

Minutes
January 22, 2021
Tomahawk School Council

In attendance: Desiree Janzen, Carmen Vanderwell, Fran Bell, Kerry Smith, Maria Androschuk, Ron Heinrichs, Shawna Kuhl

- 1) Meeting Called to Order: 9:01
- 2) Additions to Agenda - none
- 3) Approval of Agenda - approved by Maria, Seconded by Kerry
- 4) Reading of Minutes from December 11, 2020
- 5) Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2020 – with minor spelling corrections tabled till next meeting.
- 6) Action Items from December 11, 2020
- 7) Trustee Report – shared some COVID information in relation to the division. Board meeting last Tuesday and a balanced budget was presented. It is available online for the public to view. Last Friday PSD met with 2 MLAs (Searle Turton, Shane Getson, Mark Smith was absent) for an hour to share information.
Ron also shared differences between charter schools/public schools/catholic jurisdictions that were discussed at the last PSBAA. (Public School Board Association) Public schools divisions are the only divisions that accept all students regardless of background and needs. They have elected trustees. Private and Charter Schools accept students based on a specialized program or specific educational focus/emphasis. They have an appointed board. The Francophone system and the Catholic system are also other sectors. The question was raised as to whether these other types of schools should exist on their own or if everything should simply be lumped into the public sector. No decision is being made as it is only a topic of discussion.
February 2 and March 2 are next public board meetings at 9:30am.
- 8) Principal's Report – see attachment. Also shared a preliminary baseline and development plan outlining the educational focus of the School.
- 9) Teacher's Report – included in the principal's report.
- 10) Chair's Report - none
- 11) Discussion / New Business – none
- 12) Next meeting date and time – February 19, 2021 @ 9am
- 13) Adjournment @ 9:39am

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7. Chair’s Report - none
8. Treasure’s Report – Our request to extend Casino Fund deadline has been granted. Also see attachment. Maria made a motion to have the report as read. Kerry Smith seconded it.
9. Fund Requests
 - a. None, but Fran has submitted the receipts for the blue tooth speakers and will be submitting the receipt for snowshoes next month.
10. Committee Reports
 - a. Hot Lunch – 79 orders of Chicken fingers, 74 burgers ordered for next week. White Bull is supplying hot lunch this month. February form coming home soon. The whole process is going smoothly.
 - b. Breakfast Program – nothing has been done in the last little while since the school has the new snack fridge.
11. New Business
 - a. 2021/22 Fee Schedule – no changes will be made from this year to next.
 - b. Fran shared information from an organization offering money for health and wellness. The organization will be supplying milk for students 2x/week. Fran asked for input on other areas that we could use the support. It was brought up that covering the cost of hot lunch for the entire school would be a great option.
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

January is a quiet month at the school- which is appreciated by teachers after a busy December. This is a month to get some serious work accomplished. Please note the following:

- The opening week of online learning went well. We had a few students who struggled with internet access but the majority of students were involved.
- Three new students have arrived at Tomahawk School. Two students are completing online school- Grade 7 and 5 - and one boy has joined Grade 9 to bring our grand total to 4 boys!
- Christmas concerts were completed and shared online. We had excellent participation at our December online assembly.
- After the holidays our school was cleared of Covid Outbreak status. All students have returned to in-person learning since December.
- We continue to maintain all Covid protocols, including an enhanced mask wearing for Grades 4-9. With overall Covid cases reducing in the province, we are hopeful that we may not have another positive case. However, we are affected by the choices our families make outside of school.
- We are delighted to have our new Bluetooth speaker. It is perfect and soon we will show it off to you!
- Snowshoe purchase is still on track and should arrive by the end of January.
- The Science Fair project has been introduced to students and all classes will be participating in a version applicable to their grade level. This year students are able to complete their project in the traditional paper format or using technology. Each class will create a virtual presentation video by March 4th to post on the school website.
- A number of trees fell over onto our property from the neighbour's during the wind storm. PSD Facilities personnel will clean up and stack the wood for the school as firewood. (and the neighbour will do some clean-up as well)
- Next month we will host our Kindergarten and Pre-school Open House on Feb 17th. This will begin our process of advertising for new students for next year. Our goal is ten Kindergarten students and ten preschool kiddos!
- An important night for PSD 70 is the Stakeholder Engagement evening held online on February 10th. Desiree and Amber will be participating. If anyone else would like to participate, please let me know right away.
- Parent-Student-Teacher interviews will be held on Feb 23rd and Feb 25th. We will strongly encourage interviews to be online.
- Ahead are two PD days for Teacher's Convention, then a long weekend with a PD day on Friday and Family Day on the Monday. Enjoy!
- Hot Lunch continues to be fantastic! Thank you so much!!
- Our Nutrition Nook Snack Fridge has also been popular. Students enjoy healthy snacks daily.

Thank you, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Fran Bell - Principal