

April 14/21 6:31 – Call to Order

In attendance: Catherine Wilson, Sharleen Smith, Erin Greggains, Ruby Trunke, Danna Hanni, Mike Kukurudza, Amada McGarry, Monica Reider, Brigitte Pinter, Karen Stennick, Cherish Wilcock, Nicole Liboiron, Cheryl Snell, Shannon Nelson, Julia Harris, Tarik Goszulak

Accept minutes – Ruby move to accept February minutes, Nicole 2nd all in favour (some hands went up), any opposed [insert crickets]. Motion to accept February minutes unanimously passed.

Principal's Report – Mike Kukurudza

COVID - no Covid in our school since Christmas break. Calgary Catholic and Public have moved grades 7-12 to online classes starting Monday. It's day to day if/when we have to move to online. Covid is getting worse.

Registration 815 – projected 850, close to 900 bodies (kindergarten students don't count as a full person) so close to full capacity

Mrs. McGarry – Sports

- 90 badminton students (Grade 7-9) 2 practices/week. Singles play.
- Grade 1-6 soccer, 130 students, 1 hr practice/week. Sponsorship – Ron Simon helped purchase appropriately sized soccer balls for elementary students (Size 3-4) and training jerseys for the kids.
- Planning for (all dependent on coaches/volunteers and COVID):
 - o Grade 7-9 golf and track and field
 - o Grade 4-6 basketball for 4 weeks
 - o Grade 4-9 running club for 4 weeks
- Baseball institute starts April 21. 27 Kids enrolled as Jr High elective.

Mike Kukurudza

Families were organizing their own soccer activities in the field after school (3:15ish) but no masks, no social distancing etc. Reminder to parents that it looks like it is school related when it is done after school and on school property. The field is open to the public but if you are going to use it, please follow AHS guidelines. The school gets a lot of phone calls since it looks like the school isn't following covid protocols. The District Superintendent has asked Mr. K to intervene and ask families not to breach protocols if it happens again.

Grade 9 farewell – kids are upset about covid possibly not having activities. Wants to know if school council budgeted for Grade 9 grad.

Nicole – we don't really have a budget but \$2,000 is what we "expected" to spend (like prior years). Nicole moved to spend up to \$2,000 on Grade 9 grad, Ruby 2nd, All in favour (some hands went up), Any opposed (no hands, no sounds). **Motion to donate \$2,000 to grade 9 grad passed unanimously.**

Sharleen Smith

Year end Jr. High assessments:

- students will do passage portfolios
- will take some exams to get them used to exam taking
- students using flex time on Fridays to practice test taking skills and build their portfolio
- In the past they have made presentations in front of a live audience of parents/other students
- Planning for 15 minute virtual presentations this year
- High school counsellors talked to Grade 9 students re: classes for high school

Mike Kukurudza

Surveys –AB Education Assurance (AEA) survey (replaces accountability pillar survey) to go to Grade 4 and 7 students and parents. Data won't arrive until the fall and can't be compared to prior years because this is the first year.

Families are completing the Our School survey, probably 100 answers so far. Will use data for planning this spring.

Staff PD day update – March PD day instructional leadership, teachers gave feedback on what they'd like from administrators. Discussed peer to peer mentoring and cross hallway collaboration. Discussed literacy and writing strategies and the School Board survey for teachers (similar to the questions Mike asked last meeting). District focus on K-3 literacy. Mathletics – teachers utilize it and it allows div 1, 2, 3 teachers to pull small groups to work on literacy and numeracy while other kids are busy using Mathletics.

Band Program - Jr High option in 4th quarter. Ray Martens built the band program and we were seeing amazing results. Right now they are just trying to keep it alive. Playing an instrument requires regular practice, a lot of skills were lost because students haven't played in over a year. Band will be offered to Grade 8 students in 4th quarter. No fees for band except to cover the cost of special masks for instruments. Mrs. Ngo will offer band for Grade 8. She has been talking with CHHS as they have been offering band all year with special masks.

Budget update – MHPSD says school budgets will be increased a bit due to left over funds. Re: Staffing... any increases will be due to enrollment. Will get budgeting sheets later this week. Unused PUF funds will be carried forward to next year.

School Council of Councils meeting – WLC school council hasn't had rep for awhile, Mike and Steph attended, Nicole was there for a bit. Mike enjoyed the meeting. He'll keep attending.

- HUB – working on at home learning for high school (The Hub is currently K-9). Hub will run next year. A bunch of students and families prefer it and MHPSD is looking at feasibility in keeping it for the long term.
- MHPSD wants to see financial statements from school councils/societies. A lot of school councils aren't doing budgeting and aren't spending their fundraising money. Ours are posted online which is perhaps why we didn't get a request to send our records.
- Spirited debate about cell phone use at school. No resolution.

Ruby Trunke has 3 questions:

1. What is council of councils? – Nicole answered: reps from each school council in the district meet together to see what other school councils are doing, the board can tell us things we need to know that we can bring back to these meetings. Catherine Wilson added - the Board will pay for 2 of our council members to attend the ABSC annual meeting (via zoom). Need to register by April 17.
2. What is Community Association? – Nicole answered: AGLC requires a corporate entity in order to have casinos, bingos and raffles. The community association is the “fundraising” arm and the school council decides how to spend that money.
3. What do you think about the curriculum? Mike answered: MHPD will not be piloting. Number of concerns about curriculum. He has received a lot of emails from parents re: concerns. As a district there will be opportunities to provide feedback to AB Education even if we aren’t piloting. Concern re: no input on curriculum if we don’t pilot it – valid, time will tell but the Superintendent has been in contact with deputy minister. There are 13 school boards that are refusing to pilot it.

Treasurer’s Report – Nicole Liboiron

- Swings cost about \$47,000 for large swing set, \$16,000 for separate accessible swing. About \$63,500 all-in if we have volunteer labour.
- Requests have been made to MH Education Foundation, Elks, Kinsmen, Kiwanis, Lions, Moose, Optimist, Rotary, Servus Credit Union and one other I can’t remember. We haven’t heard back from them yet but hopefully we can access some funds.
- If we can get some funding, in an ideal world, the swing sets would be installed this summer before school starts.
- Right now, we have \$30,000 - \$35,000 to spend on swings.
- Nicole, motion to spend up to \$70,000 on swings as soon as we can afford it. Excess over \$63,500 budget is due to increase in prices for materials and labour over and above the quotes since they will be old (not valid) by the time we can afford swings. Ruby 2nd. All in favour (hands of the parents I could see on the screen went up). Any opposed [insert crickets]. **Motion to spend up to \$70,000 on swings as soon as we can afford it passed unanimously.**
- RE: Organization of installation. Mike offered to organize the installation of the swing sets. Nicole was grateful.

Hot lunch update – Brigitte gave update for Sandy.

- Profits are \$13,000 to the April 16 hot lunch.
- Weekly hot lunches for May that will be up on n school cash shortly.
- Another family pizza day with Papa John’s will happen before year end.

Read-a-Thon – Brigitte Pinter

- we made \$3,910.26 in profit.

- Lower than previous years but not bad considering COVID/economy.
- Mike thanked her for all the work she put into the Read-a-Thon.

Voting next meeting

- Executive Voting for School Council and Dr. Roy Wilson Community Association at the next meeting (June).
- Brigitte will ask Kat to send an email to parents mentioning the voting and asking for nominations to be emailed to Steph at WLCPCSecretary@gmail.com.
- Nicole encouraged (read: begged) people to take her job. Response [insert more crickets].

--- We kicked the teachers out of the meeting---

--- Mike left too, since he's the host we all got kicked out. Mike restarted the meeting. ---

Teacher's appreciation

- Brigitte talked about options for food. Sandy thought of bagels, fruit trays and gift bags cost of \$1,800. Brigitte thought of beef on a bun and salads at a cost of \$600.
- Erin said beef on a bun doesn't meet AHS guidelines re: buffet. Bagels would if they came individually wrapped.
- Mike expressed concern about food since there is a very real possibility some of the staff won't be in the building if AHS sends students home from school due to COVID situation.
- Decided to just get gift cards. Nicole mentioned coffee places like Station and Mad Hatter. Danna asked to spread the love and gave a list of additional locally owned cafes via the chat box.
- Karen said we did coffee gift cards last year and suggested Med Hat Brew Co and Grit City.
- Mike expressed concern that fundraising dollars are being used and parents who have an objection to alcohol may not be pleased that their dollars are being spent to support businesses with alcohol. He has no personal opposition to the idea.
- Nicole mentioned that we can send a survey/google form to the teachers and they can each choose which gift card they want from a list of locally owned businesses.
- Mike thought that was a great idea and will send it to the staff to choose their gift card. Nicole will send Mike a list of choices.

- Brigitte asked for a response deadline of April 23.
- Nicole, motion to spend up to \$2,000 on teacher's appreciation, Danna 2nd, all in favour (people with cameras on raised their hands), any opposed? [radio silence], **Motion to spend up to \$2,000 on staff appreciation passed unanimously.**

Next meeting is June 9 at 6:30. Most likely virtual (story of our lives). Meeting adjourned at 7:44.

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