

TMSS School Community Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 4:30 pm

Present: Carmen Messer, Steven Edward, Ashley Kidney, Melanie Brandt, Kali Cortus, Leah Madsen, Lori Kidney, Lesley Thibault

Regrets: Crystal Cresswell, Peggy Radcliff

Guest: Dallas Thiessen

1. Call the meeting to Order 4:30 p.m.

2. Additions To / Approval of Agenda

- Amend 3. "Approval of November 10, 2020 Minutes"
- Amend 10. "Next meeting January 12, 2021 4:30 pm"

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented with amendments. Mel/Kali. CARRIED.

3. Approval of November 10, 2020 council minutes.

- No errors/omission

Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting as presented. Mel/Kali. CARRIED.

4. Business Arising out of the Minutes

- None

5. New Business

- a) Letter from TMSS Tornadoes Football Booster Club – request to support a portion of the cost to build a new announcement tower/concession in the football field region. This would replace the existing one.

Carmen commented that this particular building would benefit the entire student body as it would also be used for track events or any TMSS outdoor activities.

Motion: To support the TMSS Tornadoes Football Booster Club by donating \$2,000 towards a portion of the cost of building a new commentary tower/concession. Mel/Kali. CARRIED.

- b) G.R.I.T. Awards – In the past, TMSS has received sponsorship money to cover the monthly cost of \$60 to provide student with G.R.I.T. awards. They have not received any sponsorship for this program this school year.

Motion: To support the TMSS G.R.I.T. Awards program by donating \$600.00 for the 2020/21 school year. Mel/Kali. CARRIED.

6. Student Report (Steven Edwards & Ashley Kidney)

- COVID – students continue to adjust and accept the rules around COVID.

- They were very disappointed that game play was shut down by the province.
- Some students in the high school years are finding math and sciences quite heavy and difficult with the current school term concept.
- Spirit Days – have an entire week of spirit day ideas starting next week.

7. Mr. Thiessen – TMSS Outdoor Space Revitalization Presentation

- Dallas presented a “Natural Playscapes” concept to the committee.
- The concept is to connect children with outdoors by focusing on outdoor nature components such as sand, rocks, boulders pathways, gathering spaces, tunnels, gardens/edible landscapes, swales, hills, etc.
- It will be crucial to involve students, staff and parents in planning and implementation so they can be the “owner” of the space.
- A portion of the cost would be supported by the SRC. There may also be a need for seeking community fundraising.
- The committee felt that this would be an excellent goal to create a space with ideas provided by Mr. Thiessen and will discuss the concept further in the new year.

8. Principal’s Report – Carmen Messer – see attached report

9. Treasurer’s Report – Melanie Brandt

- The current balance is \$5,615.72

Motion: To approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Kali/Lesley. CARRIED.

10. Lori Kidney noted that NESD is doing a very good job at representing our division at a provincial level when it comes to decision making around staying in school vs remote learning based on the very few cases we have had in our district. Our division has received almost two million dollars from provincial and federal bodies to support COVID transmission prevention and the implementation of safety systems in schools. A few of these grants covered items such as sound system upgrade, bell covers for instruments for band, extra trash receptacles, touchless water fountain upgrades and implementing extra cleaning and sanitizing including equipment and staff.

11. Next meeting January 12, 2021 4:30 pm

12. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

Principal's Report

December 8th, 2020

1. Enrollment

- 426 students for first quarter

September	October	November	December
Grade 6 – 63	Grade 6 – 61	Grade 6 – 61	Grade 6 – 60
Grade 7 – 67	Grade 7 – 67	Grade 7 – 67	Grade 7 – 67
Grade 8 – 55	Grade 8 – 54	Grade 8 – 54	Grade 8 – 53
Grade 9 – 61 (8 fr Kinistin)	Grade 9 – 54	Grade 9 – 54	Grade 9 – 54
Grade 10 – 67 (6 fr Kinistin)	Grade 10 – 61	Grade 10 – 61	Grade 10 – 60
Grade 11 – 73 (5 fr Kinistin)	Grade 11 – 68	Grade 11 – 68	Grade 11 – 69
Grade 12 – 64 (3 fr Kinistin)	Grade 12 – 61	Grade 12 – 61	Grade 12 – 61
Total school = 449	Total = 426	Total = 426	Total = 424

- No bus running from Kinistin Salteaux Nation yet

2. Staffing –

- Kristina Pipunic started yesterday (Dec 7) as an EA in Middle years
- Stacey Simpson going on leave after Christmas

3. COVID-19

- Student impact
- Staff impact
- Sports on pause
 - Practice only
 - No curling practice due to SK curling decision which impacts the curling rink
- First case – Nov 26
 - Student has returned
 - No other cases
- Senior intramurals

4. Upgrades

- Window film

5. Fall Events

- Conferences
- 89% participation in October