

Agenda
September 11, 2020
Tomahawk School Council

In attendance: Desiree Janzen, Carmen Vanderwell, Fran Bell, Rebecca Fulks, Natacha Cross, Amber Hill, Stephanie Tchir, Ron Heinrichs, Maria Androschuk,

- 1) Meeting Called to Order @ 9:08am
- 2) Additions to Agenda – N/A
- 3) Approval of Agenda - approved by Maria, seconded by Natacha
- 4) Reading of Minutes from May 8, 2020 - Moved to next meeting
- 5) Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2020 – moved to next meeting
- 6) Action Items from May 8, 2020 - none
- 7) Trustee Report- talked about the recent survey by parents regarding parent’s intent on back to school options. 87.5% opted for option 1 – full time back to school, 11.2% chose option 2 – a blend of homeschool and inclass. 1.3% were undecided. Just before school started, transportation was short 5 bus drivers but was able to quickly resolve that issue. There are still some long rides that are being looked at. With Seba Beach school now closed, majority of students were transferred to Wabamun school but Duffield and Tomahawk received a few as well. 122 students in Enwhistle this year, 117 in Wabamun and 95 in Tomahawk. Entwistle school has a temporary principal for the remainder of the year. COVID numbers are quiet in the Parkland county as of now. Next board meetings are Oct.6, 2020 at 9am and Nov. 24, 2020 at 9am. Both meetings are open to the public and will be streamed online.
- 8) Principal’s Report – see attachment
- 9) Teacher’s Report see attachment
- 10) Chair’s Report – No AGM this year due to the changes around COVID. All current positions will remain the same. Moving forward, meetings will be scheduled for the 3rd Friday of the month with an online option as well.
- 11) Discussion / New Business - none
- 12) Next meeting date and time – October 16, 2020 @9am
- 13) Adjournment – 9:30am

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Friends of Tomahawk School Society
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1. Meeting Called to Order -9:30am
2. Additions to Agenda -non
3. Approval of Agenda – approved by Rebecca, seconded by Stephanie
4. Reading of Minutes from May 8, 2020 –moved to next meeting
5. Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2020 – moved to next meeting
6. Action Items from May 8, 2020 –none.
7. Chair’s Report N/A
8. Treasure’s Report – see attachment. No chance from May report. Included also is a summary of last years report. Need to spend Casino money by February or ask for an extension. Amber moved to have the report as read. Seconded by Rebecca
9. Fund Requests
 - a. Field Trips – Fran inquired about whether bussing for field trips this year would still be covered by FOT. Carmen moved that Friends of Tomahawk continue to cover field trip bussing fees this year. Maria seconded it.
 - b. Photocopier – Fran inquired about possibly using some funds to purchase a new photocopier for the school. (cost is approx. \$5500) It is a possibility but has been tabled for a later date. Maria will look into whether casino funds can be used towards such a purchase.
10. Committee Reports
 - a. Hot Lunch – Due to COVID regulations, we cannot cook in our kitchen because we are not a commercial kitchen. Amber is looking at different options to still provide hotlunch for students. Possibly cooperating with local restaurants such as Panago, Subway, Pineridge golf course, and others. Desiree was going to talk to the White Bull and Three Knights. Hoping to have hot lunch program ready for the end of October.
 - b. Breakfast Program – will continue again this year but will look a little different. It will be teacher controlled and all products must be pre-packaged.
11. New Business
 - a. Events to hold – ie Pumpkin carving, Winter or Spring craft show, etc – looking at ways to still host community events. Desiree and Amber shared their ideas of still hosting Pumpkin carving night since it has been a big hit over the years. The idea of a “Trunk or Treat” event was brought up. - will have to wait and see if Halloween events are even allowed this year.
Instead of a Christmas Extravaganza event, might look into a spring craft sale instead. Still looking for creative ideas on events.

b. Parent Parking Spots – Fran brought forward the idea of designating parent parking spots to cut down/eliminate the safety issue of kids walking in the parking lot at the end of the school day with all the busses and vehicles. She was looking for ideas. Everyone seemed to be in agreeance that this is something to consider. Fran will now talk with facilities on next steps to take.

c. Mabels Labels – 3 orders were made this summer which equates to \$26 being raised for our school. We will continue to promote this as a fundraiser for our school considering that the company also supplies masks and clothing labels that can be used to label masks.

12. On the Horizon:

13. Next Meeting Date and Time – October 16th, @ 9am.

14. Adjournment: 10:30am

We are all aware that the new school year has been dramatically impacted by COVID19. Tomahawk School has worked very hard to keep parents and students informed about all of the changes and protocols that are now a part of our school day. The Parent Handbook is on the school website and details all of the cleaning protocols and adjustments made by teachers.

In brief, all high touch areas are cleaned regularly throughout the day. An extra custodian has been hired to work for three hours in the evening to clean classrooms. Students sanitize their hands when entering or exiting a classroom. All staff and Grades 4-9 wear a mask when in a common area, such as a hallway. Students may remove masks when seated at their desk and facing forward, or when playing outside. Each grade is a cohort and thus each grade work and play separately.

Overall, the students have done a marvelous job adjusting. In a short time, students had new routines in place. Learning is moving forward in class and students are running and laughing outside at recess time. Presently we have 82 students in the school. We have 13 students working from home but they intend to return to Tomahawk School, most of them by October or November. Thus our student total this year is 95. We lost 11 students who chose to homeschool for the full year. (It is likely that if the health situation is stable that 9 of them will return- 2 have moved) So, it is possible we could have a student population of over 100 next year. We had 12 new students start this fall, which is great. (Six from Seba Beach School)

Kindergarten continues to be an area of concern. Presently we have 9 registered but only 5 attending right now. I have done extensive advertising without substantial gain. The playschool is also a concern, but I am planning to try and run it as a non-profit group this year. I have five playschool students planning to attend. Our previous facilitator is not returning so I will be advertising for a new facilitator who has the required Childcare Level 2 credentials.

On a very positive note, the school had a marvelous steel art sink donated. It has been installed at the end of the hall. I will be sending Trinity, INC some thank you pictures for their social media channels. Home Depot also donated a new dishwasher for our staff room which will be installed later this month. We received a number of great items from Seba Beach: 250 folding chairs to use for assemblies, extra classroom chairs and tables, and over 20 student computers. PSD also gave us 25 new student Chromebooks and 25 new chairs for Grade 4. We were able to purchase a new laptop cart for Grade 5-9, new student chairs, and a new teacher projector. We have three full-time EAs on staff this year and our budget is balanced at this time. I "sold" the old embroidery machine for \$3000 to MCHS. Our new security system is installed and a new play BB court is under construction.

Teachers are working very hard. Parents are watching schools closely. Students are experiencing changes. But together, we are working as a team to find success. Thank you, School Council parents, for your support as it is truly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted, Fran Bell Principal