Council Meeting Minutes - November 11, 2020

Start Time: 6:30 PM

Adjourned: 7:44 PM

Attendees: Tammy Webster, Dominika Nelson, Trish Duckett, Alyssa Bingeman, Richard Li, Sean Finn, Tracy Camacho, Liz Siddorn, Michelle Schmid, Sandy Nelson, Carmin Lakhanpal, Melissa Cowburn, Kristy Smith

**Principle Update**

* Financial - currently have $16,387 (carry over);
* Lost 4 classes to date. Currently have 132 distance learning students and 555 onsite students;
* 2 school nurses assigned this week;
* Sean taking a Principal position in December and will be missed;
* Progress reports will be sent out on November 23 and may look a little different;
* PD Day on November 23, 2020;
* COVID indefinite case which resulted in a subsequent negative test;
* Construction project slated for summer 2020: new windows in the older part of the school, updated ceiling (drop and improved lighting), lowered counters in main office and fencing to prevent roof climbers.

**Council Update**

* Role of Council: Advisory group to help support school initiatives and helps everyone (students, staff, community);
* Vote to induct new and returning members:
* Chair - Dominika Nelson (returning)
* Vice-Chair - Carmin Lakhanpal (returning)
* Secretary - Sandy (new), Back-Up - Carmin Lakhanpal (new)
* Review of meeting dates - January 13, March 3, April 21, May 19. Everyone agreed on bi-monthly schedule.

**Discussion Items**

* By-laws: Currently no bylaws established for BPS. Tammy and Dom will review/create and have them ready for the January meeting.
* Teacher appreciation - it was agreed that the team would like to show their appreciation for the teachers and their hard work in this difficult time. Michell will double check board policy. Suggestions as follows;
* One suggestion was to have signs of appreciation made up and posted on the wire fence at the entrance.
* Another suggestion was to write messages on the sidewalk with encouraging messages.
* Michelle commented that we should be mindful to include all staff (teachers, EAs, custodians, secretaries, etc..).
* We will continue conversation through email on this item.
* Michelle also wanted to show her gratefulness to our community and parents and want to get the message out.
* Funds: Ideas
* Naturalization area: add and/or replace logs.
* Additional gaga pit
* Hub Equipment: maybe add a tricycle, chromebook.
* Projectors may need replacement
* Will look into a Scholastic book fair for January
* Michelle will create a wishlist through discussions with staff and communicate to council in December for our January discussion.

**To Do:**

* Bylaws: will be created and distributed for discussion at January meeting - Dom and Tammy;
* Wishlist: Michelle and Sean will provide to team in December for discussion at January meeting:
* Teacher Appreciation: Will continue the conversation through email

**NEXT MEETING: January 13, 2021**