

TMSS School Community Council Meeting Agenda Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 4:30 pm via Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Carmen Messer, Crystal Cresswell, Mel Brandt, Leah Madsen, Dallas Thiessen, Lori Kidney, Kali Cortus, Lesley Thibault

Regrets: Ashley Kidney, Steven Edward

1. Call the meeting to Order 4:33 p.m.
2. Additions To Agenda
 - None

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

3. Approval of March 16, 2021 Council Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting. Crystal/Mel. CARRIED.

4. Business Arising out of the Minutes
 - None
5. New Business
 - N/A
6. 2021-2022 School Calendar – Final
 - No changes were made to the 2021-22 school calendar.
7. Student Report Ashley Kidney & Steven Edward
 - Lori reported for Ashley. Basketball wrapped up. Grade 12's are talking about graduation and are counting the days until school is done.
8. Dallas Thiessen – TMSS Outdoor Space Revitalization Survey – Follow-up
 - Planning group met before the break and took all of the data received from students, staff and community. 30 staff, 198 community members and 366 students completed the survey.
 - Track – the track is not feasible to do – it will not fit in the area therefore, that part of the plan will need to be excluded from the upgrade.
 - Questions were ranked out of five. Mr Thiessen presented the data for each question and the responses from each grouping.

- The survey will be used to prioritize next steps and potential phases for development. Trends that emerged from staff included concerns with garden and water feature maintenance, the need for the space to be accessible, and easy to upkeep.
- Student trends included the need for more outdoor seating to hang out in, the addition of an obstacle course, parkour course and/or climbing wall; improvements to existing volleyball and basketball courts, and outdoor workout equipment.
- Community themes included accessibility, open air learning, easy maintenance, outdoor seating, new basketball nets, and a space to gather as a community.
- Next step will be to find a landscape architect and gather quotes from several companies. The committee would like a topical rendering of the outdoor space but also a drawing of what the space could look like to help gather interest, particularly for fundraising purposes. SCC members are encouraged to pass contacts for landscape architects on to Dallas or Carmen.
- Dallas has reached out to a company that designs natural playground and will meet to explore ideas and quotes. Part of that discussion will also involve potentially completing the project in a phased approach over several years.
- To apply for grants, TMSS must have the plans and renderings in place as well as a detailed budget.
- The planning committee was very encouraged by the response to the survey.

9. Principal's Report – Carmen Messer

- There are seven days to be finished the third quarter with a quick turnaround into the fourth quarter. Next year, TMSS will return to traditional timetable scheduling rather than block scheduling.
- Quarter four will see a higher enrolment. Four students will join the high school. Other high schools are not having the same changeover of students that TMSS is experiencing as students return to the classroom.

- The SRC Mom Pantry's fundraiser wound up and delivery will be delayed until next week due to the snowstorm. Safe pickup has been arranged for all families to minimize interaction.
- The grad mentor for Kinistin students has been hired. An academic coach to support Kinistin students has also been hired. Both will work at TMSS as Kinistin School is currently not open.
- Grad 2021 – TMSS is waiting for the province to change their guidelines before they can make any concrete plans.
- School improvement goals were set to June 2020. New goals are being drafted and will support mental health for students and staff. Literacy and any gaps that may have occurred due to COVID or other reasons will also be focuses. Helping students return to the routine of a classroom after potentially being away from the school for 18 months is an area of focus for TMSS.
- NESD has made a local goal for sustainability and maintaining academic excellence within schools and the current class sizes.
- Office staff and administrators are working on piloting a new program for professional development used for replacing Students Achieve. Those that are currently using the program are reporting good things.
- Thought Exchange data themes included unhappiness with lack of grades for students under Grade 10. They are not happy with formative and summative assessments and how K- Grade 8 report cards look. They also do not like the lack of standardized testing and some continue to call for the importance of allowing students to fail. The importance of sport and extra-curricular also was a very prominent theme. Unfortunately, there were only 50 people who participated in the survey.

10. Treasurer's Report – Melanie Brandt

- The balance as of today is \$2500.67. The cheque for the teacher's appreciate meal did go through.
- Melanie heard back from the Bank of Montreal and it would be cheaper to move the account from the Cornerstone Credit Union. Melanie will discuss

the information with the Credit Union to see if they would be interested in doing anything for the SCC as a school/community organization.

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

11. Next Meeting – Tuesday May 11, 2021 4:30

12. Adjourn 5:13 p.m.