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MINUTES

FFCA North Middle School Council Minutes

Date | time September 8, 2021 | 6:28 pm

Members

Council

- Ummul Banin, Chair
- Zenita Lalani, Vice Chair/Secretary
- LeaAnn Triska, Fundraising Coordinator
- Jyleen Wong, Parental Partnership Coordinator
- Kinjal Patel, Treasurer

Staff

- John Deines, Principal

Regrets

- Jim Poirier, Associate Principal

Guests

Naren Makwana, Board Member

Charlotte Bergnofer, Parent

Ellen, Mai, Parent

Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve the September agenda
 - Motion – Ummul
 - Second – LeaAnn
 - Motion to approve the September agenda as presented approved at 6:29 pm

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the June minutes as presented
 - Motion – Ummul
 - Second – Le Ann
 - Motion to approve the June minutes as presented approved at 6:29 pm

Chair Update (Ummul)

- We would like to do more for the students this year
- Plan to have breakfast June 27th if restrictions are lifted
- There is a \$500 grant to each school council to enhance parental engagement Phoebe Greentree from the Head Office emailed us with the Alberta Government's initiative to Enhance Parent Engagement in Education. Every school council will be receiving \$500 to improve communication and engagement with parents in their local communities
- Ummul will send out the Being Heard/ Code of Conduct/ Conflict of interest forms
- The DQ gift card to the grade 8 students was well received
- An electronic motion was made on September 29th by Zenita to spend upto \$150 for snacks and drinks for International Teachers Day on October 5th. Seconded by LeAnn. Carried.
- On October 1 an electronic motion was made by Kinjal to pay the \$1700 for the Community fund from the School Council account. Seconded by Zenita. CARRIED.

Covid Update

- Parents would like contact tracing done at the school level.
- Naren will bring the concerns forward to the board

Board Update (Naren)

- 2 policies are up for review and the Board would like each Council to review the policies and provide any feedback
 - Policy 9-Being Heard
 - Policy 18- Parental Partnership
- It was discussed to include parents spending time with their children on their education should be considered as volunteer hours at least in the interim until parents are allowed on school premises again
- It was also discussed that admin could approach the parents that express an interest in volunteering when re-registering to increase parental involvement
- We also need teacher input on ways parents can get involved

Teacher Update

- We will be having 2 teachers join this year – Mrs. Clare and Mrs. Freeman

Fundraising Coordinator (LeaAnn)

- We would like to give parents the option to Opt-In again this year. LeaAnn will contact Brenda to get it set up

- We would like to do a contactless Christmas fundraiser with online payment and contactless delivery
- We will discuss having a Learn-a-thon at the October meeting
- We requested an outdoor movie night – Mr. Deines will look into this further with the superintendent
- We requested an outdoor hot lunch – Mr. Deines will look into this further with the superintendent
- We would like to hold passive fundraisers such as Skip the Depot and Deal deck as well.
- An outdoor tubing event at COP was presented as a fundraiser. Members will contact Winsport and will be discussed further

Treasurer Update (Kinjal)

- We have approximately \$1500 to start the year
- Signatories have been updated

Hot Lunch Update

- Ellen and Charlotte would like to volunteer for hot lunch. They will discuss sharing the role or one taking the role of Secretary

Volunteer Update (Jyl)

- No updates

25th Anniversary (Ummul)

- We are looking at about 1800 attendees
- Having a staggered entry from 10-1 and 1-4
- Considering charging a fee of \$10-\$15
- School Council will need to help with ticket sales

Goals (All)

- Fill in vacant positions.
- Create an interest for more parents being aware of council activities (brainstorm ideas) (Send out Google Forms to inform/ educate parents, during Parent Teacher Interviews – having Teachers bringing it up to parents)
- Try to upload old minutes upload to FFCA NMS website. Not been uploaded since 2018.
- Update NMS council members information with photos.
- Bring back Learn-a-thon.

Administration Update (John)

- We have had a smooth start to school
- There is a new librarian at the school
- Mrs. Clare will be teaching Grade 5 and Spanish along with Mr. Wu and Mrs. Raymaker has joined Grade 5 as well.
- There will be a bus driver meeting tomorrow
- Photo Day is September 15th
- There will be a mobile Covid-19 vaccination clinic at the school. Information will be sent home shortly

- The Terry Fox Run will be held on September 17th. There will also be a number of other outdoor activities as well.
- PD Day will be held on September 24th

Chair Report ASC Update (Ummul)

- No updates – the next meeting is September 13th

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm

Next Meeting

- Next Meeting October 6th