

## Arborfield SCC Regular Meeting

January 26, 2021

7:30p.m. via Zoom

Present: Lina, Julie, Mavis, Stacey, Erin, Patrick

Agenda adopted by Mavis

Minutes from Oct.22/2020 meeting read by Erin, no omissions or errors

Financial Report-Julie balance of \$1704.11 from Oct.22, received operating grant of \$1347.80 for a total of \$3051.91 with Halloween and Christmas treats/gifts outstanding bringing us to a new total of \$2660.26 once those to come through.

SRC Report- Patrick balance of \$3849.97 with no fundraising to take place this 2020/2021 school year. They have a number of activities set up for February such as Celebrity day, Pink/Red day, snowshoeing, cross country skiing as well. Due to Covid-19 restrictions Telemiracle fundraising will look different, the staff is looking at donating their "dressing down" day money (\$50/teacher/year) with the option of dressing down for an extra 5 day school week for an extra \$5/day/teacher that the SRC will match that donation total and it will be all be donated to Telemiracle. Patrick will look into "taping the teacher to the wall" activity and have the parents allowed to e-transfer the school for added donations.

Principals Report- Patrick 73 students, 45 elementary, 28 high school, 1 has moved to online learning. Mr. Mohr will be finished his temporary position as of Jan.28 and Mr. Carter Pierelot will be taking over for Vanessa's mat leave commencing Feb.2, 2021. NESD has applied for a grant for water bottle refilling stations to be installed in all schools. Arborfield is asking for 2 to be installed in our school. Wolf Pack awards are going great, Mavis makes a motion for Patrick to purchase 10 more \$10 gift cards from CO-OP, DQ, Subway, Tims so we can finish off the 2020/2021 school year, Erin seconds. There will be a "New School" survey that Wanda Mcleod will be sending out to Arborfield school families in the hopes that we will be included in the new build in Carrot River. Patrick talked with Don over the frustration of lack of transportation, Len Lindsays route, Don was unaware of the situation and will be talking with the Transportation division.

Other business-

AGM will take place February 25, 2021 @ 5:00p.m. at the Arborfield Elks Hall. Stacey will book the hall, Erin will create a poster and send out to be put up in Arborfield, Zenon Park and online. People will be able to book their spot by calling the school and speaking with Teresa, we will max out at 20 extras in order to be able to follow health regulations for indoor gatherings. Masking, hand sanitizing and social distancing measures will be in place and no walk in spots available.

2021/2022 school year calendar, all in favor. At this time it is unaware if there will be a blocking system in place once again. A survey is going to be sent to the students and Patrick will look at sending to parents as well for their feed-back.

Lack of Communication to Parents and guardians – Numerous parents are feeling frustrated and left out of the school loop with the discontinuation of the monthly newsletters. Patrick will talk with staff to see if they will bring back the monthly newsletter or what other possibilities there are. The main reason why they were cut out was they weren't being utilized, many people were not reading them. Agendas are no longer as due to health regulations there isn't to be extras coming and going from the school in the hopes of preventing infections.

Transportation – Len Lindsays route is now at 7 weeks of cancellation with no bus in the future. There are currently 2 ladies waiting to do their road test with SGI. Erin spoke with Jon Brown at NESD Transportation on January 15, 2021 about this issue and was told there was no expected date to have a bus again. Up until this conversation NESD only had a post for casual/spare drivers for Melfort, Tisdale & Nipawin routes, Erin mentioned this and the following week it was changed to all schools looking for casual/spare drivers. NESD will reimburse parents 1 round trip per day IF said bus hasn't ran in 5 consecutive days. Erin has notified all families on this route to call or send an email into the division to be reimbursed for driving, as this is not public knowledge. Patrick will call Don to see what has come of him looking into the situation.

Extracurricular & Grade 2021- NESD is looking at starting up extra-curricular sports once again within the division. On a provincial level these have been cancelled for the rest of this school year. The first sport they are looking into is basketball, teams will have a max 8 player and 1 coach with not opportunity to shuffle teams/coaches. There will be no eating or drinking together, must be 3meters apart. Grad 2021 will take place outdoors with graduates, parents, siblings and school staff present. No banquet, drink or food of any kind, assigned seating and no fundraising is allowed.

School generated funds account- there is currently \$15543.58 within this account that has been community raised. If NESD doesn't receive the grant for water bottle filling station we will look into the option of installing through this account. Patrick will meet with staff and see what other options they have for these funds.

Valentine's Day treats- Erin makes a motion that the SCC will purchase pre-packaged treats for the students and staff, Mavis Seconds. Mavis will contact Nipawin Bakery and see about individual cookies. (73 students, 12 staff)

Winter Fest- Patrick will look into options as we cannot cross high school over with elementary.

Elementary sliding & ski trip- Wapiti is closed so no ski trip this year, will look into sliding but it is encouraged to not plan trips as of yet. Batoche and Fort Carleton are also on the list for this school year.

NESD announcement- With the news releases this week it looks like Arborfield School will be under review once again with an end date of October 15, 2022 with the possible closure of July 1, 2023. We have had a few notifications from others that spoke with NESD and Don made the statement that he sees the future to be K-6 with the elementary end torn down and keeping the high school end. This topic will be table for another meeting.

Teacher appreciation week- SCC will discuss without Patrick present.

Family Literacy week- Possibility of doing an "Arborfield Literacy Week" were ideas will be sent home to get families involved in reading more.

Lunches- in the event that lunches are forgotten there are granola bars, apple sauce and a few other snack type items available for those students. Patrick will look in to whether more or different items need to be purchased and if the need is high.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50p.m. next meeting is AGM February 25, 2021