

Probe Parent Council Minutes October 7, 2020

1. Call to order-Courtney Edmonds calls meeting to order at 6:31.
2. Welcome and Introductions- 11 parents, Principal- Keith van der Meer, Vice Principal Carlie Ramotowski and 3 teachers in attendance.
3. Approval of Agenda-LM approves agenda, SB seconds.
4. Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2020 meeting- LM approves minutes, DA seconds.
5. Chairperson report- nothing to report
6. Administrative Report
 - Being thankful
 - Orange shirt day, reviewing literature, activities and promoting awareness.
 - “how you hold me up”- designing t-shirts.
 - Professional learning, no school Oct 13th and 14th. Teachers engaging in quality professional learning. Learning about keeping our students active, bench marking and assessments, EAs working on sensory tools, creating supports in the classroom, how to support students to become more independent. Focusing on wellness for all. Collaborative learning across the district.
 - Parent teacher interviews Oct 15th and 16th. This year interviews will be done through Microsoft Teams.
 - Alberta Health Services preformed an audit on Lethbridge School District for health and safety and it went very well, happy with the protocols in place.
 - Halloween- students will be allowed to come in costumes. Classroom celebrations can happen, but no shared food, no costume parade.
 - Vice Principal- crosswalks. Contacted city about installing flashing lights at crosswalks.
 - New Probe school gear, going to do a pop up shop.
 - Principal Keith van der Meer discussed need for new laptops.
 - what are students using them for...research, accessibility, presentations, teams, used across all subject areas.
 - Laptops school is hoping to purchase...Lenovo 300e, classroom ready, designed for classrooms.
 - unit price, 3 laptop carts, 30 laptops/cart, 90 laptops. \$40,500.00

Motion to do an ABC fundraiser for new laptops-not all in favour, Courtney (Chair) asked if we could table for a month and discuss next month. More discussion had in regards to needing to do the fundraiser fairly soon before the Christmas season if going to do it. Vice Principal asked for another vote. Courtney makes motion...everyone voted in favour.

Some concerns remain regarding changing fundraising efforts from playground to laptops. Discussed that will continue other fundraising efforts for playground such as the Kernels popcorn fundraiser if we are able to do that this year.

- Stacy Burton (Fundraising Coordinator) discusses grants - 7 grants available
- Recycle grant
 - Accessibility grant
 - Banks
 - City of Lethbridge
 - Co-op Community grant

Awaiting an updated quote from Blue Imp (the playground company) for cost on new pieces of equipment and a new playground surface. There is a new product for surfacing playgrounds, wood surfacing, more cost effective, 20 year warranty, still wheelchair accessible.

7. District Council Report- Danielle Aubin (Vice Chair) attended meeting on Oct 5,2020.

- elections done
- webinars available for free on website
- parent council gets \$250 for learning/workshop conferences
- updates from district on website, subscribe under parent tab
- parent learning session 30mins before district meeting

8. School Spirit -Emily Bester (School Spirit Coordinator)-creating something simple to decorate

- pumpkin walk idea

9. Teacher Reports

Grade 4- Mr. Tuck- everything is going well

Grade 2/3- Mrs. MacKinnon students just happy to be back, positive and supporting each other

Grade 4/5- Mr. Campbell (on-line) students are positive and having fun and putting out lots of new material. Still feels like a classroom community

10. Old Business- no old business

11. New Business

- would laptops be purchased as funds come in or once all funds are raised? Principal Keith van der Meer not sure.

-What is a reasonable ask of parents for work to do at home if students are waiting on CoVID testing? Ideas for Math, Literacy, Writing. Teachers are open to being asked. Professional learning goal for next week is to put together an at home kit to send home just in case needed.

12. Adjournment -Meeting adjourns at 7:46

Probe Parent Council Society Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order -Courtney calls meeting to order at 7:47

2. Approval of agenda - JS approves agenda, SB seconds.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2020- LM approves minutes, SB seconds.

4. Treasurer Report- Shelly Shaw- unable to attend meeting.

5. Playground Discussion- discussed during first meeting.

6. Hot Lunch Report- would like to go with Boston Pizza and Subway as they are individually packaged and do not need much handling. Waiting for confirmation that we are allowed to bring food into the school.

7. Kernels Popcorn - parent council voted to provide popcorn for the first Popcorn Friday on October 30th if we are allowed to bring it in. This would be a fun Halloween treat. RN will confirm if we are allowed.

8. Grade 4 Family Bingo - No Bingo at this time

9. New Business

A. Date and Time of next meeting...November 4th and December 2nd.

10. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:03.