

TMSS School Community Council Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 4:15pm

1. Call meeting to Order

2. Attendance

- Chair Jessica Steadman (and acting Secretary)
- Treasurer: Lynn Murray
- Members at Large: Giselle Huvenaars, Dora Lewis
- Student Representatives: Tanner Chabot
- Principal Carmen Messer
- Kinistin First Nation Representative - Colleen Cappo
- Guest Lori Kidney NESD Board of Director

3. Additions to Agenda (none) / Approval of Agenda – Motion made by Lynn, 2nd Giselle. Carried

4. Approval of January 10, 2023 Community Council Minutes – not available. Defer to next meeting

5. Business Arising out of the Minutes

a) School Ground Revitalization Project Update – currently working on funding for first stage – Amphitheater (around \$80,000). Mrs Messer is applying for grants. Group discussed that it would be beneficial for the “Revitalization Project Committee” (chaired by Mr. Thiessen) to decide on donation levels, amounts for “naming rights”, benches (suggested Irvings). This committee is to meet after February Break. Will they get a table at Rodeo?

b) Fundraising:

- online Auction (March) (Lynn) – March 1-7 – Lynn updated group. Has spreadsheet of items donated. Some business will just write a donation cheque. Lynn will deliver all items to Schapansky’s. Advertising on Pattison media events page and NorthEast NOW website, Schapansky’s and facebook. Nutrien Ag will donate grass seed to project as needed.
- Co-op will be running fundraiser BBQs again on Fridays and has offered the SCC/Project Committee to sign up for one or more.
- The revitalization project will be the recipient of Dress down Friday Donations from Beeland Coop this fall.
- With other projects/events – Scotia Bank and Royal Bank can volunteer/donate

c) Facebook Page update – Jaqueline, not available

d) Mental Health Initiatives Updates – SRC has hired a speaker – Cody Deaner, March 20. Mrs. Messer will check if they need any financial assistance from Kinettes or SCC. SRC is also doing “Seeds of Kindness”.

e) SCC Convention April 25 – Hudson Bay, 5pm-8pm, attendance numbers in by March 30. They would like, in advance, a list of activities that we do in our school that are successful and that build parent and family engagement. **Motion made for SCC to cover travel costs for any SCC members attending – made by Jessica, 2nd Colleen, Carried.**

Discussion about family engagement:

- Open house in fall was not well attended this year. Maybe try different timing. Want families to feel comfortable coming in to school

- BBQ – brought some people in. Maybe not right before band concert as people were in a hurry to get seated.
- Sporting Events - try to get more fans to watch
- Idea – Meet the Family Potluck. Done for each grade separately. Or Bannock and Stew night
- Reinstate Grade 6 spring tea – grandparents, older members of community. Snacks and music from band class?
- Discussed having parents come in to volunteer – it is not easy as they need to do paperwork and criminal record check
- Discussed Edsby – not all are using it

6. New Business

a) Walk alongside Conference – May 11-13, Saskatoon; <https://parent-engagement.ca/>

This three day event offers you keynotes with leading experts in the field of parent engagement, think tank sessions where you will engage in dynamic dialogue with colleagues and thought leaders, rich community experiences where you live new practices and possibilities in action, and team planning that will enable you to leave with a vision and a concrete series of next steps.

\$587.09 per person. Register in groups of 2 or more (Educators, Educational Leaders, Parents)

- Colleen and Mrs. Messer interested. Could possibly use professional Development fund

7. Student Reports – Grade 12 Tilka Chapman (not present), Grade 10 Tanner Chabot

- Helping hands and TM Carnival
- Acts of Kindness
- Red/White Pink Day
- Sr Drama started reading scripts
- Jr Curling doing well
- Working in Yearbook
- Archery has started and students doing well

8. Kinistin Representative Report – Colleen Cappo

- Homework Club
- Discussing academic plans
- School attendance is an issue
- 8 Students signed up for EF tour to Paris in 2024.
- Working on getting students involved in extracurricular activities

9. NESD Board of Director – Lori Kidney - Arborfield school meeting with community tomorrow. Decision will be made by end of April. Lori is available if anyone has questions.

10. Principal's Report – Carmen Messer

- Parking lot garbage cans arrived but not the weighted bases
- 92% credit achievement (bit lower than previous)
- Have extra staffing for Term 3 and hopefully term 4. 0.6 in success room. Providing a soft start for some students, support with online classes, and assisting new students
- School attendance is a significant concern, as it helps lead to a student's success. Need parental support to encourage better attendance.

11. Treasurer's Report – Lynn Murray – \$3915.55. Water was paid for (\$158). Funds may go towards a speaker, Grad, Party Program?

12. Other - nothing

13. Next Meetings – March 14, April 18 (as April 11 is school break), May 9, June 13 (with AGM)

14. Adjourn 5:30pm