

Neilburg School Community Council

April 20, 2021

General Meeting

Call to Order: Sara Goodfellow - 12:05

Present: Bev Natress, Sara Goodfellow, Rachel Wightman, Ria Weins, Sarah Hein, Barry Peters (guest), Geoff McFarlan (Principal), Wade Worman (Vice Principal), Lisa Perkins (teacher rep.)

Minutes from March 5, 2021 meeting: Bev moved to adopt the minutes as read; Sarah 2nd; motion passed.

Treasurers Report: none

Principal's Report: Geoff McFarlan

- Earth Day will be celebrated with a town clean up on April 21.
- The division will fix the fence along the bus lane and move the bike racks to ensure student safety. The work will be done this summer.
- There is a possibility of the school being painted this summer.

Mural Presentation: Art Students

- Gr 12 art project will be centrally located (above bench across from office.)
- The theme is equality. The hope is to bring a sense of belonging and welcome to all groups so every person can feel supported and can be themselves. It may cause questions to happen so education can be presented.
- This mural is very personal to these students as they are a part of some of the groups being represented.
- There will be 80 people holding hands inside a ribbon. Each person will be unique and have several different symbols representing different groups. Not all symbols will be understood by all people; however, if a person identifies with a certain group and sees the symbol, they will understand it and feel welcome.

Wade to address the SCC on the mural:

SCC opportunity to give thoughts on the project:

- There were several rumors (gay pride, satanic) about what the mural was incorporating. Hopefully, the presentation from the students and discussion during the SCC meeting will put those to rest.
- The mural is to include ALL people.

- There are to be 170-180 different groups represented. The groups will include, but are not limited to, religion, sexuality, race, disability and language.
- Diversity is in the curriculum. The mural is a way to teach and incorporate the curriculum.
- The questions of permanency and prominence was discussed.
- The possibility of a presentation to the entire student body was suggested to help quash rumors.
- Further discussion was had.

Old Business:

- Two Courtyard tables (seating for 8 people) have been ordered, totaling \$2830.12. Synergy credit union donated \$1900 to the school and will be used for a portion of the cost. Sarah made a motion for the SCC pay \$930.12, the remainder of the cost of the tables. Ria 2nd. Motion passed.
- The division will supply grass seed for the courtyard this summer.
- Sarah met with Linda Walde to get advice for the beautification of the exterior of the school. The SCC will meet on May 6 at 6:30 to trim, rake, edge and do a general clean up, as per Linda's advice.
- The school sign needs more fixing than originally anticipated. More discussion and thoughts are needed.
- School "transparency" is being shared with student activity posts on social media and is being well received.

New Business:

- Subway hot lunch - May 11
- The possibility of hosting a pizza hot lunch will be looked into and decided on.

Next Meeting: May 14,2021 @ noon

Meeting Adjourned: Sarah – 2:00