

Agenda
October 16, 2020
Tomahawk School Council

Attendance: Desiree Janzen, Fran Bell, Ron Heinrichs, Maria Androschuck, Natacha Cross,
Amber Hill, Carmen Vanderwell

- 1) Meeting Called to Order @9:01
- 2) Additions to Agenda –N/A
- 3) Approval of Agenda - approved by Maria, seconded by Amber
- 4) Reading of Minutes from May 8 and September 11, 2020
- 5) Approval of Minutes from May 8 - Approved by Maria, Seconded by Amber and September 11, 2020 – Approved by Maria, seconded by Natacha
- 6) Action Items from May 8 and September 11, 2020 - none
- 7) Trustee Report – shared information about remuneration process that will be taking place soon. PSD lost 294 students who transferred out to attend other online platforms. They also had 56 students transfer in from other jurisdictions. Ron talked about covid guidelines and shared with us the “Stay at home guide” that can be found on divisions website. All ventilation systems in all schools were checked over and all is good. October 27th @ 9:30am is next board meeting. Meeting after that is on November 24th @ 9:30am.
- 8) Principal’s Report – see attachment
- 9) Teacher’s Report – see attachment (included with principal’s report)
- 10) Chair’s Report – there is a COSC meeting coming up soon. Will be held on a Thursday evening.
- 11) Discussion / New Business – N/A
- 12) Next meeting date and time – November 20th, 2020 @9am
- 13) Adjournment – 9:30am

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6. Action Items from May 8 and September 11, 2020 – Maria looked into whether casino funds could be used for purchasing and photocopier and it is unlikely. She will look a bit more into it by calling the organization. She will also look into asking for a deadline extension. Desiree suggested of perhaps using the funds for snowshoes.
7. Chair’s Report – N/A
8. Treasure’s Report – same as last month. The annual report needs to be completed by the end of November. Maria made a motion to have the report as read. Natacha approved, Amber seconded.
9. Fund Requests
 - a. Fran will submit bussing fees quarterly.
 - b. Fran inquired about possibly using some funds for preschool down the road. We agreed it could be looked at a case by case basis as needed.
10. Committee Reports
 - a. Hot Lunch – Desiree talked with 3 Knights and White Bull in Drayton Valley and both venues have agreed to participate in our hot lunch program. Amber mentioned that Panago in Drayton Valley has also agreed to partake. Still on track to start in November. Amber and Desiree will work on getting forms before the end of October. We will have to emphasize that due to the fact that we have local restaurants providing our hot lunch, deadlines for bringing back forms will be final.
 - b. Breakfast Program – The school received a snack fridge from some grant money and it has been a good thing for the students. It gets filled every Monday and Thursday with things like muffins, boiled eggs, veggies and dip, fruit etc.
11. New Business
 - a. Poinsettias- we will be going ahead with this fundraiser again this year.

b. Winter Fun Day – December 18th, 2020 – discussed options around providing hotdog lunch for the kids. Since we have in the past did crafts per classroom, the same format will work again this year given the Covid protocols/class cohorts.

c. Mabels Labels has holiday themed products available now.

12. Next Meeting Date and Time – November 20, 2020 @ 9am

December 11, 2020 @9am

January 22, 2020 @9am

February 19, 2020 @9am

March 19, 2020 @9am

April 23, 2020 @9am

May 14, 2020 @9am

June 11, 2020 @ 9am

13. Adjournment: 10:27am

Dear School Council:

We have continued to have a positive start to our school year. Some highlights are:

- We have 95 students registered. 10 were online but three have returned this month, reducing that number to 7 online. Presently we have 88 students in the building.
- Our preschool started on October 14th. We have 6 students attending. I am pleased to introduce Mrs. Tina Badgerow to our staff. She lives in the Breton area and will teach preschool on Mon and Wed mornings, and is available as a substitute EA when needed. The cost of the program is \$100 per month. At present we are running under PSD as an Early Education program, but we continue to move towards being a separate licensed preschool program.
- Our revised Nature Extension program is off to an excellent start. Teachers have found integrated ways to incorporate outdoor learning into their curriculum which has proved to be very positive for all. Older classes learned orienteering, Grade 3/ 4 did soil samples and younger grades have created a number of crafts using natural materials. Students are able to be outside for a portion of time, but also inside when needed.
- The playground was recently inspected. A report is coming shortly but the sand surface has been weeded and rototilled to create a much softer texture.
- Parent-Teacher Interviews are scheduled for next week- Oct 20 and 22. We are strongly urging parents to join teachers ONLINE or via PHONE, but in-person is available if needed. We hope to keep the number of people in the building to a minimum.
- The new mini Basketball court is paved. New hoops are to be installed shortly from PSD.
- So far, our staggered entry and exit system is working well.
- Students have adjusted very well to wearing masks, if age-appropriate, and to other COVID protocols like hand sanitizing when entering and exiting the room. Parents have also adjusted well to reporting symptoms of illness and testing as needed.
- We had our first virtual assembly on Sept 24th and introduced our revised character building program - LEADERS. Our assemblies will be online on the last THURSDAY of the month at 12:30. This month - Oct 29- we introduce the first letter - L for Leadership...being a role model for others.
- Halloween is being celebrated in the afternoon of October 30th. Some form of parade is being planned.
- Student Leadership is also underway. We have 10 students who have applied and are ready to work hard to support our school and students.
- Field trips this month: Orienteering, Inline Skating, and Swimming for Grade 1 /2.
- Concerns continue to be the low number in Kindergarten.

Thank you for your support and hard work to benefit our students and staff. Please know you are truly appreciated.

Fran Bell - \Principal