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ONLINE MINUTES

FFCA North Middle School Council Minutes

Date | time January 8, 2024 | 6:30 pm

Members

Council

Ummul Banin, Chair
Zenita Lalani, Vice-Chair
Nicole Chen, Secretary
Sanjib Karmaker, Treasurer
Amyna Mohammed, Fundraising Coordinator
Connie Kimber, Parental Partnership Coordinator
Marina Lakhani, Parental Partnership Coordinator
Minh Banga, Fun Lunch Coordinator
Unfilled, Community Services Coordinator

Staff

Doug Lamb, Principal
Jim Poirier, Associate Principal
Carolee Freeman, Teacher Representative

Absent

Parents

Dhan Rai
Sukant Kumar Dakua

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the January agenda as presented

Motion – Ummul

Second – Sanjib

- Motion to approve the January agenda as presented-carried.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the December minutes as presented

Motion – Ummul

Second – Marina

- Motion to approve the December minutes as presented-carried.



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Teacher Update

Ms Freeman, Teacher Representative:

- Things have been smooth transitioning back into the routine post break
- The PowerSchool transition has been going well
- Grade 8 farewell planning has begun. The grade 8 teaching team would like to approach council about funding the grade 8 photo booth. They have begun looking for quotes and a proposal will come later. Based on last year experiences the bookings began after spring break. Date would be June 24th. The council shared that it may be worth to get a quote for a 360 photobooth. **Action item: Council awaits quote for photo booth**

Administration Update

Principal's Report for Council January, 2024:

- Thanks for the gifts and for volunteers-Very much appreciated! Especially by the bus drivers (memo to council, include bus drivers every year).
- Term 1 report cards
 - Immense work to make these accurate, correctly distributed, include character reports, and be similar in appearance to years past. Much more work for elementaries than middle schools due to the differences in historical practices of entering report cards. Thanks to all families for patience!

- Learning conferences Jan 25 & 26 by invitation. Term 2 report cards March 15. Ask-funds for teacher meals
 - **Motion made by Ummul to spend up to \$400 to fund the meals for staff. Sanjib seconded.**
 - **Motion carried at 6:36pm.**
- Holiday fun week w/SRC was a continued success, looking to maintain next year
- Campus installed new air filters over the break, plus completed floor waxing.
- Bussing Update:
 - Continued lack of drivers, especially for Southland/NE routes. One new driver secured for one of the two new routes. New families being affected the most.
 - NMS will continue late bus practices from fall and please continue to ask families to pressure the government for solutions. Proposed solutions for next year include increased pay and other ideas to make routes more attractive to drivers.
- Winterfest update:
 - Basketball schedule released after we settled on Feb 22, so we are now looking at Feb 29 with March 7 as a rainout date.
 - Campus will cover sleigh ride costs. This will be a consistent deliverable for campus, but in exchange the request is that the council will organize the significant amount of volunteer support needed. Connie will network with Brenda to figure out the timeline and sign-up sheet. Feedback from last year is that each station would benefit having a volunteer job description to help with supporting the roles. Student volunteers will also be utilized. **Action Item: Volunteer organization to be done between our volunteer organizers and admin.**
 - Asks for council will include requests for volunteers for rental pickup/delivery set-up, support, and tear-down. Details to come for February Council meeting.
- Office Grab and Go
 - Food available for students who come to school hungry in the morning
 - Donations have come from some parents
 - Looking for more council help with spreading the message? We are looking for donations in kind when possible. Granola bars, fruit cups, fruit, etc. Parent Sukant offered Cobbs bread as a donation. Thank you!
- FFCA-Wide Initiative. Collaborative Problem Solving
 - Flyer attached for Jan 17 webinar opportunity
 - Targeted invitations to follow

Hot Lunch Update

- The rest of the year has been set-up.
- \$389 was raised from Boston Pizza. Next Hot Lunch is Subway on January 19th.

Treasurer Update



Jan 2024 Council

- See attached report
- We have a balance of \$4,348.79
- ASC is now paid.
- We are owed \$500 from NEE and NWE for their contributions to the BBQ-confirmed outstanding-Still pending to be received.
- We have \$300 going out for the Bullying Posters-confirmed outstanding.
- Outstanding \$100 to Ummul for a receipt-Confirmed outstanding.
- \$100 for Mr Williamson -Confirmed outstanding.
- \$400 approved tonight for teacher meals during January learning conferences.

Fundraising Coordinator

- December is Purdy's. Raised \$556.57. Sorting went well.
- Texas Donuts will be January, 2024. The fundraiser is now live. Aymna did include email addresses so there is an opportunity to reconcile outstanding orders and payments.
Action item: Aymna will connect with Sanjib to make a plan to reconcile the order and funding together and speak with our volunteer coordinators regarding needs.
- Learn a Thon in March, 2024? Tabled to February. **Action item: To send some information through email to share past experiences and build momentum.**

Volunteer Coordinator/Parental Partnership

- School will be asking for volunteer support in February to support Winterfest. Information to come in February.

Community Partnership

- Tabled.

Chair Update

- Grade 8: Photo Booth. See above from Teacher Representative. To be discussed when quotes are obtained.
- AGM-We can start small for a talent show. **Action item: Ummul will send out an email shortly to see if something can be organized on a smaller scale and to look at capacity. She does not have capacity to take a leading role.**

ASC (Association of School Councils) Update

- Last meeting was December 4th.

- Scholarship – still to be the same? Action Item: An email will be sent out to discuss thoughts on increasing scholarship amounts. This would come from Casino Society. Current scholarships by NMS are a total of four scholarships at \$500 each. Two scholarships are for visual arts (one for each school) and performance arts (one for each school).
- Charter Evaluation Review: Nov 22-24, AB Education was onsite. Required changes and recommendations will go to the Minister, and Minister will attend the February Board meeting to present the findings/results.
- NHS construction: Dec 18 expected completion date. There's a plan in place to move in over semester break; there's a contingency plan, just in case. Grand opening will be in Mar/Apr. Would like to invite council members.
- ASC to the event, will do tours.
- SHS soft opening was a huge success. 11 students had art on display, choir sang, one student played the piano. Minister of Education, Demetrios Nicolaidis spoke. He was very impressed with our program and our students.
- Uniform: NMS and SMS are working on a plan to bring back to Feb board mtg. Policies have been on hold due to the charter review and two high schools' happenings, as well as some other competing priorities. Will put together an engagement plan after hearing from the middle schools in Feb. This is in reference to students changing into PE gym strips and the PE uniforms themselves.
- Campus reports will be distributed via email at another time.

Goals (All)

- AGM planning. To be discussed at future meetings.
- Bank balance goals? Next year council requires enough to cover ASC fees and a modest budget for an initial event.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

- Adjourned: 7:54 pm
- Next meeting: February 5th at 6:30pm. To be determined if it's in-person or virtual.