

**TMSS School Community Council  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 4:30 pm – Virtual Zoom Meeting**

**In Attendance:** Carmen Messer, Pelggy Ratcliffe (Recorder), Giselle Huvenaars, Lori Kidney, Dave Painchaud (election officer), Leah Madsen, Richard Hildebrand, Jessica Steadman, Mel Brandt, Kali Cortus, Dawn Edmondson, Tracy Farber, Steven Edward, Ashley Kidney

**Regrets:** Crystal Cresswell

1. Call the meeting to Order 4:34 p.m.
2. Motion to appoint Elections Officer for 2020

**Motion: To appoint Dave Painchaud elections officer for 2020. Kali/Mel. CARRIED.**

3. Current Positions:

- i. Chairperson – Lesley Thibault (June 2019- June 2021)
- ii. Vice Chairperson – Kali Cortus – (June 2019 – June 2021)
- iii. Secretary – Peggy Ratcliffe – (June 2019- June 2021)
- iv. Treasurer – Melanie Brandt – (June 2019 - June 2020)
- v. Member(s) at Large – Crystal Cresswell (June 2019 - June 2021)

4. Nominations/Election of Positions:

- Treasurer – 1 year term (June 2020 – June 2021 School Year)
- Nominations:
  - Kali Cortus nominated Melanie Brandt for the position of Treasurer. Melanie accepted the nomination. Acclaimed.

5. Approval of June 10, 2019 AGM Minutes

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 10, 2019 AGM. Mel/Kali. CARRIED.**

6. Chairperson Thibault - 2019-20 Year End Report

- Lesley presented her report for the 2019-20 school year, summarizing the contributions the TMSS SCC made to TMSS during the school year.

7. Questions :

- Trojan Hockey Players – Credits for Practise
  - A parent raised a question about the Tisdale Trojans practicing during school hours and receiving high school credits although Trojan hockey is not a school sport. She also asked if students playing school sports would have

- Carmen explained that the Trojans are in the unique position of having a TMSS teacher as their head coach and as such, he is able to fulfill all of the phys ed 20 and 30 curriculum outcome requirements through the practice and have been approved to receive credit for this by Stacey Lair.
- The Trojan ice time is arranged through the town. TMSS tried to ensure these students can get their minimum 8 credits while they are here just as they do for all students. School sports do not require the same hours and are usually not done during school time therefore this credit option would not be available to students doing school sports.
- One parent suggested that allowing the Trojan hockey players to receive credits for their practices demonstrates to other students that hockey is a priority over academics. Carmen stated that getting the credits is the priority for those students. TMSS receives annual funding based on enrolment and through their enrolment, the Trojan hockey players contribute to the funding received.
- This is the first time in several years TMSS has been able to make this accommodation and it has only been possible this year because TMSS teacher/Trojan coach Dennis Kubat understands the curriculum and can deliver it for these students.
- A parent indicated other students do not share that perception.
- One parent said other sports aren't even being allowed to practice and therefore, the perception is the Trojans not only get to practice but they also get to practice during school hours.
- Carmen indicated SHSAA set the dates for high school athletics for the 2020-21 school year. The Trojans practice time decision was made last year. The Trojan coach approached Carmen before COVID about arranging a phys ed 20/30 credit for the Trojans in 2020-21.
- One parent stated a dance student took all of her dance exams and received a high school credit through a special credit project. This year there are many ways that students can get extra credits – taking the referee course is an example. The referee course will not be refunded by the school division.

- Coaching the Trojans with the phys ed assignment is part of Mr. Kubat's teaching assignment. Mrs. Simpson returned from mat leave and will teach Grade 6-8 phys ed and Mr. Kubat will teach Grade 9 phys ed.
- Carmen is not aware of other schools supporting a similar initiative but Mr. Kubat is aware of some and that is why he brought it forward.
- Catch-up/Slow Start
  - A parent asked if there would be a catch-up to learning or slow start to learning this year? Carmen said that will be discussed at an upcoming staff meeting TMSS intended to have a gentle start and did not know if they would get to any learning intentions the first week. They were focused on protocols, gentle starts and finding out who was back in the building with them. The feedback from teachers was that they were able to get to learning. Teachers have been told they need to do some review or pre-assessment, activation of prior knowledge to see where students are at. Teachers seem to be pleasantly surprised.
  - Richard noted that Stacey Simpson, Scott Brinklow, Chris and Dean Janzen gave up part of her summer to write online courses for a number of students not returning to the classroom and doing online learning which will also help transition all NESD students if there is a COVID outbreak and they have to quickly move to online learning to receive their education. Students absent due to illness can also keep up on moodle or in google classrooms without needing to have anyone up homework. This has been a huge benefit of the online platforms.

8. Adjourn. 5:06 p.m. Mel.