

Arborfield SCC Regular Meeting

March 29, 2021

Present: Lina, Patrick, Julie, Melissa, Stacey, Natassia and Mavis

- 1- Called to order by Lina at 9:30am
- 2- Minutes were read from the Feb 25/2021 meeting by Mavis , no errors or omissions adopted by Julie second by Melissa
- 3- Agenda to be amended by Lina need to add to other business NESD Rep
- 4- Financial Report- read by Julie \$2486.29 waiting on cheques for Lina(221.78 shovels), and Julie(\$181.38 juice boxes and staff pizza) to come out of account this will leave us with a balance of \$2083.13 Melissa made a motion to pass the financials as read, Mavis second it.
- 5- SRC report-Patrick gave us the report. He will ask Amanda to get us that report for AGM that is needed from last year. The SRC has to date in account \$3357.05. Patrick said for the month of March they did coloring contest, the grades 7-12 did Skiing and the k-6 did indoor activities and snowshoeing, they also held spirit week from 15-19 the kids enjoy it. Upcoming for April is a Art Coloring contest, spirit week April 19-23 and on April 30 School wide zoom activity.
- 6- Principal Report- we have 77 students with 2 new students starting on March 29, 2021. Student Led conferences have had positive feedback, there are some that would still like to have in person, not sure how the conferences will go come fall. Will see what new school year brings. The students from grade 4-12 did a student survey there was lots of positive feedback. There are a couple of areas that have increased so will look into maybe getting possibly a speaker in to talk on anxiety and drinking alcohol. The grades 5 and 6 had a MADD presentation. NESD thought exchange had positive feedback a good direction to help planning to move forward for next 4 years. Planning for next year scheduling for the fall, we have 9 kindergarten students for sure with the possibilities of 2 more and 9 grade one students. That is a large group for that teacher, so Patrick reached out to HR but has not heard from them yet, regarding staffing for fall. The grade 7,8,9 planned the elementary winterfest, they did an excellent job doing it. Patrick looked into the cost of a tent for graduation day, it is really expensive so trying to see if they can figure out a alternate plan, possibly have two days set in case of bad weather. It was asked by Mavis if possibly one of the graduates have a Quonset that could be used, Patrick said that all NESD graduations are trying to stay consistant , outdoors etc. Arborfield graduation date is June 18 after school.
- 7- Other Business- the SCC discussed possibilities of getting a speaker to come and talk on anxiety and drinking, the SCC would help pay for it. Discussed the grant for the water stations but have not heard anything yet. Patrick had purchased water coolers earlier in year, but returned them due to kids touching them, trying to stay away from that. Lina asked about possibly

- purchasing water jugs and filling with town water as the town is getting a new RO system, not sure how many jugs a week the school is going through. We asked about using school generated funds account to purchase our own water station, Patrick said he will talk to maintenance to see what all needs to be done might not happen this school year, we suggested using our funds and then if we do get grant possibly get that money reimbursed to us.
- 8- Transportation- many of the SCC members have been approached by families questioning where spare drivers are etc to run bus route in Arborfield, as we are down to one bus again and parents having to drive their kids to and from school. NESD has finally posted the position but as temporary . Lina will phone NESD transportation and see what the plan is and possibly phone other schools to see what is being done in their schools when bus shortage. Outdoor Learning- Patrick reached out to other schools concerning outdoor activities, for most of the schools it was due to outdoor ed class. For ice fishing to happen it is classified as unsafe and the staff do not have the training for it. Our kids have done lots of skiing and snowshoeing. Question was brought up about photos, could we not see what the kids have done, or show them at a distance to keep parents involved and the community, Patrick will talk to other schools to see what they are doing. We have to be careful with all the facebook rules etc, and with kids involved, but will inquire with other schools as some schools are posting photos. Patrick discussed maybe talking with staff and maybe just taking pictures of projects etc but without kids to share on our school page. We would like to see the bulletin board outside with events updated. May is the month for Literacy week, SCC will purchase prizes and hopefully have on display for the kids to see. Thinking of doing kinda a tracker of building minutes with family, have everyone in the household engage in this. Patrick will ask Teresa Ralph what some of the popular authors are so we can purchase some books for prizes. We discussed ways of using the school generated funds account we wondered new swings possibly, painting of the school inside but that is the division that does that not us. Patrick has sent in requests but denied.
- 9- Constitution_ Lina will email the SCC members the roles and responsibilities of the SCC members/board
- 10-NESD REP- our rep has received a job at Outlook, we were wondering if a new rep has to be put in or does the rep who ran against him step up to that position. Patrick talked to Kevin Trew and Kevin said he has full intention of staying on the NESD board. Patrick will contact Don Remple to see what the qualification are to be a rep for school board.

Next meeting via zoom on April 29 @9:30am

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 by Lina