

Green Acre School Community Council

Regular Meeting

Date: June 11, 2020

Meeting Called By: Lynda Letkeman at 7:00pm

Attendees: Lynda Letkeman, Vicki Harris, Mary Reay, Rhonda Harkins, Sarah Demers, Darell Ginther, Bobbie Bremner,

Others Present: Michelle Hildebrand, Jenn Vidal, Fabiloa Chretien, Jennifer Jones, Michael Radford

Sarah moved to adopt agenda

Sarah moved to adopt minutes of last meeting

Began with each person attending introducing themselves and welcoming Mr.Radford.

Old Business:

Update on drive through Awards day – June 24, alternate date June 26. Alcott Embroidery, reminder all receipts need to be submitted.

Grade 8 scholarships & gift from credit union – have been delivered to Michelle and Erin is to add letter to the gift bags.

Co-op fundraiser is set for October 15-31, unable to keep the same dates as last year.

2020/21 enrollment – the number are not clear yet, although 7 confirmed from Dorintosh.

Two buses will be running from Dorintosh. One to Meadow Lake and one to Rapid View. If at any time there are less than 6 students using the bus, the bus route will be under review.

After School Program plans to continue to operate as usual, this will depend on any changes made to the school year with regards to Covid-19 as well as any childcare restrictions do to Covid-19.

Mental Health First Aide Class for the school/community for next school year – there is someone interested in teaching it. To be revisited and discussed in the fall meetings.

SLC wish list – ask SLC for top priority ideas to be purchased in the fall.

New Business

Meet with Mr.Radford: 2020/2021 LIP review/questions – Mr.Radford expressed that it is not his intention to change what is working in the school. As time goes on, anything that comes to attention that can be done to be more efficiently will be addressed and changed as needed.

Mr.Radford went through the whole LIP with the SCC. Some concerns were discussed regarding the Blanket exercise, which is something new to the curriculum. Many parents are unfamiliar with it and have requested more information. (Links to more info were provided to Lynda and shared with SCC members, any parents wanting more info can contact Lynda for the Links). Mr.Radford was clear that parents will be notified before students begin new programs in the curriculum, and that proper time will be given to discuss concerns before the program begins and experiences afterwards.

SCC Elections to occur in October – Chairperson, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer all available.

Round Table

Will an increase in students mean we could be getting another ½ teacher? Mr. Radford responded - Likely not, in order to be reviewed to receive another teacher there must be at least 14 students per teacher, and there are many other schools in our division functioning at more than that already.

Teachers return August 25/20 for the school year.

Next Meeting: September 10/2020 7:00pm

School Gym or Office, if Covid-19 restrictions allow.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:45pm

Addition to the minutes submitted by Lynda Letkeman.

Via email to Vicki Harris

Looks good.

I would add a few things.

- 1) The concern regarding the blanket exercise is not related to historical teaching but rather the smudging & First Nations prayer. Mr. Radford assured the parents that the students would not be involved with this part of the ceremonies...& that it would be performed outside the gym.
- 2) Mr. Radford also said that he won't be implementing his research project: the culturally courageous land based learning project (Jenn Jones asked the question about that being implemented in the school)
- 3) Mr. Radford stated that the Blanket Exercise & the Circle of Courage have been mandated by the NWSD as curriculum.
- 4) Mr. Radford plans to meet with parents individually with concerns especially in cases like our Jehovahs Witness family.