

## **TMSS School Community Council Meeting Agenda Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 4:30 pm**

In attendance: Carmen Messer, Lesley Thibault, Jessica Steadman, Leah Madsen, Melanie Brandt, Lori Kidney, Ashley Kidney, Peggy Ratcliffe (Recorder), Kali Cortus  
Regrets: Crystal Cresswell, Steven Edward

1. Call the meeting to Order 4:32 p.m.
2. Additions To / Approval of Agenda
  - None

**Motion: To approve the agenda as presented. Kali/Melanie. CARRIED.**

3. Approval of February 9, 2021 Community Council Minutes

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting as presented.  
Kali/Melanie. CARRIED.**

4. Business Arising out of the Minutes
  - Lesley asked Renee Trombley for an invoice from the teacher appreciation luncheon. She will pick it up later this week.
5. New Business
  - a) TMSS Natural Playground Survey
    - A community survey has been distributed on the natural playground survey.
    - Mr. Thiessen distributed the survey throughout the community. It closes at the end of March. He will report to results to the SCC at the next meeting.
6. Student Report – Ashley Kidney & Steven Edwards
  - This quarter is longer than last.
  - The weather is getting nicer so there are more outside options to remove masks. Overall the year is going well.
7. NESD Board of Director – Lori Kidney (Focus Group Meeting – Grade 10/11)
  - At the board meeting, approx. 25 Grade 10/11 students from NESD were interviewed. The focus was on how to proceed next year with regard to scheduling and planning.
  - Scheduling happens at a school level. The board wanted to know how the students felt about this year – mental health and well-being, academically, etc.

- The students reported they were doing fine. Students did state they feel closer to their teachers this year and that teachers are very aware of how they are doing specifically with regard to mental health.
- Themes that emerged were distinct between small and large schools. Small schools were challenged in seeing mental health professionals in a timely manner. They appreciated access to career counsellors and the support they are providing.
- Students felt the restrictions are taking a toll on mental health related to no sports and extra-curricular. Many students are missing assemblies, pep rallies, friendships/interactions with other grades, etc.
- Online learning feedback was not positive. Some schools offered before, after and lunch teacher support for students but some did not.
- All groups felt teachers were working extremely hard at sanitizing, keeping them safe and checking in on students mental health. It was greatly appreciated. They also recognized the added work being done by janitorial staff.
- Feedback on the block scheduling was very mixed. Some like it but they wondered what the implications would be if they missed several days of school in a row due to sports or vacations.

## 8. Principal's Report

- The bus is coming from Kinistin. Eleven students have joined TMSS staff from Grade 9-12.
- SRC mom's pantry Grade 6-8 just finished. It appears to be similar to previous years.
- Nothing further has been done with Grad. A grad/parent meeting will be booked for late March. School leadership is hoping there will be some changes in restrictions before they want to proceed with further planning.
- An outreach worker on mat leave has been placed. Candace Little has a U of R student with her for 3 weeks.

- MUCC, LP and TMSS plan to do traditional timetables next year. There are advantages to certain classes (home ec, PAA) being block but there are also disadvantages to other classes (band, phys ed., etc).
- Grade 9 students enjoyed the block schedules the most but it is unclear if that is related only to block schedules or the change in timetables that occurred last year.
- Conferences were last week. In October 89% attendance, December 16% and March was 25%. Parents are communicating with teachers outside of these opportunities so participation is not concerning.
- Students are doing a high school survey from the province.
- June awards are likely not going to occur this year. Academic awards are generally in September which should not be interrupted this year. The June awards are for extra-curricular, drama and GP points. Hardly any school sports or extra-curricular has occurred this year. TMSS is feeling there is no point to do the June awards. There may be some consideration to doing something for Grade 12 students through graduation. Further discussion will occur with staff and SRC before a final decision is made.

9. Treasurer's Report up to March 11, 2021

- Balance as of today is \$3007.72.
- The SCC got a letter indicating the Credit union will increase the monthly fee from \$2-\$4 per month.
- Melanie will do some investigation into fees associated with opening an account at BMO and will find out if the Credit Union will waive the fee for a non-profit.

**Motion: To approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Kali/Jessica. CARRIED.**

10. Other

11. Next Meeting – April 13, 2021 @ 4:30

12. Adjourn 5:03 p.m.