

Date: November 4, 2020

Attendees: Darlene (Trustee), Bryn (Principal), Sarah (Secretary), Letitia (Comm Officer), Rhonda, Bobbi-lyn (Co-chair), Leigh (Chair), Adam, Rich

1. Welcome - 6:29pm

2. Treaty acknowledgment

3. Introductions: Bryn - Principal, Letitia - Comm Officer, Leigh Maxwell - Chair, Bobbi-lyn - Co-Chair, Darlene Clark - Trustee, Sarah - Secretary, Rich Haggarty - concerned parent, Adam McArthur - parent, Rhonda Schumm - grade 4 teacher, Gayleen Hart - parent

4. Approve the agenda

- Motioned by Sarah, Bobbi and Letitia

5. November minutes

- Defer to approve at next meeting

6. Trustee report (Darlene)

- Board welcomed delegation, goal of creating healthy environments for school staff. Every November, Alberta Infrastructure solicits requests for modular classroom. We are requesting 4 modular classrooms and 1 washroom. This is the maximum capacity. Clarification point - this includes the current modulars. 6 at Meridian Heights. 8 at Millgrove.

- Information for October financial provincial forecast. The 4 million covid aid from federal government included

- Early Education program has been changed. Significant changes to PUF and SPEC Ed coding. 3rd year not available. Kindergarten qualifies for special support grant, which is part of a special program k-12. Every effort has been made to maintain play based developmentally appropriate planning

- 4 schools with COVID, resulting in quarantining of staff and students.

Question (Leigh): Clarification for PUF funding?

Answer (Bryn): used to be able to get 2 years and then a third year kindergarten. PUF for age 3 and 4, but not available for year 5.

Question (Leigh): what is PUF funding?

Answer (Bryn): Per unit funding to support early intervention, to support equal learning later in life. PUF has been around 15years. Like CLIK program at Broxton.

Question (Gayleen): As a parent who went through 3 years of PUF, can we do anything at the school level to appeal?

Answer (Bryn): School council can take it to the ASCA level, and also take it to your MLA.

Question (Rhonda): have any of the motions from the Alberta School Council Association continued?

Answer (Richard): PUF has been on the radar for the last few months, school funding is on ASCA's radar - technology and PUF. I can get back to you about the resolution which will be addressed in the spring. Nothing PUF related that came up in October. There is an advocacy policy out there.

Question (Leigh): Do we need a letter?

Answer (Richard): No, I will just inquire. I will look into ASCA's resolutions and bring it to you. If you feel it's a priority before Christmas, we can put a standing resolution into place as a school council - reword it to make more sense in a COVID world. Make it an issue in the spring will get traction from other schools. I will do some research in the next few days

7. Leader and Office Team Presentation (Bryn)

- We are starting game play with volleyball, with Broxton on Monday. More scheduled. More after fall break hopefully. A good chance for inter-school competition. 4 schools in cohort for competition. Kids are excited. Many junior girls - 50 girls on the junior team. Made cuts and put together an A and B team.

Question (Bobbi): When did that start?

Answer (Bryn): Wednesdays at lunch, 2 weeks ago.

- Through first night of parent teacher interviews last night, few technical glitches. Parents couldn't talk to the teacher. Grade 1 interviews were middle October, positive response from parents. Accessibility of logging in from where we are.

- COVID, responding to cases. We have been assured by AHS that we are following protocols. Moving through seamlessly. Shout out to teachers who had to isolate who had to switch to online learning within a day. If this has to happen, we want to be prepared. Teachers are integrating planning with online potential.

- Currently sitting at 4 cases. Rather than send out an email to whole school community, there is a standing information section on our website. If you are directly impacted, you will get an email from us, a phone call as well from admin.

Comment (Gayleen): good job keeping us all safe.

Question (Bobbi): will it always say that we have 4 cases?

Answer (Bryn): It's not active cases, it a case count. Outbreak status currently. 28 days without outbreak to be taken off outbreak status. One of the big things that come with outbreak status, anyone who has been connected to the school can give an outbreak number - which pulls the number to the AHS team - 53315. On the Sunday email and on our website.

Question (Bobbi): Now that we are on outbreak, can we book an asymptomatic test?

Answer (Bryn): It will not, and it won't expedite results either. It will connect the test to the school case. The best thing to do is the online tool for triage. Criteria changes on a regular basis.

Comment (Leigh): Go to the expo center and get a MyHealth account to show your results more quickly.

Question (Adam): What if one of the students who tested positive for COVID rides the bus, will the other parents/kids be informed?

Answer (Bryn): Close contact is identified as two rows forward and two rows back, those students would be required to isolate. The families on the bus would be informed as needed. 75% sure you would get an email from Transportation informing you that there was a case on the bus, this was the practice until recently.

Question (Adam): Can we confirm the "75% of time" that in a reasonable amount of time

Answer (Bryn): Sure

Comment (Darlene): On and off the bus in a certain order, seating plans on the bus

Comment (Adam): That is not happening, no sequential order day by day

Comment (Leigh): Could you - Adam - forward your concerns to Bryn please?

Comment (Bobbi): The kids getting off at Horizon, kids are not wearing masks.

Comment (Bryn): It's the 15 min of close contact

Comment (Darlene): Grade 3 and under do not have to wear masks

Comment (Leigh): Send an email/facebook message to transportation of bus concerns, they are responsive

Comment (Bryn): Or connect with me and I will respond

- Working on a virtual Remembrance Day ceremony, recorded things, live laying of poppies with a few kids from each class to honour sacrifices within the reality of COVID, happening on Friday, Nov 5.

- Talking about dress code. We don't have one. Be respectful, avoiding sexual expressions or expressions. Interested in feedback. No to uniforms.

Comment (Rich): The school can only police what happens in front of the school, the bus driver uses his judgement what happens at other stops.

Comment (Darlene): Her older kids were told that the kids who get on the bus first get the back of the bus and fill up as necessary. No electronics, take your garbage with you. When they are loading at the school, that wasn't a conversation. Masks worn at all times. No moving around the bus.

Comment (Rick): Kids conduct on school buses is common. School can only control so much.

Question (Leigh): Reinforcing masks and social distancing?

Answer (Bryn): Yes, people are getting too comfortable. Been pretty good. Hand out masks every morning. Interesting that I go through more masks on Mondays compared to Fridays. 50 masks on Mondays.

Question (Leigh): Do you think you will be shutting down

Answer (Bryn): Hopefully not. I try not to predict the future. In the event that it does happen, we would be better able to respond quickly and turn it around. It's not a preferred reality, it would be ok.

Question (Leigh): Who has the authority to discount medical letters re allergies?

Answer (Bryn): It has to be the official allergy form, and then we look at worsening symptoms

Comment (Rich): If you ever have questions about conduct of school council, send me an email. Or speak to Rhonda. I'm a director on ASCA.

Comment (Rhonda): Its beneficial to have an ACSA like Rich because he is a fantastic resource

Comment (Rich): I can't carry proxy; Prescott has a membership and will need to attend to vote on motions

8. Old Business - none

9. New Business - none

10. Round Table

Gayleen - residential schools and indigenous studies being removed from the social curriculum. I am very angry as a parent. Wondering how we can escalate that.

Comment (Rich): those were leaked documents, before it rolls out, LaGrange will set up a vetting process from parents, ASCA. It's unofficial.

11. Next meeting December 2, 2020 and then January 6, 2020

Time of adjournment 7:18pm.