

## **TMSS School Community Council Meeting MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 4:30pm via ZOOM**

1. Call meeting to Order – Jessica at 4:33pm

2. Attendance

- Chair Jessica Steadman
- Vice Chair Kali Cortus
- Treasurer Melanie Brandt
- Members at Large: Crystal Cresswell, Ken Thomas
- Principal Carmen Messer Teacher Representative Leah Madsen
- Guests: Lori Kidney, NESD Board Representative. Lynn Murray.

3. Approval of Agenda

**Motion to Approve made by Crystal/Melanie. Carried**

4. Approval of Sept 14, 2021 Community Council Minutes

**Motion to Approve Ken/Melanie. Carried**

5. Business Arising out of the Minutes

a) Nominations/Election of Positions:

- Secretary (2 year term) **Jessica Steadman nominated Jacqueline Zslnka for secretary. Nomination accepted. Acclaimed as no further nominations**
- 1 Members at Large (1 year term) **Jessica Steadman nominated Lynn Murray. Nomination accepted. Acclaimed as no further nominations**
- One member at Large Position remains vacant as Jacqueline moved from MAL to Secretary

6. New Business – none

7. Student Reports – Grade 12 Jace Farber, Grade 11 Tilka Chapman – unable to attend

8. Kinistin Representative Report – Loretta Nippi – not present

9. NESD Board of Director – Lori Kidney – NESD Board meeting will be next week. Fall is a busy time. Office in Melfort has been busy dealing with COVID cases.

## 10. Principal's Report – Carmen Messer

### **Enrollment**

Sept 30: 487 students. Currently: 481 students

Last year we started with 449 (which determines grant money), had 426 by this meeting

Gr 6 - 63

Gr 7 - 62

Gr 8 - 67

Gr 9 - 69

Gr 10 - 81

Gr 11 - 78

Gr 12 – 61 (We are expecting 65 grads once all TMSS students return)

### **Staffing**

- Tyler Dancey on temp contract replacing Brian Binning on medical leave
- Lydia Steffen on temp contract replacing Warren Jacobson on leave
- Hoping to have Jordan Lam Ma and Kristin Lee return from their medical leaves this week
- We've been given permission to hire a casual EA
- We're still short a custodian
- Looking into extra staffing for second semester as there are extra students compared to last year

### **COVID-19**

- Current protocols are all students can attend school if they can pass the daily screening
- Staff and students deemed close contacts by Public Health that are fully vaccinated can have full access to school and community services
- Staff and students deemed close contacts by Public Health that are not fully vaccinated cannot participate in extracurricular activities at school or in community. If the close contact is not a household member, then they can come to school as long as they can pass that daily screening. If it's a household member with Covid, they can't come to school until cleared by PH.
- Traveling sports teams have to be cognizant of where they stop for services as some establishments require proof of vaccination.
- Protocols change often. This puts a lot of responsibility on the school to inform families of the restrictions. Crystal thanked Carmen and the staff at TMSS for their work in this area.

### **Fundraising - Mom's Pantry gr 9-12**

### **Fall Events**

SRC – Spirit days – challenging as they limit social gatherings in the school

## **School sports**

Golf – 1 Senior going to provincials and 4 juniors

Football team is doing well

Volleyball – 3 juniors and 2 senior girls teams. 1 junior and 1 senior boys team

Cross country – 5 going to provincials

Curling will begin in November. All athletes will need to be vaccinated to get into the curling rink

**Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences** were last week. In person or phone call seemed to be the more popular choices. Kali commented that the Sign Up Genius was too time consuming for each student/teacher. Too many sign ups and lots of emails. Perhaps Zoom would have been more practical than Google Meet. Mrs. Messer commented that perhaps teachers could have better communicated that in person was an option. Discussion that Edsby does have potential to be used for virtual meetings in the future. Teachers, students and parents seem to like Edsby.

## **Further Discussion**

- Crystal asked about drama club and band concert. Mrs. Messer will look in to both.
- Remembrance Day activities will be done within each classroom
- School newsletter was brought up by Kali. Would like to see these again. Mrs. Messer explained that with staff changes, it has not been done. Will look at options
- Mrs. Messer shared that awards were handed out to students in the Theater on Tuesday morning. Members asked how it will be communicated to parents. Could pictures be sent to families? Mrs. Messer will look in to see if names could be sent out.
- Christmas dinner – Mrs. Lee thinks it can happen in a COVID safe manner. Perhaps meals delivered to classrooms.
- Crystal inquired about intramurals. Mrs. Messer reported that they are running for middle years with Mr. Kubat. No staff available to run for high school students

## 12. Treasurer's Report – Melanie Brandt

\$1467.67 in account. No outstanding. Financials have been sent in. No concerns. SCC typically gets grant money in October. Please bring forward any funding requests. Last year we received \$3000 in grant money. This year will be more as it is based on student enrollment.

## 13. Other

- Ken asked if the Kinistin Grad Mentor could possibly do an update – enrollment, attendance, etc. Mrs. Messer shared that the grad mentor is done at 2pm so would not be able to attend SCC meetings, but could possibly share a very general report (cannot be student specific). Ken suggested that she could

connect with the post-secondary councilor at Kinistin (Marty Spot). Mrs. Messer will discuss this with Britt.

- Crystal brought up discussion about vaccinations. Would Public Health possibly do more COVID vaccination clinics within the school? This would need to be discussed with NESD. Lori reported that feedback to the board has been both positive and negative. It was difficult to get 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of Pfizer as there was limited availability in the community. Mrs. Messer reports that students are concerned about missing extracurricular activities, and now wanting to get second dose.

15. Next Meeting – November 9, 2021 at 4:30pm

16. Adjourn – Jessica - 5:21pm