

Niton Central School Council

February 1st, 2021

Virtual

Attendance: Brenda Rosadiuk, Darran Lorne, Bailey King, Tanis Robinson, Keli Setzer, Colleen Dufresne, Miranda Morden, Jill Heintz, Christina Bowman, Carol Tymchuk, Leanne DeLeeuw

1. Call to order 9:31am
2. Approval of agenda: Tanis Robinson, Miranda Morden
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Colleen Dufresne, Christina Bowman
4. Message from Trustee Rosadiuk
 - Jan 27- Family Literacy Day- thankful to parents/ caregivers for literacy done at home
 - Learning Opportunities- At home learning, Christian pilot program
 - Playground- Thank you for your patience, as of Feb 8th- can open up playgrounds again
 - School will put together a rotation schedule
 - School Sports- Looking to how to move forward, and what the new regulations will allow
 - Winter Walk Alberta Day- Feb 3
5. Business arising from minutes
 - 5.1: Continuous improvement plan review questions
 - No questions
 - 5.2: Playground- (nothing to add- see above)
6. New Business
 - 6.1: Parent council email
 - get ahold of Keli if parents require- share ideas, discuss, add items to the agenda privately
 - gypsd email is set up for each school- Mr Lorne to find the email address
 - 6.2: GYPSD Public Board Meeting (Keli Attended, various topics to discuss)
 - Jan 27- Division feels that schools won't ever return to 'normal', so will offer virtual, paper, in person, and now traditional home education
 - Parents, were looking for Christian based, and parent led home education

Home Education

- funding- \$850 to parent to cover supplies, other money goes to the division and closest school
- A few families have already shown interest
- May also be able to do a blended program (ie: can do core at home and options at the school in person)
- Enrollment and surveys will see how successful the program
- 90% of students are in- person at school
- 10% of students is who Home Ed would affect

7. School Reports/Principals Report

7.1: Enrollment/Staffing/Advertising for 2021-2022- Darran Lorne

Last week- Advertising meeting: Pre K & K enrollment- getting advertising out soon.

- Virtual video of program
- Looking into posting signage on highway
- Updating website
- Incentives: Early registration: draw for a (ie) chromebook
- T-shirts and promotion
- Post on Facebook page- please share the advertisements

Funded for 118 students

- Bridging money will be reduced by 25% next year
- Hoping to pull back in a few families (130 is projected)
- Staffing- Hoping to keep Jr High classes separate if possible
- School has gained a few students throughout this year, but also has lost some
- Board is revisiting School of Choice Policy 17- Mr Lorne wondering if there is any way to amend the policy

7.2: NCFS Purchase Update- Bailey King

- Huge thank you to NCFS
- Ukuleles (\$470), Boom whackers and drumsticks (\$571), 20 iPads through tech department (\$10, 900), chromebooks (\$11, 000), to order: Makey Makey and prepared slides

7.3: Valentines Day Activity “ Name that Cutie”- Darran Lorne

- Staff baby pictures- the students try to identify who the teacher and can win prizes
- Elementary- Feb 12th- send valentines cards- need to be at the school by Monday Feb 8th so they can ‘quarantine’ at the school
- Hot lunch- pizza for Valentines Day- looking into it

7.4: Climate Action Youth Leadership Forum

- AB Teachers' Association UNESCO- new flag has been ordered after the wind ripped it off
- Mr Black- 90min sessions- sustainability, students can make an environmental act plan

School Sports

- Miss King is looking into it- which sports? how? travelling?
- The school will hopefully know more by the end of the week

8. New meeting date: March 8, 2021

9. Adjournment: 10:24am