

SMS PAC Meeting Minutes

Attendance (via Teams): Darcy C., Tiffany L., Morgan W., Luvena B., Keri A., Pattie L., Christy W., Amanda K.

1. Meeting Called to Order: 6:35 pm

2. Adopt the Meeting Minutes from Nov 22, 2021:

- Motion to approve: Darcy 2nd/approved: Morgan

3. Principal's report – Pattie L.

- Delayed start to school allowed administration time to plan for teachers being away and the possibility of a functional closure; a revised safety plan was also done and is posted on the SMS website
- Due to increased community cases, Interior Health (IH) is no longer informing the school if there are positive covid cases among students – this protects personal identities and is an IH decision – if there was a large increase in the number of cases at the school and it was deemed a cluster, then IH would be notifying SMS
- New staff at the school: Mr. Ste Marie replaces Mme Mitchell; Christy Lucas new CEA
- Extracurricular sports are still running with adaptations to meet safety plan
 - Grade 8 boys basketball are competing in league games – no spectators allowed but may try to get a livestream of games going
 - Grade 6's and 7's practice twice/week – games are being played in house as there are enough students to play each other
 - Great number of teachers/coaches running the basketball program!
- New disc golf equipment arrived last week – it was put up today and already being used
- Some lunch time clubs are paused, like chess and anything that involves students sitting relatively close to each other, while others are able to continue
- Student Voice was unable to meet this week due to absences but planning for this week
- Christy asked about absenteeism at the school and what levels would cause a school closure?
 - Pattie advises it is around 20-22%, however, not all absence details are shared by parents, so this may not be all due to illness
 - If there was deemed to be a cluster by IH, that would lead to a closure – if absenteeism reaches around 25% (this needs to be confirmed) it would certainly trigger a second look into what is going on and why students are away
 - Functional closure takes place if there are not enough staff (with TOC's and admin) to manage the classes

4. Treasurers Report: Darcy Calkins – see attached report

- Gaming Account:
 - Breakfast Program and Athletics (extra-curricular) cheques were cashed

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- Cheques also written for yearbook camera, disc golf equipment and knitting club
- The remainder of the items listed are earmarked as passed in our budget
- Account balance at Jan 24th: \$13,061.47
- Chequing Account:
 - Division money cashed; cheques also written for under desk bike and ADST
 - Purdy's funds received, but still expecting approx. another \$500
 - Account balance at Jan 24th: \$4,367.30
- Christy asked about the division money for teachers and if we can allocate anymore, as they are trying to navigate through more challenging times?
 - Darcy noted that at \$100/division, this is more than we usually give anyway but we can always look at more on case-by-case basis
 - Luvena added that we can certainly discuss it in the future if the need arises
 - Pattie: she isn't sure how the money is being spent at this time – teachers are kind of in a holding pattern waiting for things to improve and the snow to melt; she will look into how much division money has been accessed so far – there is a team meeting this week and she will ask teachers if they are funded ok

5. Budget: not discussed – this was passed during November 22nd meeting

6. DPAC Report: Dustin Hyatt – see attached report

- Dustin was not present but provided a written report that Luvena read through
- Christy was able to add further comments from the last DPAC meeting:
 - There has been some concern regarding lack of online material and in-home learning support – for all students that are missing chunks of school time, but especially some diverse learners who may be compromised in other ways and cannot attend school due to the risk
 - Luvena noted that this could also be teacher dependent

7. Issues from the floor:

- Discussion regarding PAC lunch challenge sponsored by Shuswap Food Action Society in February, to provide a soup and bun to 200 students
 - Concerns are that we might not be able to get the required number of volunteers, especially one that has Food Safe
 - Pattie suggested we could target a specific grade – Christy asked if we could use it to support a current hot lunch program at the school
 - Pattie then suggested we try and contact Serena (with the society) to see if we could potentially do something similar to the requirements of the challenge (targeting diverse dietary needs) like a granola bar, that would give us the ability to serve more students
 - Luvena will contact Serena to inquire
- Darcy gave a quick review of the SA working group for long range planning – they met this week – with the data shifting and the on-going pandemic, they recommended that the changes should not be attempted to be implemented for the next school year. The working group will continue to meet and have further discussions.

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- Christy also added that DPAC is trying to get a response from the SD regarding the FAC and their lack of meetings
- Darcy asked Pattie if the teachers were feeling supported enough in regard to the mask mandate and exemptions
 - Pattie noted that exemptions are available, but parents need to identify why they are asking for one
 - SMS has a low exemption rate, and some students have a hybrid of mask wearing where they can be without a mask at their desk but wear one in high traffic situations like the hallway

8. Meeting Adjourned: 7:21pm

- motion to adjourn: Christy, 2nd: Morgan

Next meeting February 28th at 6:30pm

Not approved