

ÉCOLE DICKINSFIELD
SCHOOL COUNCIL
September 20, 2017

Present:	Michelle Preville-Hall	Melissa Manolescu	Deanna Moseng
	Heather Randell	Debbie Savage	Colleen Tatum
	Olivia Kenny Foran	Jessica Abraham	Maryse Lessard
	Paul Smith	James Hayward	M Muzaffan Malik
	Roxana Basharpour	Jasmin Akhter	Thomas Young
	Shana Strickland	Anavami Braimoh	Samantha Berthelet
	Suman Kuar	Luana Jorgenson Donahue	Kara-Lynn Fediuk
	Erin Keca	Theresa Rogers	Sarah Doyle
	Lucky Braimch	Nicole Knowles	

1. 2. Call To Order, Introductions, Agenda, and Minutes:

a. Call to Order: 6:30 p.m. (Quorum Was Met)

b. Agenda and Minutes:

Motion:

To accept September 20, 2017 Agenda

Moved and seconded.

Maryse and Deanna

All in Favour

Motion:

To accept Minutes from June 7, 2017

Moved and Seconded:

Maryse and Roxana

All in Favour

3. Presentation: Extracurricular Activities and School Clubs by Mr. Paul Smith

- Staff and parents volunteer their time to create and organize various extracurricular activities or school clubs throughout the school year. Parents would like to see a posting of which activities are running or when they anticipate them to start so they could encourage their children to join. Parents would also like to see which grade level is eligible or appropriate for each activity/club.
- Extracurricular Activities may include but are not limited to:
 - Running Club
 - Global Club
 - Choir and school play
 - Chess Club
 - Robotics Club
 - League sports (badminton, basket ball...)
 - Yoga
 - Science Fair
 - Student Lighthouse Team
 - ATB Banking
 - Holiday Decorators
 - Birthday Card Makers
 - Wormologists/Composting
 - Garden Club
 - Playground Buddies
 - Crossing Guards
- Parents wanting to volunteer to run extracurricular activities can contact administration.
 - paul.smith@fmpsd.ab.ca
 - erin.keca@fmpsd.ab.ca
 - james.hayward@fmpsd.ab.ca

4. Reports

a. Principal

- Currently have 687 students enrolled at Ecole Dickinsfield. Approximately 1/3 student population is in English; 2/3 is enrolled in French Immersion.
- Some reconfiguration has happened in Grade 1 English, along with Grades 3 and 4 English. Classes seem to be settling in well now.
- We have strong staff numbers in both English and French.
- New this year is our Tech Academy, run by Erin Keca and James Hayward.
- Parents would like more resources, such as parent information sessions and online resources, available in regards to helping their children excel in French Immersion.

b. Parent Association Council (PAC)

- Last meeting was held September 12, 2017 and they had a great turn out. Elections were held with the new executive as follows:
 - President: Desiree Dakin
 - Vice-President: Janet Snow
 - Secretary: Cheryl Oram
 - Treasurer: Theresa Rogers
 - Casino Chairperson: Kerri Torkeli
 - Volunteer Coordinator: Jessica Abraham
 - Communications Coordinator: Kat Fraese
 - Raffle and Fundraising Coordinator: Kara-Lyn Fediuk
- All parents/guardians who attend a School Council meeting will qualify to have their name on a ballot entry for the volunteer Holiday Concert couch raffle.
- Desiree will attend School Council meeting in October as part of our APPLE school presentation to speak about hot lunch nutrition.
- PAC fully funded the School Council sandwich board that is placed outside the week of School Council Meetings.
- Up to \$250 has been dedicated to purchasing crosswalk pylons/kid alert signs.
- Volunteers needed for Welcome Back BBQ on September 21st and picture day on September 26th.
- Once the hot lunch program is up and running volunteers will be needed to help with groceries, food prep and sorting.
- Next PAC meeting is Tuesday, October 10th at 9:15am.

c. Networks

- First Networks meeting of the school year will be held on September 25th at 7pm.

5. Old Business

a. 2017/2018 Calendar Update

- Every family in our school should have received a school calendar. It has days listed (day 1, day 2...) along with all school breaks and PLF's.
- Came in about \$100 under budget and would consider making them without the cardstock cover to make even a bit more cost effective.
- Parents would like to have link to the calendar posted on the school website in the event parents lose their copy, it would still be available to them.

6. New Business

a. Emails in Addition to Class List Postings

- In regards to first day of school, parents are asking if class lists can be posted beforehand to avoid the confusion. Parents suggested having multiple class lists posted around the school to alleviate the crowdedness at the front door.
- Paul will address this topic in April again. School Council to inquire what other schools do through Networks meeting.

b. Presentation Ideas

- Any topics or presentation ideas parents would like to see or hear about at our monthly School Council meetings can be emailed to dickinsfieldschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

7. Meeting Dates:

- Wednesday, October 18, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 15, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
- No December Meeting
- Wednesday, January 17, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 20, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 20, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 18, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 16, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 13, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m. (AGM)

8. Adjourned 8:02 p.m.

Ongoing Items:

	Type	Item	Person Responsible	Timeline
1.	Action	Post extracurricular activities and corresponding start dates on school website.	Administration / Erin Keca	October
2.	Action	Convert calendar to PDF for online posting.	Suman Kuar / School Council	October
3.	Tabled	Class list posting for first day of school.	Paul Smith / School Council	April
4.	Action	Inquire how other schools communicate class lists on first day.	School Council	TBD - Networks Meeting