

ÉCOLE DICKINSFIELD
SCHOOL COUNCIL
February 12, 2018

Present:

Michelle Preville-Hall
Jessica Abraham
Paul Smith
Shana Strickland

Melissa Manolescu
Maryse Lessard
Angela Urchyshyn

James Hayward
Erin Keca
Eugene Urchyshyn

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

a. Call to Order: 6:38 p.m. (Quorum Was Met)

b. Agenda and Minutes:

Motion:

Moved and seconded.

To accept February 12, 2018 Agenda

Maryse and Jessica

All in Favour

Motion:

Moved and Seconded:

To accept Minutes from January 17, 2018

Maryse and Jessica

All in Favour

3. Presentation: Emergency Alert System (Presented by Ali Syed, Director of Technology, FMPSD):

- In the wake of the wildfires, the Fort McMurray Public School District realized a need for mass communication to all parents and guardians regarding important information about school events, school closings, safety alerts etc. School Messenger is a free service to parents/guardians and allows schools to notify parents/guardians via email or phone call. Parents can choose how they would like to be notified by setting up their Power School Account.
- To sign up for text messaging by School Messenger: parents must text “Y” or “YES” to 978338. This is our school’s short code number.
- To set up a Power School Account: parents will receive an Access ID and password information from the school. Power School allows parents to see their child’s marks, attendance and will allow parents to pay for school fees online.
- There was a table set-up for information and help regarding Power School accounts at fall parent-teacher interviews (PTIs). Some parents are still not signed up/using Power School. Will look into setting up information/help table again at spring PTIs.

4. Reports

a. Principal

- Miskanaw Golf Pros from Mac Island came to teach/play Snag Golf with grades 4-6.
- Leader In Me Literacy night is coming up February 21st 6:30pm to 7:30pm.
- ECDP open house is scheduled for March 8th and 9th.
- Kindergarten open house is scheduled for March 22nd 5-7pm and March 23rd 9am-12pm.
- Science Fair is March 26th.
- Parent Teacher Interviews are March 26th and March 28th.
- The Alberta Opera is coming to Dickinsfield in May to perform Jack and the Bean Stock.

b. Parent Association Council (PAC)

- Next meeting is February 13th at 9:15am. Meeting will include the teacher Wish List items.

c. Networks

- Discussions at Networks January 22nd meeting included:
 - School Messenger; the new Emergency Alert System put in place by the District.
 - Student travel/cost; parents feel the experience of a school trip out weigh the risks due to unrest throughout the world. Parents also felt students fundraising for potential trips would enhance the responsibility of traveling with the school.

Elementary report cards; Parents are having difficulty with the 1-4 scale for reporting. Most are wondering what is the consistency between teachers, grades and schools. District is developing a survey.

- Discussions at Networks February 5th meeting included:
 - School Calendar; both FMPSD and FMCS D are hoping to align the no school Fridays.
 - FMPSD is putting together a sub committee to review the Accountability Pillars. Sub committee will meet February 20th – March 1st.
 - First day of school feedback; for ECDP and Kindergarten, most schools call parents a couple days before to notify who their child's teacher is and where to find the classroom. Christina Gordon is a small school and held an open house the weekend before the first day to school so families could scope out their child's teacher and classroom. Most other schools have posters and class lists all over the school and outside the doors. Topic to be brought up again in April for more feedback/brainstorming.

5. Old Business

a. ASCA Conference and AGM Meeting (April 20th – 22nd 2018)

- Registration for 2 parents from each school is paid for by FMPSD. PAC helps with travel and accommodation. Jessica Abraham has put her name forward, anyone else interested is attending may also put their name forward. Resolutions will be discussed at our March 14th meeting.

6. New Business

a. Use of Gym During Indoor Recess

- Discussion about the possibility of using the gym as a way for students to burn some energy and for teachers to get a break during indoor recess. Suggestion was brought forward for some sort of rotation between grades or classes to have unstructured but supervised gym time. The idea was that the teachers that are on indoor supervision would supervise gym time instead.
- Administration has concerns that not all students would want to go to the gym and therefore create logistical challenges for supervising teachers.
- Parents feel it would be worth looking into for next school year and possibly collaborating with parent volunteers to help at least for the lunch time recess.

b. Screen Time During Snack/Lunch Times

- If parents have concerns with the amount of tv or movies their child's teacher plays during lunch and indoor recess times, they should approach the teacher. The school currently has no policy in place regarding how often or which shows are played in the classroom.

c. Sign Outside Front of school

- Sign will be changed in the next little while.

7. Meeting Dates:

***Please note February and March meeting dates are not on the regular third Wednesday of the month due to scheduling conflicts.**

- a. *Wednesday, March 14, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m – ASCA Resolutions
- b. Wednesday, April 18, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m – Budget Presentation
- c. Wednesday, May 16, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m
- d. Wednesday, June 13, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m (AGM)

8. Adjourned 8:34 p.m.

Ongoing Items:

	Type	Item	Person Responsible	Timeline	Completed
1.	Action	Post extracurricular activities and corresponding start dates on school website.	Administration / Erin Keca	November	Yes
2.	Action	Convert calendar to PDF for online posting.	Suman Kuar / School Council	October	Yes
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	Networks Meeting (Feb 5)	Yes
5.	Action	Sample menu of hot lunch items to be posted to the school website.	PAC (Desiree) / Erin Keca	November	
6.	Action	Post list of charities on calendar, website and newsletters	Administration		Information given in November newsletter.
7.	Action	Post Hour Zero protocol information sheet to the school website.	James Hayward/Erin Keca	January	Yes