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MINUTES

FFCA North Middle School Council Minutes

Date | time March 6, 2024 | 6:30 pm

Members

Council

Zenita Lalani, Vice-Chair
Nicole Chen, Secretary
Sanjib Karmaker, Treasurer
Amyna Mohamed, Fundraising Coordinator
Connie Kimber, Parental Partnership Coordinator
Marina Lakhani, Parental Partnership Coordinator
Unfilled, Community Services Coordinator

Staff

Doug Lamb, Principal
Jim Poirier, Associate Principal

Absent

Ummul Banin, Chair
Minh Banga, Fun Lunch Coordinator

Parents

No additional parents in attendance

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the March agenda as presented:

Motion – Zenita

Second – Sanjib

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

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the February minutes as presented:

Motion – Zenita

Second – Marina

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



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Teacher Update

Deferred. Updates part of Principal's Report

Administration Update

Principal's Report - NMS School Council – March 2024

- Past month:
 - Feb 15 & 16 PD Days focused on Classroom Support Plans with our Inclusion Support Teacher from Central Mrs. Jodi Taylor, ESL Benchmarking with Mr. Poirier, and then all 8 campuses together on Friday for their choice of Inclusion-focused sessions.
 - FFCA Board meeting Feb. 28 w/ thanks for Council presentation.
 - Hitmen Be Brave Game for Gr. 5's was a real hit, and a new 'must-do' field trip.
 - Winterfest was a success.
 - Basketball Season success. Our students are excelling!
 - 5-Year Observations of Teachers + Formal Evaluations continue.
- Upcoming:
 - For the Love of Reading is one of our favourite one-campus activities. Around eight dozen NHS students come to NMS to support students with reading and share their observations and successes with reading.

- Term 2 Report Cards will go home Friday March 15. With our new PowerSchool set-up, students' Year mark (Y1) will not be a straight average of their Term 1 and Term 2 mark. Communication will be going home regarding the Year 1 reporting to help families and students understand the grades they are reading. Character reporting for Term 2 will also be a 2nd round of teacher's reporting on student progress using the drop-down indicators (Consistently, Usually, Sometimes, etc.)
- Badminton. Over 100 kids in grades 7/8 completed for spots (8 for each grade). The outcome is the family invite for all grades on three Thursday nights night this month.
- Spring Break
- New Enrolment based on funding securement.
 - NHS
 - NMS
- Staffing dominoes-As staff take on new roles, there will be ripples of staffing changes.
 - Central office
 - Admin
 - Continuing Contract Teachers

Hot Lunch Update

Update shared as per Minh's electronic communication:

Last month's Opa Hot lunch generated \$361.00. Please see attached Income Statement.

-March's Hot Lunch will be Mucho Burrito on Friday March 22.

-I have made contact with the gentleman from January's council meeting re their desire to work with the school. Info is as follows:

- They opened a Cob's bread in Northland Location (across from Sir Winston Churchill Highschool) in January
- They are interested in becoming vendors for the Healthy Hunger program
- Healthy Hunger replied to them that there is a 2 year waiting list to become vendors at the moment.
- I discussed with them that the NMS uses Healthy Hunger for the Hot Lunch program and would love to use their company if they are listed. However, there are other opportunities for them to work with the school (ie the snack/lunch items available in the main office)
- They are aware of said snack/lunch initiative and are aware to liaise with Brenda Wong. They stated they will pursue this when they are more settled in business matters

Treasurer Update



March 2024

- See attached report
- We have a balance of \$ 7885.50
- Sanjib hasn't added the cash funds for the Texas Donut fundraiser.
- Outstanding requisitions may still exist for bullying and the classroom economy. Action item: Zenita to connect with Sanjib regarding these requisitions.

Fundraising Coordinator.

- Learn a Thon in March, 2024: The words will go home March 11 for students to review. The students will complete the tests on the 21st and the marking will be done within the class (students passing the exams to the student behind them). Donations will be due the 20th to allow some time to have them all in by the 22nd. Donations will need to be counted in school. Kids in a classroom who get the most words right will get a "gift" (ex. Texas Donut). If the school spells over 10,000 words correctly, then there could be a system wide prize like popcorn, chips, etc with a classroom movie. There's a total of 560 students so a prize around \$1 would be deliberated. **Action item: Plan to support the counting of funds on March 22nd at 1:15pm.**
- May 2024 AGM: Amyna posted an idea of family donation of cultural foods for the AGM that could be sold, with profits split with SRC. Low-risk foods are permitted without EPH notification (no dairy, meat products permitted as per AHS). The AGM will possibly have a fashion show that's coordinated by SRC.

Volunteer Coordinator/Parental Partnership

- The Winter Fest was successful with volunteer sign up, but it did take to the days before the event to fill up the spots
- Is there a way to thank our volunteers? Volunteer tracking can be tabulated based on Volunteer Sign-up sheets used for various events. Ideas?

Community Partnership

- Tabled.

Chair Update

- We will entertain an offer for funds required for the snack program. **Action item: Doug will connect with the greater admin team to determine what the needs are.**
- Zanita put forth an ask if we can survey students regarding fundraising and events options that they want to see. Doug and Jim indicated this could be arranged. A rank

order survey might work best for the population (i.e. give them ten options to rank in preference order) and an option write-in box.

- **Action item: Doug will be track down the quote outstanding for the Grade 8 photobooth**
- Campus Food Bank Drive: 15 boxes will be delivered to FFCA the week of March 18 to 22nd. Food drive is April 8-19. Bins will be picked up April 22-29.
- Action item: VRCORE presentation will be arranged by Jim and Doug.

ASC (Association of School Councils) Update

- Update at the next meeting. Zenita was unable to attend last ASC meeting.

Goals (All)

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

Adjournment/Next Meeting

- Adjourned: 8:00 pm
- Next meeting: April 17th at 6:30pm.