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# MINUTES

FFCA North Middle School Society Minutes

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*Date / time* Oct 2, 2023 6:00 pm

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Attendees

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## **Society**

Ummul Banin, Chair

Zenita Lalani, Vice-Chair

Nicole Chen, Secretary

Connie Kimber, Volunteer Coordinator

Marina Lakhani, Volunteer Coordinator

Sanjib Karmaker, Treasurer

## **Staff**

Doug Lamb, Principal

Jim Poirier, Assistant Principal

Meagan Villalobos, Grade 6 Teacher Representative

## **Absent**

## **Parents**

Minh Banga

Becky To

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Approval of Agenda

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- Motion to approve the October agenda as presented:

Motion – Ummul

Second – Zen

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

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#### Approval of Minutes

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- Motion to approve the September minutes as presented:

Motion – Ummul

Second – Minh

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



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#### Volunteer Coordinator/Parental Partnership

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- We are missing two people for the count room and we don't have enough backup volunteers.
- A follow-up email will be sent to all volunteers to remind them of their duties and when to arrive.
- **Action Item-** An email will be sent this week to encourage the last two spots to be filled with a correction to the link so its clickable. This will include a reminder to sign up friends/family if they can fill the vacant spots. Doug will set up a display with a link to the sign-up page for parents during the Learning Conferences. Ummul will send the required information to Sanjib for the advisor cheques.

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#### Treasurer Update

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- We have a balance of \$29,239.10
- No transactions this year to-date



Oct Statement

- See attached report from Oct

- There will be upcoming asks for the current allotment of money. The primary ask will be for Chrome books, charging Chrome cart, and an additional purchase for robotics supply. The total requested ask will be worked out later once quotes are obtained. The council is prepared to meet the cost, but full allotment of the funds will have to include the payout of the future casino. No motion made at present until quotes are obtained.
- Why the emphasis on new Chrome books? With the introduction of full functionality of Office 365 and the new curriculum publication there has been a greater emphasis on the tech needs for teaching/student use. Upcoming PAT and Diploma exams are also moving to digital platforms. Technology integration has improved teaching and collaboration between NMS and SMS. Educational Chromebooks are pricier due to the need for specialized programs/software/licensing that are included in the Chromebooks. NMS is still attempting to find additional ways to fund the required technology, but avenues are limited.
- Grade 6 teacher representative Meagan Villalobos spoke about an Ed Tech fieldtrip ask. It involves an in-school fieldtrip with four sessions that use technology like VR headsets. The presentation covers curriculum requirements as it relates to astrology and technological tools for science, digital stewardship, and so on. Please see the website [www.vrcore-ed.com](http://www.vrcore-ed.com) if you're looking for more in-depth information. Last year was a trial and FFCA students were featured in the media engaging in the fieldtrip.
  - This field trip is about \$31 per student. The total price is \$4,557. The ask for society is \$2,278.50 and the students/families will be paying the remaining balance of \$2,278.50, which works out to about \$16 each.
- **Motioned made that \$2,278.50 be supplied to cover 50% of the cost of the VRCORE Education program:**
  - **Motion – Nicole**
  - **Second – Ummul**
    - **Motion to approve \$2,278.50 to cover 50% of the cost of the VRCORE Education Program-carried.**
    - Ms Villalobos will inquire if VRCORE Education can demonstrate at a future meeting. Date to be determined.
    - Doug clarified that having this field trip arranged to match the updated curriculum serves as an encouragement for additional classes to source out new fieldtrip ideas and the society will look to provide support for same.

- Upcoming casino dates are set for Oct 22nd (Sunday) & Oct 23rd (Monday).
- Ummul provided a summary of the above information and confirmed that there was a deferral of the previous Society funds so we do have the year to use up the funds previously earned.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Next meeting tentatively set November 13.

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