

## Byng School Council Minutes

October 2, 2017

**Present:** Danielle Allen, Janet Forster, Marion Spellman, Lesia Collicutt, Mae Senick, Janine Donkers, Kerry Dowdall, Claudia Chandler, Ali Bucknell

Danielle welcomed everyone to the meeting, and the meeting was called to order at 6:27pm.

**Meet the candidate:** Ali, Janet and Danielle had volunteered to be co-chairs. Since there were three candidates for co-chair, Ali decided to withdraw her name from standing for the position of co-chair. There was a vote held for Danielle and Janet to be co-chairs for the 2017/2018 school year. Everyone present was in agreement. Kerry was willing to be secretary/treasurer again.

**Review the minutes:** Marion makes a motion to accept the previous minutes, Ali seconded.

### **Old Business:**

Kindergarten update- More JKs are enrolled this year than last year.

Student population update and teacher assignment-We went down one class/teacher in the primary/intermediate Mr. Storms's 4/5 class was dispersed. He is now in the learning centre and doing planning time. Student enrolment is approximately 261.

Front lawn school sign status update-they still want the sign fixed before it is painted

Outdoor sports equipment update- The basketball nets are holding up well. The tether ball string didn't even last a day before becoming frayed. Mae will look into getting a refund. We could get soccer nets, however they could be ruined over the weekends. The students are still playing soccer regardless of having nets. We could use more balls, discs, etc. Council requested a list of the needed equipment. Danielle made a motion to use \$500 out of general school needs to be spent at the discretion of staff for outdoor equipment. The amount is to be used from now until December. Ali seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Transition team status update-Mae was able to meet with our superintendent – Jackie Cavanaugh last week. She has met with administrators from the Elmvale transition team in order to discuss who should be on the formal transition team. Due to three schools being involved in our situation, our transition team may look different. There should be students from grades 6-8 on the team, as well as grade 9-11 students. Also to be included is one parent of a student from grade 6 or 7, one community member, one parent from each school, board office personnel and administration and one staff rep from each school. The wording of a letter going out to school families was discussed. A survey was taken from the grade 6-8 students, and a survey to go out to parents is being worked on. There was some discussion on the best time for the meetings to be held. End of the school day would make more sense, and be easier for a lot of parents, Mae will bring this to our superintendent, but the structure has already been set. We will go over what the team looks like at our next meeting.

Grade 8 grad/close out plans- In regards to the budget, money is raised for certain purposes, and we have to make sure that it is allocated in the right areas. Mae said that we should keep in mind

that our fundraising will possibly look different after this year. Council asked if Mae could look into how the funds go with the students.

Pizza fundraising dollars aren't allocated until the end of the year, so we currently have some funds sitting in our grade 8 trip and grade 6 trip columns. The pizza money is allocated at the end of the year, so it shouldn't be put towards the grade 8 trip.

Treasurer's report: In the future, the Treasurer's report will be emailed to council with the previous minutes a week before the next council meetings.

**Principal's report:** The Meet the staff pizza party and book fair is on October 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7pm, We have enough staff to help with selling tickets. Council is welcome to come help out. Grade 8 students are planning activities to do with the kids. Council asked to take a look at the fundraising plan. We can make a final decision on the fundraising plan at our next meeting. Janet will post on the facebook page.

**Fundraising (school and community):** Byng Bazaar- Marion provided a list of our vendors. We have 31 signed up. The Bazaar will run from 4-8pm. Advertising-students are creating posters, which we will put on our facebook page, a volunteer is needed for advertising with the media. Refreshments-grade 7/8—A volunteer is needed to organize this. Lesia has volunteered to set up tables. The tables have been requested from the township. The license for the raffle to be completed. Danielle volunteered to make the raffle tickets. We'll do 500 raffle tickets this time since we ran out last year. We will stop selling the tickets at 7:30 to allow for the winners to be contacted. Raffle baskets-we need theme suggestions and volunteers. We have 11 classes, so 11 themes will be needed. Coffee Culture said they would donate coffee for the bazaar. We'll get the letter ready to send out to the grade 8 parents. Danielle and Janet can look after getting some of the advertising done.

**Staff report:** Many sports have begun including football, cross country, basketball. The Rounds Ranch field trip is coming up. Teacher's wish list? - Primary-RAZZ kids subscription renewal it expires in November. The cost is \$80. They would like to include more classes. Grade 1-3. Hoping to use it as a learning centre in the classes. Marion make a motion and Danielle seconded to purchase 2 more subscriptions. We could use more decoding Ozmos. There was a request to see the Ozmos at the next council meeting. Ukeleles will be coming for grades 7-8. \$100 per teacher is being asked for. 14.3 staff, so approx. \$1400. It cannot be spent on field trips or textbooks. Marion make a motion to table this until the next meeting. Kerry seconded the motion. As a note, \$50 per class was allocated last year.

**New business:** native classes-why didn't they happen last year? It was a special initiative for First Nations students.

Volunteer drivers for sporting events- need to be called so that games aren't cancelled. Council asked for Tara to have a list of all the possible volunteers so she can call them when needed so this doesn't happen again.

A motion was made by Danielle to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marion. Meeting adjourned.

Our next meeting is Nov. 6, at 6:30. Fundraising, budget and bazaar are the main focuses.