

ÉCOLE DICKINSFIELD
SCHOOL COUNCIL
October 18, 2017

Present:

Jessica Abraham
Todd Byers
Kara-Lynn Fediuk
Erin Keca
Melissa Manolescu
Shana Strickland

Jasmin Akhter
Desiree Dakin
Brittany Fuhry
Olivia Kenny Foran
Michelle Preville-Hall
Colleen Tatum

Samantha Berthelet
Sarah Doyle
James Hayward
Maryse Lessard
Paul Smith

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

a. Call to Order: 6:33 p.m. (Quorum Was Met)

b. Agenda and Minutes:

Motion:

Moved and seconded.

To accept October 18, 2017 Agenda

Jessica and Maryse

All in Favour

Motion:

Moved and Seconded:

To accept Minutes from September 20, 2017

Maryse and Jessica

All in Favour

3. Presentation: What is an APPLE School AND Hot Lunch Nutrition

- Tyler Smith, the District School Health Mentor, did a quick presentation on APPLE School and what it means for Ecole Dickinsfield and the FMPSD. The APPLE program is focused on activity levels, mental health, and good nutrition.
- The program has been around for 7 years and was started by a donation from Allan Markin, the Chairman of CNRL. He believed in investing in children's nutrition to reduce health care costs in the future.
- There are currently 63 schools participating as an APPLE School in Northern Alberta.
- Parents can keep up with APPLE School information via Twitter, Facebook and the APPLE School website. Parents can also email Tyler directly at tyler.smith@fm-psd.ab.ca for more information.
- Desiree Dakin, our Volunteer Hot Lunch Coordinator, did a quick presentation about our school's hot lunch program.
- Parents can order hot lunch items online once a month. Hot lunch is provided to students two days a week and follow Alberta Health Services Choose Sometimes (20%) and Chose Most Often (80%) food guideline.
- Local restaurants alter the hot lunch items to follow those guidelines. For example Boston Pizza uses multigrain crust, less sugar and salt in the sauce and less cheese.
- Desiree will compile a sample monthly menu for Erin to post on the school website.
- The hot lunch program is 100% volunteer based; if parents would like to help out please sign up on Signup Genius <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4faaaa2fa57-lunch>
- Parents can email dickinsfieldparents@gmail.com for more information.

4. Reports

a. Principal

- Paul presented Dickinsfield School Council an award for School Excellence on behalf of FMPSD Board of Trustees.
- Earth Rangers came for a presentation.
- United Way theme week was a success.
- The school hosted Inter Pipeline for a tour about our APPLE School program. Student leaders were very involved in the tour, which included a blackberry taste test in the ECDP

class. They were very impressed with our efforts towards healthy initiatives and made a \$650,000 donation to be split between Fort McMurray Public Schools and Fort McMurray Catholic Schools.

- Children's authors from all over attended our school to give presentations to students. It was a big hit.
- The school play is coming up October 24th at Keyano College.
- The school is required to do three fire drills per school year; administration likes to get them done before the weather is cold. All three have now been completed. A lock down drill is planned for next week.
- Halloween dance is scheduled for the evening of October 26th for students in Grade 4-6. Halloween parade will be October 31st during the day; no masks please.
- Parent Teacher Interviews for ECDP will be October 30th, November 1st and November 2nd. Parents can schedule an appointment online via the school schedule website. Website will be live the Wednesday before. Grades K-6 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held at the end of November.
- Heads up to parents that the Municipality will be closing the intersection by Fullerton Drive for continued construction. They have it down to one lane, alternating traffic. Will be congested, please have patience.

b. Parent Association Council (PAC)

- PAC meeting held on October 10th was their wish list meeting. \$4000 was spent on various classroom items, as requested by various classroom teachers.
- Administration asked PAC for funds to cover the cost of 2017-2018 agendas (\$3300). Previously, agendas were paid for by parents as part of the school fees. This year the province paid school fees, although agendas were not paid for. PAC decided to pay half the cost (\$1650).
- The Charity Bazaar is a go this year. The planning stage has begun and more information will be out shortly.
- Art Cards fundraiser is in full swing. Parents wishing to order must have orders and money in by October 24th.
- Next PAC meeting is November 14th at 9:15am.

c. Networks

- Meeting held September 25th at District Office.
- School start up was discussed and some key concerns were: First day chaos, split classes, large class sizes (30 students), traffic and bussing issues.
- Enrolment is up 9% across the District.
- Minister of Education is attending the next Networks meeting on November 6th. Those that wish to attend on behalf of Ecole Dickinsfield School Council, please email dickinsfieldschoolcouncil@gmail.com. The District would like to know in advance how many people are planning to attend.

5. Old Business

a. Posting Extracurricular Activities to School Website

- Staff members and volunteers organize most activities; Administration is waiting to hear from them so they can compile an accurate list. As soon as that is done, the list will be posted.

b. Posting Calendar in PDF to School Website

- Has been posted, thank you!

6. New Business

a. School Agendas

- Most parents feel the school agendas are a useful resource with regards to parent/teacher/student communication. It also gives students an opportunity to practice printing and learn accountability.

- Administration also feels the agenda's are a life long skill and will encourage staff to use them regularly.

b. School Supported Charities

- Parents would like to see a list of charities the school plans to support throughout the school year and when approximately they will be held. Administration could include this in the school calendar and additionally, given as information in the newsletter regarding upcoming charity events the school is supporting. This way, parents can help their children understand what and why they are fundraising.
- Participating in fundraising for these charities (such as Terry Fox and United Way) is completely optional. Students may participate in charity events (such as the Terry Fox run/walk and United Way theme days) without participating in the fundraising component.

c. Theme Days

- Special days like Orange Shirt day and Yellow Shirt day help open up the conversations and give visual aide to show people we are standing with them. United Way is a FMPSPD-supported charity and the United Way week of fundraising is a historically celebrated week of dress-up in the school. Other theme days, such as pyjama day, are often class related and used as a reward to students. Participating in theme days is completely optional.
- Paul indicated he would have discussions with staff regarding the amount of theme days they have.

7. Meeting Dates:

- b. Wednesday, November 15, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
- c. No December Meeting
- d. Wednesday, January 17, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.
- e. Tuesday, February 20, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.
- f. Tuesday, March 20, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.
- g. Wednesday, April 18, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.
- h. Wednesday, May 16, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.
- i. Wednesday, June 13, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m. (AGM)

8. Adjourned 8:18 p.m.

Ongoing Items:

| | Type | Item | Person Responsible | Timeline | Completed |
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| 1. | Action | Post extracurricular activities and corresponding start dates on school website. | Administration / Erin Keca | November | |
| 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 | TBD – Networks Meeting | |
| 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 | | |