

# Community Schools Association (CSA)

## *Agenda*

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Time: 6:30 pm- 7:30 pm

Attendees: Marcela Popowich, Melissa Brandt, Tracey Courchene, Marjorie Millman, Luke Klassen, Nathan Goold, Amanda, Nicole Gagnon, Imisioluwa Bakare, Donzei Ekpunobi,

Regrets: Brina Andrade

- i. Welcome and Call to Order – Marjorie Millman**
  - a. Call to Order at 6:31 pm
  
- ii. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting – February 2021**
  - a. Motion to approve – Amanda, second: Marcela
  - b. Motion passed
  
- iii. Old Business**
  - None
  
- iv. Principals’ Report – Marjorie Millman**
  - Current enrollment – approximately 634 students: We have 63 students who are still remote learning.
  - With the new Covid VOC this number may go up rather than down as parents may choose to go to remote learning or go back to remote learning. The final opportunity that families will have to opt out of Temporary Remote Learning is May 10<sup>th</sup>, returning May 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Our parent conferences in March went well. Thank you to all of our families for participating and for supporting our school.
  - Because the number of students opting for Temporary Remote Learning has declined significantly from the start of the school year, it has meant that we have had to reconfigure once again to accommodate those students who are returning to in-class learning.
  - Temporary Remote Learning will look different as of April 26<sup>th</sup> as the division has had to adapt the way it will be delivered due to small numbers of remote learners in some schools. Students will be placed into combined grade groups (K, Grades 1 – 3, 4 – 5, 6 -7, and 8). They will only be taught the major subjects from now until the end of June (English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science). There will be no remote teaching specialist classes. This is how it is being done throughout the school division. One piece that ESMP will also be providing is French Literacy support for all students in French Immersion.

- With the new Covid-19 variants now in Manitoba, we encourage parents to learn more about what to do if you contract Covid-19 or if you are close contact to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 as the process has changed. Here is a link to learn more: Province of Manitoba | COVID-19 (gov.mb.ca).
- We encourage and remind our students daily to keep the two-metre distancing, to practice healthy hand hygiene, and to continue to follow Covid-19 expectations. Our students are growing tired of Covid-19 but we can't afford to lessen our expectations.
- We are constantly trying to find ways to engage our students in play. We have added a lunch or afterschool club for every cohort. These clubs have been very well attended.
- We are also trying to engage our students in thematic weeks and some daily challenges.
- As we come to the end of another school year, we have been thinking about what things we want to keep coming out of Covid. If there are things that you have appreciated during Covid that you would like us to consider keeping, please send me an email.

#### STAFFING:

- We have already begun the staffing process for the 2021-2022 school year.
- We will share what staffing updates we have in place for next school year at our May CSA meeting

#### COMMITTEES:

- ESMP has 5 school committees: Literacy, Numeracy, Indigenous Academic Achievement, Technology, and Safe Schools. Our committees continue to work on school goals.
- At ESMP, despite the pandemic and all that it has added to our plates, all staff are still committed to lifelong learning. Therefore, we engage regularly in professional learning and professional discussions to support our teaching practice in the classroom. The more we learn, the better your children learn!
- We currently have three professional learning communities happening at our school. These are groups of teachers who come together to learn more about a particular area of teaching.
- Teachers work in small groups with a divisional consultant to further their learning. The three areas of we are working in are:
  - Literacy and the work of Regie Routman, a well known literacy specialist
  - Inquiry and the work of Kath Murdoch, Jennifer Watt, and Jill Colyer
  - English as an Additional Language – we are using multiple specialists for this topic.
- There is no school this Friday as we spend the day as a staff in school planning. It is an opportunity to look at our school data and make plans for the upcoming school year.
- It is highly likely that we will begin the new school year in either yellow or orange. We will be planning with this in mind.

#### Financial Requests:

- Next week Administrative Assistant day – cards to appreciate
- Staff Appreciation day – motion to spend up to a max \$150 to acknowledge staff.  
Motion to pass: Marcela                      Second: Melissa

**v. Lunch Program Report – Tracey Courchene**

- Last month we had 305 students using the lunch program and today we are sitting at 324 students. This increase is due to students returning from remote learning and the large amount of new students to our school.
- This is no change in staffing since March. I will be doing the evaluations and staff contracts for next year next month.
- We are still waiting for another Wage Subsidy check from the government. More students staying means more income which makes it easier to pay the staff on hand. We do however continue to operate at a month-to-month basis without a hold back.
- Rachelle McDonald (retiree) received the retirement gift from the CSA and has sent a thank you card that I will pass along to the CSA for her.
- A very big thank you to Brina Andrade and her daughter Morgan for the lovely and thoughtful appreciation gifts that they made up for all of us lunch supervisors.

Motion to pass: Melissa                      Second: Marcela

**vi. Treasurer’s Report –Luke Klassen**

\$1435.49 – opening balance  
Minus \$50.00 – retiree for lunch program (Marjorie to purchase/Marcela to buy card)  
          \$619.52 – maker space promised  
          \$150.00 – Staff Appreciation  
\$583.49 REMAINS

**vii. ESMP Playground Presentation (Nathan Goold & Nicole Gagnon)**

**viii. New Business**

- What are some practices that were put in place during Covid that we would want to keep?

**ix. Adjournment – Marjorie Millman**

a. 7:31 pm