

OLPH School Council Meeting

Wednesday January 22, 2020 @ 7:00 pm – OLPH School

In Attendance:

Natalie Wallace – Chair, Charles Ward – Vice Chair, Andrea Medvescek – Secretary, Natalie Lavigne – Past-Chair (joined at 7:45 pm), Krista Taylor – Grade 8 Fundraising Chair, Barb Crowley – Volunteer, Warren Bitzer, Renee Mclanson, Trish Ibach, Mary Reschny, Lisa Hall, Christine Cooper

Staff: Alyre Morin, Amie Gartner

Trustee: Ted Paszek

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order by Natalie Wallace at 7:00 pm.
- Indigenous Acknowledgement statement read by Charles Ward.

a) OPENING PRAYER

- Led by Amie Gartner.

b) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 27, 2019

- Motion to approve the November 27, 2019 minutes.
- Moved by Krista Taylor, seconded by Warren Bitzer.

c) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Motion to approve the agenda.
- Moved by Barb Crowley, seconded by Charles Ward.

II. OLD BUSINESS

a) MICROWAVES

- Giving no background information into our discussion, Miss Gartner has asked the teachers about microwaves in the school. They overwhelmingly did not support it. In light of this feedback, School Council has decided to close the matter. If there are any further questions please contact Mr. Morin directly.

III. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

a) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – ALYRE MORIN

- See attached handouts - Administration Report for December 2019/January 2020; Floor Finish Plan, for painting and flooring changes in the school.
- The tile mural in the main foyer will be removed during the renovations and Mr. Franko will be replacing it with a beautiful wood cross.
- 2 Robotics teams from our school will be attending the Robotic Tournament at NAIT.
- VOYAGE QUEBEC
- Trip will be from May 16-23, 43 students and 4 staff member will be going.
- Meetings for the parents and students attending this years' trip will start in February.

- SURVEYS
- See document – EICS Accountability Survey Plan.
- Mr. Morin requests if parents are selected randomly to please complete it by February 28th.
- Results are used by staff to determine what areas may require more focus.

- SCHOOL CALENDAR
- See handout – 2020-2021 School Year.
- Feedback is requested from parents regarding next year's calendar.
- A question was asked about Christmas break starting and ending mid-week. Although this is not ideal it was done to follow what the public schools are doing as transportation is affected.
- Any other concerns regarding the calendar please let Mr. Morin know. Feedback will be passed along to the board in the next couple days.

- MISS GARTNER
- Miss Gartner passed along a business card for the Save-On-Foods on Wye Road. It was brought to her attention that they may fundraise with schools based on purchases made. Natalie Wallace will look into it.
- Miss Gartner passed along information in a letter. Teachers have been writing their MLA's about class sizes. Blank letter templates were provided for any parents who would like to support the teachers by writing one as well. They ask the letters be true, heartfelt, and factual, listing all the barriers your child is facing in the classroom due to class sizes without being negative.

b) WINTER CARNIVAL

- OLPH will be celebrating in the morning and EPK in the afternoon.
- Volunteers may be needed yet, but Mr. Morin will let us know once all activities are finalized.
- There will be horses and maple syrup in the snow.

c) EXECUTIVE REPORT – NATALIE WALLACE

- **ASCA INPUT AND NEW QUESTION**
- ASCA is requesting feedback regarding providing a safe environment for School Council and if funding issues have impacted our school, students and how council performs. If you are interested in this topic and have any feedback you would like included please contact Natalie Wallace.

- **CEPAC**
- Natalie Wallace attended the CEPAC meeting.
- Discussion was had there about funding and how we as a school council can support our school during this time.

- **LEAP YEAR POOL PARTY**
- Planning is underway for the grade 5/6 pool party. Mr. Morin is appreciative that we have planned separate 5/6 and 7/8 events this year.

- See handout – Leap Year Pool Party, this letter will be sent home with the grade 5 and 6 students soon.
- **SHROVE TUESDAY**
- Many volunteers are needed for this morning.
- This year it will not be unlimited pancakes - students will be served juice, sausage and pancakes.
- **GRADE 7 SUB-COMMITTEE**
- Meeting will take place Wednesday January 29th to discuss fundraising ideas for next year's Quebec trips.
- **PARISH UPDATE – NATALIE LAVIGNE**
- An extra parent meeting will take place in the church basement Monday January 27th at 7:30 pm for parents whose children need to celebrate any of the sacraments.
- There will be an Ash Wednesday mass for each school; parents are welcome to attend with their children

d) UPCOMING EVENTS

- Error in the agenda – next meeting is February 12, 2020 at 7 pm not February 26.
- Jan 26 – Hot Lunch session 2 order deadline, Jan 29 – Sub-committee for Voyage Quebec, Jan 31 – Report Cards live at 4 pm, Feb 6-7 – Teachers Convention, Feb 13 – Winter Carnival, Feb 14 – PD Day, Feb 17 – Family Day, Feb 25 – Shrove Tuesday, Feb 29 – Leap Year Pool Party for Grade 5/6

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- **JUNIOR HIGH EVENT IN APRIL**
- Grade 7/8 classes were asked what event they would like. There was no support for a dance. The students brought many ideas forward; half of the classes have yet to respond so a final decision has yet to be made. Going to the jump park was a very popular idea.
- A group of grade 7/8 students have volunteered to help plan the event; some parent help will be needed as well if anyone is interested. Looking to plan the event for the end of April.
- **ASCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN APRIL**
- Any parent on council is welcome to attend. Conference is in Edmonton.
- Cost is \$70 to attend the AGM only and \$395 to attend events and seminars for all 3 days. Natalie Wallace is available and willing to attend all three days.
- Motion to send Natalie Wallace to the Conference for all 3 days, moved by Charles Ward, seconded by Natalie Lavigne, all in favour, carried.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- Natalie Wallace adjourned meeting at 8:22 pm.