

Micheal Strembitsky School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Oct 05, 2017

Location – Michael Strembitsky School – Learning Commons

President: Sarah Jane Barriage

Vice President: Janet Mitchell

Secretary: Lorie Laybolt

1.0 Call to Order

President Sarah Jane Barriage called the meeting to order at 6.33pm on Oct 5, 2017 in the Learning Commons at Michael Strembitsky School.

2.0 Attendance and Establishment of Quorum

Quorum in attendance – attendance sheet circulated see attached.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as amended – addition of Teacher representatives: Gale Harwood

Voted: All in favour

Motion Carried

4.0 Approval of 2016 AGM Meeting Minutes (held on Sept , 2016)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Sept 2016 AGM meeting: Wendy Westren

Voted: All in favour

Motion Carried

5.0 Reports

5.1 President's Report

5.1.1 President's report was emailed out to parents in Sept.

5.1.2 Round table introductions of new board, administration & parents

5.2 Principal's Report – Chad Sheppard

5.2.1 District updates – will be a change to the behaviour and conduct policies – posted on school zone. School will be updating policies to match school board changed policies.

5.2.2 Students have completed the Math Intervention Planning Instrument is done. The grade 3 team has opted to administer a variety of assessments rather than the full SLA.

5.2.3 Staffing – Kelly Boudreau taking over for Ms. Badr for the remainder of the school year. Ms. Badr has accepted an ELL Consulting position with the district.

- 5.2.4 Cheer has started and the team has been finalized. Soccer has finished and a big thanks goes out to Mr. Leskewich for leading the charge. Volleyball teams have been chosen and practices have started. Improv club started this week, practices will be at lunch and there will be competitions. Tea Club is a new group for those who wish to escape the crowded Shark Tank at lunch. Debate club has started, the first tournament is on Oct 28th with MSS hosting a tournament on November 25th. Leadership is a class this year, not a club, and is available for some Jr. High students. There is a Conference on Oct 18. The Grade 7's are selling Happy Thoughts candy grams to fundraise for the conference. Other leadership students helped to organize the Terry Fox run, Orange Shirt Day and are planning for Halloween.
 - 5.2.5 VR viewers have arrived, still waiting on some pieces of the kits to get them up and running.
 - 5.2.6 Read in week has been a success. Thank-you to all the parents and community volunteers who read to the students.
 - 5.2.7 Grade 4 classes have been participating in a Video conference in school field trip with Royal Tyrell Museum.
 - 5.2.8 This week was Custodian Appreciation and World Teacher Day
 - 5.2.9 Teachers are compiling data to create IPPs and Behavior Support Plans
 - 5.2.10 PD Days coming up on Oct 20 and Nov 27
 - 5.2.11 Oct 25 is photo retakes
 - 5.2.12 Nov 1 & 2 Student/Parent Teacher conferences
 - 5.2.13 Jan Reimer students have been invited to try out for our sports teams as Jan Reimer is new. When MSS first opened our students participated in Jr. High activities at other schools. We are now repaying the favour.
- 5.3 **Ms Lam** – The school had an assembly in conjunction with the Terry Fox run. A speaker came to the school who was a cancer survivor and spoke to the students. This year the school raised about \$1600 for the Terry Fox run. There is an upcoming PD day on Oct 20. Junior ATB is starting up. Book fair dates are the same as parent conferences, Nov 1 & 2
- 5.4 **Mr. Uitvlugt** - Apegga offers an elementary science night – consists of demonstrations and hand on activities for kids. Proposed date of Nov 23 still waiting to hear back with confirmation. More details to follow as they become available.
- 5.5 **Community League Report – Ashley van Beuningen** – The Annual AGM will be held Oct 21 @ 7 at the Mosaic Centre in the upstairs. Will be electing board members and discussing upcoming events. The theme will be Octoberfest. Octoberfest begins at 8pm after the AGM tickets are \$5. Appys and beverages will be provided.
- 5.6 **Divisional Representatives:**
- 5.6.1 **Division 1 – Sarah Attwater** – nothing to report
 - 5.6.2 **Division 2 – Calee Gibb** – nothing to report
 - 5.6.3 **Junior High – Esther Chapple** – nothing to report

6.0 Old Business

- 6.1 **Confirm Meeting Dates for 2017/18** – Nov 2 will be book fair in the library, proposed to go ahead Nov 2 in a different location in the school, Jan 11, Mar 8, all other meetings 1st Thursday of the month
- 6.2 **Study Skills from June 2017 minutes** – night for parents to come in and learn. Presenter from previous years is no longer with MSS so this will not be coming forward.
- 6.3 **Heat in School** – Portables belong to Edmonton Public School board and are not subject to P3 rules. A/C units are a possibility in the portables. Other P3 schools had tried portable A/C units in pods and it wasn't successful. Parent suggestion to use window tint as they had success in their homes with window tint and saw a noticeable difference in temperature. Portable A/C units are approx. \$400 each. May need 8 for the portables. Facilities can install in the portables. Principal Sheppard will get quotes and look into funding from school budget. Will present to SPF for funding if applicable at a future meeting.

7.0 New Business

- 7.1 **Survey** – 29 responses received– results will be posted on School Zone
 - 7.1.1 **Discussion point: Year book** – Parents would like the school to start a Jr. High yearbook club. Summer and Andrea have volunteered to help organize the year book. Summer and Andrea will report back at the Nov 2 meeting on what they would like the administration to take for pictures.
- 7.2 **Jr High. – Active voice, active participation** – Parents would like to see more opportunities for Jr. High leadership. Gym is also open to Jr. High students. Learning commons for the first half of lunch. Jr. High buddies – lots in development with the leadership group for Jr. High students. HIP was a program they used to have.
- 7.3 **October School Trustee Election** – EPSB has a website that explains the role of trustees. Vote is on Oct 16, 2017. Encourage parents to research and vote. MSS is in Ward I.

8.0 Next meeting

- 8.1 Scheduled to be held on Nov 2 , 2017 @ 6:30 in the Teachers' lounge

9.0 Adjournment

- 9.1 Motion to adjourn at 7:30: Ashley van Beuningen
- 9.2 Voted: All in favour
- 9.3 Motion Carried

Meeting Attendees:

Sarah Jane Barriage
Lorie Laybolt
Kristin Shandro
Janet Mitchell
Ashley van Beuningen
Andrea Thomsen
Joanne Bullock
Samar Al Hajjaj
Kaley D'Amico
Stacy Jackson
Sarah Attwater
Julia Styler
Tanya Johnstone
Sarah Dowson
Wendy Wentren
Robyn Homulos
Gale Harwood
Steve Vandereems