

## Ecole Dickinsfield School Council Meeting Minutes



Location:	Room 112
Date:	Nov. 3, 2016
Attendees	Paul Smith, Thomas Andrews, Melissa Manolescu, Dana Wigle, Jessica Abraham, Desiree Dakin, Kristy Sturge, Michelle Preville-Hall, Luana Jorgenson Donahue, Maryse Lessard, Baha Madjidov, Del Yunusova

Item	Topics
1	<p>Welcome and introductions - Paul went through the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● He explained the the various roles of the executive that are still open                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chairperson - organizes agendas, chairs the meetings</li> <li>○ Vice-Chairperson - helps the Chairperson, chairs the meetings when chairperson is unavailable</li> <li>○ Secretary - take meeting minutes</li> <li>○ Networks</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Additions to agenda - ASCA(6), Recess times (5e)</li> <li>● Approval of the agenda - motion to approve by Kristi, seconded by Luana and Michelle</li> </ul>
3.	<p>Reports</p> <p>A. Health and wellness/Apple - Thomas gave an update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PAC provides money for apples for students</li> <li>○ Haven't been eating as much as we've been buying, might decrease amount.</li> <li>○ Students can have apples at any time</li> <li>○ Promoting healthy celebrations</li> <li>○ Class that fills the most apples with stickers representing healthy snacks gets an extra PE period</li> <li>○ Anything the school gives to children should follow the healthy school policy</li> <li>○ Not all parents have been getting the Healthy Newsletter that THomas sends out</li> <li>○ Thomas sent out a link that will create a label showing the health details of the snack</li> <li>○ Trying to teach that a treat is a treat, but daily options should be healthy</li> <li>○ Desiree asked about the FMPSD Healthy Schools Policy - Thomas explained that we follow the guidelines differently, but we all follow the guidelines; the district has</li> </ul>

	<p>B. PD Update - ATA Institute day - Erin gave an update and shared some key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Morning Keynote- The Mediatrician (Dr. Michael Rich) presented on technology and families, and technology and learning<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Yllub.org - reverse bullying</li><li>ii. Screen time - not recommended at all for children under 18, Under 30 months only for interactive screens</li></ul></li><li>○ Afternoon keynote - Ariel H - Stress and how to handle it</li></ul> <p>C. Leader in me - 7 Habits Video - the importance of prioritizing the big rocks first (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_CzQ6gZ4FoY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_CzQ6gZ4FoY</a>)</p>																											
4.	<p>Election of School Council Executive</p> <table><tr><td>Chairperson</td><td>Melissa Manolescu</td><td><a href="mailto:m_manolescu@hotmail.ca">m_manolescu@hotmail.ca</a></td></tr><tr><td>Vice-Chairperson</td><td>Maryse Lessard</td><td><a href="mailto:Maryselessard224@hotmail.com">Maryselessard224@hotmail.com</a></td></tr><tr><td>Secretary</td><td>Michelle Preville-Hall</td><td><a href="mailto:mpreville@shaw.ca">mpreville@shaw.ca</a></td></tr><tr><td>Networks Rep</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Parent Association Liaison</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Members at Large</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Teacher Representative</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Principal</td><td>Paul Smith</td><td><a href="mailto:paul.smith@fmprsd.ab.ca">paul.smith@fmprsd.ab.ca</a></td></tr><tr><td>Vice-Principals</td><td>Thomas Andrews &amp; Erin Keca</td><td><a href="mailto:thomas.andrews@fmprsd.ab.ca">thomas.andrews@fmprsd.ab.ca</a></td></tr></table>	Chairperson	Melissa Manolescu	<a href="mailto:m_manolescu@hotmail.ca">m_manolescu@hotmail.ca</a>	Vice-Chairperson	Maryse Lessard	<a href="mailto:Maryselessard224@hotmail.com">Maryselessard224@hotmail.com</a>	Secretary	Michelle Preville-Hall	<a href="mailto:mpreville@shaw.ca">mpreville@shaw.ca</a>	Networks Rep			Parent Association Liaison			Members at Large			Teacher Representative			Principal	Paul Smith	<a href="mailto:paul.smith@fmprsd.ab.ca">paul.smith@fmprsd.ab.ca</a>	Vice-Principals	Thomas Andrews & Erin Keca	<a href="mailto:thomas.andrews@fmprsd.ab.ca">thomas.andrews@fmprsd.ab.ca</a>
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5.	<p>Parental Input</p> <p>A. Coding - Coding presently done with Rob Reid. Said El Mejdani &amp; Westwood Community High School has coding opportunities also available. Thoughts about expanding our options next year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Paul asked what parents thought about having a “coding” class during “peak”</li><li>○ Kristi asked what they might miss</li><li>○ Jessica wondered if coding would be available for PEAK kids</li><li>○ Robotics would continue as an afterschool program</li><li>○ Parents thought it would be worthwhile pursuing it as an “option”</li></ul> <p>B. Feedback from PTIs in October</p>																											

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Was in conjunction with report cards previously (report cards are coming Nov. 18)</li> <li>○ Kristi &amp; Jessica thought it was great - especially with this year being a little different</li> <li>○ Melissa mentioned that it was great to be able to start “healthy habits early”</li> <li>○ Paul let parents know that K&amp; ECDP PTI’s will be in November after report cards due to the EYE</li> <li>○ Maryse thought it was great as she and her son are new to the school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Mentioned that there was great communication through the agenda</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>C. School Growth Plan Display and discuss: What recommendations would you make to ensure a year of quality instruction and safe and caring schools? - <b>Tabled until next meeting</b></p> <p>D. Meeting Dates &amp; Times - Future meeting dates: 6:30 - 7:30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● December 1, 2016</li> <li>● January 19, 2017</li> <li>● Feb 16, 2017</li> <li>● March 16, 2017</li> <li>● April - no meeting (Spring Break)</li> <li>● May 18, 2017</li> <li>● June 15, 2017</li> </ul> <p>E. Kristy Sturge - Recess times - difficult to supervise so many students at recess</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Would having 2 separate recess times for Divisions be an option?</li> <li>● Recognizes that there are logistical issues</li> <li>● Paul discussed the teacher break times and how it would be difficult to find enough supervision</li> <li>● We stagger recesses with SMP, making it difficult to change recess times</li> <li>● Hot lunch makes it difficult to stagger lunch</li> <li>● We also have too many student to use the gym - Mme Lindsay does organize intramurals during the winter</li> <li>● Luana asked about putting in another playground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There used to be more but the city pulled it out</li> <li>○ They replaced some but not all</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Thomas explained that we have a basketball pad, but the city hasn’t put in nets</li> <li>● Dana asked what spaces students are allowed to play</li> <li>● We do have a sliding hill - teachers can take their class out supervised</li> <li>● Kristy explained that sometimes the older kids have trouble finding activities to keep them occupied at recess</li> <li>● Mrs. Webb runs a playground club - there are grade 5&amp;6 leaders who take the equipment out to play</li> <li>● We have 3 recesses - 15 mins AM; 15 mins at lunch; 15 mins PM</li> <li>● We added another supervisor so that students could go further in the field</li> <li>● Parents as supervisors do need to be paid - would be a nice option but there are budgetary reasons that it hasn’t been adopted</li> <li>● Jessica suggested that we talk to other large schools to see how they face</li> </ul>
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	this concern
6.	<p>ASCA - Desiree attended the conference the last week in April last year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Minutes</a> from the ASCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) from April 2016</li> <li>• Asking for topics for next year's AGM</li> <li>• If we want any resolutions, we need to submit by Dec. 12</li> <li>• Which parents would like to go to the ASCA next spring? We can send two</li> </ul>
7.	<p>Next meeting agenda items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desiree would like to ask to have a discussion around a bullying prevention program "Find your voice" consulting - Karen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Desiree did mention that she hasn't noticed much coming from our school in regards to bullying, but there is some talk in our parent community about bullying</li> </ul> </li> </ul>