

November School Council Meeting

AGM on Dec 7th: LOOKING FOR NEW PRESIDENT!!

Minutes from our first virtual School Council meeting:

NITON CENTRAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

Virtual

Nov 2, 2020

1. Attendance: Carolyn Lewis, Constantine Kastrinos, Brenda Rosadiuk, Kelly Smith, Darran Lorne, Bailey King, Jill Heintz, Colleen Dufresne, Tammy Ruggles, Miranda Morden, Keli Setzer, Tanis Robinson, Carolyn Coady, Kimberley DeLeeuw, Julie Davis, Leanne DeLeeuw

2. Called to order: 9:30am

3. Review of agenda

4. Agenda and minutes approved by: Colleen Seconded: Miranda

5. Reports

BOARD OVERVIEW

-Board Trustee Brenda Rosadiuk outlined her role in our division and can be viewed in detail here: <https://gy-psd.ca/download/267923>

- She has a passion for skills and knowledge, and that our best leaders are our best learners

- When addressing any issues please follow the following protocol

#1- Contact teacher (if not resolved move to step 2)

#2- Contact principal (if not resolved move to step 3)

#3- Contact Assistant Superintendent (if not resolved move to step 4)

#4- Contact Superintendent

-For a more detailed explanation of protocol please read:

<https://gy-psd.ca/parents-students/guide-to-division-services-and-information-protocols>

-Brenda Rosadiuk also wanted to make it clear that this is protocol, but she is open to calls and communication

SCHOOL

-Oct 23- PD Day

- Staff discussed 3Rs language based test as well as the accountability survey
- They went through each question to create their school improvement plan, and set goals
- Mr Lorne will present findings at the next meeting
- Next PD Day (Nov 27)- Staff will be discussing John Hattie's book Visible Learning which was an in depth study (50, 000) of 250, 000 students
- Review results
- How to apply the results as effective teaching strategies
- Mr Lorne will bring some of the study information to next meeting as some of the results are very interesting / surprising
- Oct 31- Socially distanced outdoor Halloween parade
- Pilot Project
- Christian pullout program: to begin Nov 4, and continue every Wednesday for a 30 min pullout to each elementary split grade. Funds will come out of division's budget, not Niton's
- Project is offered in person at Niton Central as well as virtually to all GYPSD virtual students
- Project will be re evaluated at the the end of December
- Please contact Mr Lorne if you would like your child to participate in this program
- Shop Program- wonderful program to help with Jr High options
- All of these programs will hopefully help to draw students to the school as some families have left to homeschooling programs not through GYPSD
- Superintendent Lewis also emphasized her and the board's desire to help keep Niton open, and to draw as many students to the school as possible. Due to the switch to 'weighted moving average' the low numbers this year will impact the budget for next year, extra money was also given to Niton last year so that the Jr High classes would not have to be split
- Parents asked if anything might be done about students leaving Niton early for Parkland, and were referred to Policy 17 <https://gypsd.ca/download/265760> as many students in the area are also sent to Living Waters Division
- Nov 6- The school's final budget submissions are due
- Skills Canada has a trades program that our school has applied to be a part of. They are virtual this year, and will provide \$4000.00 worth of equipment. Gr 9s will be given the 'first shot' at this opportunity and Mr Stoyles is very excited

-Parent Teacher Interviews- please fill in your time requests and submit them to the school
NCFS

- Money was donated to purchase turkeys for Turkey Run
- \$100 was given to each class for Halloween party snacks
- \$5000 that was donated to Jr High options is currently being spent, one big purchase was for a new 3D printer as the old one was outdated and cumbersome. This will be able to be used in Jr High and Elementary
- Elementary and Jr High wish list will be given, and a few were mentioned: microscopes, prepared slides, circuit, Lego mindstorms, class furniture (such as hokki chairs), boom whackers, bongos, bells, tech (3D pens, spheros etc)

Jr-K

- Out \$6000
- applied for three grants that will help them to break even/ potentially have a surplus for next year
- Break even number is approximately 15 students enrolled in the program
- Niton and Wildwood are the division's lowest fees at \$500 (Jasper is \$3000, and Hinton \$1600)

New Business

- AGM: Next meeting (Dec 7th), and will be looking for a New President as Jill is looking to step down
- Covid funding: Basically the schools requests what items are needed and the supplies are brought in (hand sanitizer, screens etc). Might there be a way to disinfect the playground? It is being looked into
- The division was audited and passed
- The ATA has also required a re-entry outline
- Jr High: are there any other options for lunch time?
- Going outside is best, the division is trying to decrease face-to-face contact, students in other areas of the division have been in contact and required quarantine and they are trying to have a preventative policy not a reactive one
- PJ Day: A request for pj days to help boost morale

Next Meeting: Dec 7 Adjourned: 10:50am