

TMSS School Community Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 4:30 pm

Present: Carmen Messer, Steven Edward, Melanie Brandt, Peggy Ratcliffe (Recorder), Lesley Thibault, Kali Cortus

Regrets: Lori Kidney, Ashley Kidney, Crystal Cresswell, Leah Sisson

1. Call the meeting to Order 4:34 p.m.
2. Additions To / Approval of Agenda

- Additions - None

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented. Mel/Peggy. CARRIED.

3. Approval of October 13, 2020 Council Minutes

- No errors/omissions

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 meeting as presented. Mel/Peggy. CARRIED.

4. Business Arising out of the Minutes

- None

5. New Business

- a) None

6. Student Report (Steven Edwards)

- COVID – students are used to it. Most students are following the rules that were put in place to start the year. Switching classes will help with the monotony of COVID.
- Spirit Days – have gone really well considering the circumstances related to masking and physical distancing. Most students seem to be engaged with spirit days as a chance to get involved and have fun since that has been restricted due to COVID.
- SCC Funding Opportunities
 - Jr. Curlers are getting new sweaters through the SRC this year.
 - The SRC is also looking into purchasing a hall sound system – which is challenging because it needs to allow for emergency announcements. The Mom’s Pantry fundraiser was well received.
 - The football club wants to build a new tower and concession. The football team could be encouraged to submit a proposal for funding support for the SCC’s consideration.
- There will be no Christmas dinner this year due to COVID. The second quarter is very short so teachers are glad they are not losing additional time to accommodate the Christmas dinner. A spring celebration may be pursued depending on the COVID situation.

- GRIT award students receive tickets that are submitted into a monthly draw. Students drawn receive \$10 Subway or DQ gift cards. Six GRIT tickets are drawn for each month. Carmen will determine where that money is coming from and if the SCC could support it.
7. Mr. Thiessen – TMSS Outdoor Space Revitalization Presentation
- n/a
8. Principal's Report – Carmen Messer
- Enrolment – continues to change and will increase by 5 students next quarter. Enrolment will be 431 which still does not include the Kinistin students. Other schools in the division are down significantly but TMSS is not one of them and is struggling with the staff cut made this year. There are 77 students in Grade 7 and on some days they are only divided into two classes depending on the quarter. Staffing changes are being advocated for with the division.
 - Two EA's retired and two EA's were added through temporary contracts which have been rolled into permanent contracts – Mandy Russell and Melissa ?
 - Due to a couple of higher needs students in Grade 7, one more EA is expected to be hired.
 - COVID – masks are now mandatory for students as of today but it is not expected to be different for students at TMSS. Most students are not defying it. MUCC has a positive case. NESD was one of only two divisions in the province without any positive cases. As a result, students playing sports will now be required to wear masks while playing beginning next quarter.
 - Friday marks the end of the first quarter. High school students will write finals and quarter two starts on Monday. Masks are creating a lot of garbage. TMSS is looking into getting new garbage cans with lids. Funding from the federal government will be used to purchase better outdoor garbage cans and teachers are getting new sound systems and microphones.
 - Band is starting next week and covers are being purchased to cover the instruments to eliminate spit.
 - Report cards will be through Students Achieve this quarter. Mr. Painchaud has created a video to help parents find teacher comments. The current email distribution program is no longer supported by the Ministry and the other option was very labour intensive for teachers so Students Achieve was the best option.
 - Football is done and finished undefeated. Volleyball continues and winter sports are expected to begin in the near future. No protocols have been shared as of yet.

- A 15 minute zoom meeting was held for graduation. No fundraising is required and there will not be a banquet. They may not be able to invite guests. There are 62 graduates this year. More information will be available as COVID evolves.

9. Treasurer's Report – Melanie Brandt

- 2020/21 NESD TMSS SCC Grant of \$3,063.30 was received.
- The balance was \$2554.42 as of October 11 and with the NESD grant the current balance is \$5615.72 which can be used to support the school and student activities.

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Kali/Peggy. CARRIED.

10. Next Meeting December 8, 2020

11. Adjourn. 5:08 p.m.