions:
 - Has the masking in gym class been revised yet? At this time, masking is still required when possible. Teachers were asked to do as much outdoor activity as possible and adjust gym activities to not be so strenuous to allow for masking. That holds at this time but may change over time.
- Staff Appreciation Week is coming up – would the SCC want to do something for staff? Will discuss.
- Motion made to accept Principals Report made by Mr. Nesseth. Seconded by Baydon Rowe.

Old Business

- All old business items have been covered already.

New Business:

- National Congress on Rural Education
 - If interested in going please let Heather Morris at GSSD know by Feb. 25th, 2022.
- Yearbook Committee has requested funds from SCC. Motion made by Baydon to provide the requested funds. Polly Ann seconded that motion. Motion passed.
- SCC Symposium – April 12th, 2022. Main focus will be 2022/2023 Budget. More details to come.
- Staff Appreciation Week – last year we gave gift cards. Lots of suggestions were given. We will continue to discuss through WhatsApp and finalize our plans. Nicole P. had the great idea of adding a thank you note to each teacher to whatever we provide. Lori B. will send her the staff list.

Next meeting March 1st, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm