

School Council Monthly Meeting

Monday, February 22, 2021

Video Conference

Attendees: Shelly Wiebe, Krystal Alston, Leticia Webster, Kerri Williams, Candace Craddock, Janelle Adamson, Stacey Nash, Sheri Duchene, Ron Heinrichs – PSD Trustee

1. Call to order – 3:53 pm Krystal
2. Additions to the Agenda –N/A
3. Approval of Agenda – Krystal, 2nd Shelly
4. Reading of last months minutes – Adopted – Janelle, 2nd Candace
5. Trustee's Report – Ron Heinrichs

a) COVID update.

-very few cases, 3 cases early on, last week there were 10 students and 1 teacher from the connections for learning. Entwistle School has had no known cases so far.

b) Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

Complete reports of all board meetings can be found online, if you have questions or concerns you can email Ron and he can take it to the next monthly meeting.

Stakeholder engagement meeting was online, everyone was separated into groups to ask certain questions in certain groups, lots of questions were asked, positive comments, these will be online soon

The quarterly

c) Online Registration has now opened, March 25 4:30pm is the deadline. This helps decide where funding is needed.

Nature Kindergarten program – Muir Lake, the student needs to be registered in regular kindergarten and then this is a add on. Online orientation Wed March 24th or May 12th – can check this out online.

d) Parkland School Division has a suicide protocol – to be aware of signals for those who may be at risk.

e) Transportation Report – 19,000 km they drive, amazing how much they drive with very few incidents. There has been concerns brought up about people driving by when stop signs are out and red lights are on.

The division is talking about possibly putting cameras on the busses to catch these people so they can be identified and the authorities can deal with this issue.

7000 students are bussed – regionally

Always are looking into new bus routes, change bus routes, if you have any suggestions please bring them forward to PSD Transportation. Registration for bussing deadline: March 25th.

Good to know ahead of time so we do not run into the problem of finding bus drivers last minute.

An issue was brought to Ron's attention by Krystal that she knows of at least 2 families who chose to home school their children so they did not register for the bus, the transportation division took it upon themselves to register these students and sent the families a bill with swipe cards. Now it is at these families own expense to send the swipe cards back. Ron will look into this issue so it does not happen again moving forward, as well as to see what he can do about this year.

Please feel free to contact Ron if you have any concerns at rvheinrichs@psd70.ab.ca or call him at 780-339-2151.

6. Principal Report – Ms. Williams (written by Ms. Wiebe)

Current enrolment: 124

In school: 114

At home: 10 students

1) Updates on Library and Learning Commons

- Hooray!!! The temporary library is OPEN! Kids are taking out books!
- We have been going through our literacy resources to see what we have and what we need. I am still looking at purchasing updated guided reading materials so that our K-3 classes can implement guided reading into daily literacy instruction.

2) The Student Services team continues to support our teachers in many areas.

3) Our school has implemented a list of 3 all-encompassing expectations for students:

- Respect yourself and others.
- Engage in productive work.
- Maintain a safe, clean environment.

Staff have been working hard with students to ensure the expectations are clear to students. These expectations give staff and students many opportunities to engage in discussions about behaviour, choices, and the way we treat others and our school.

4) Thanks to a generous nutrition grant received by Connections for Learning school, Entwistle School now has a “Nutrition Nook” refrigerator and will be receiving healthy snack and lunch items. The cost of this endeavour has been covered by the nutrition grant money received from CFL. We are beyond grateful for this as we have kids who need more than granola bars on a regular basis.

- All foods are individually wrapped
- There are strict protocols for hand sanitization and access to the fridge
- The fridge is in a clear line of sight from the office so access can be monitored.

5) We are going to experiment with some changes to the CTF(Career and Technology Foundations) program for the 6-9s. Typically, one whole week per term is dedicated to CTF. We are trying to incorporate CTF on Friday afternoons instead. This term, students will be working on Photography, Robotics, and Mindfulness/Mindful Discipline. We are exploring some other options for term 3 and ensuring we can follow COVID protocols. Stay tuned.

We want to hold a Grand Finale Showcase in June for the kids to share their learning.

6) Thought Exchange is up and running until March 4. The information has been made available to parents via our website and Facebook.

7) COVID: As always, we are flexing and rolling with the changes as they come. At this time, we are looking at the changes in sports protocols and seeing what we can get going for the kids.

8) Our staff team began working through the Collaborative Response process. Our PD day on Feb 12 was the big start. We began building our Continuum of Supports, which is a list of supports teachers can access to solve problems in their classrooms. We are taking a look at the Social/Emotional supports we can offer kids, and March 5 we will be diving into literacy practices. On the April PD day, we will be examining assessment practices and how they inform instruction.

9) I will be bringing back the School Newsletter in March. I realize I said February but things got very busy and I ran out of time! That being said, any suggestions for a cool newsletter idea would be welcomed.

I have been busy working on our School Development plan, determining where we are

at mid-point in the budget, cleaning up our Inclusive Education processes and procedures, planning Professional Development for our staff and thinking about staffing and planning for next year.

I am currently getting our School Development plan ready to post on our website. We are focusing on student achievement.

10) Virtual fieldtrips - several teachers are looking at booking virtual fieldtrips. They are great opportunities for the kids, and low cost.

7. Old Business: No Old Business
8. New Business: No New Business
9. Other: N/A
10. Meeting Adjourned – 4:32 pm – Krystal