

École Salisbury Morse Place School
Community Schools Association (CSA)

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Attendees: Brina Andrade, Amanda Cowan, Tracey Courchene, Marcela Popowich, Marjorie Millman, Luke Klassen, Pazel Essien, Imisioluwa Bakare, Melissa Brandt, Onyinye Ekpunobi

Regrets:

I. Welcome and Call to Order – Marjorie Millman

- Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm

II. Old Business and Approval of minutes from last meeting – November 2020

- Minutes accepted as presented (Motion: Marcela – Second: Amanda)
- No old business

III. Principal' Report – Marjorie Millman

Current enrollment – approximately 608 students: ~137 students opted for remote learning. We have had ~40 students return recently from remote learning which has caused us to have to make some more moves to accommodate our students at 2 metres apart.

- When the Province of Manitoba moved to RED in November of 2020, this did not include schools. We stayed in ORANGE. Therefore, we continue to ensure that all students are 2 metres apart, mask wearing for students in grades 4 and up is still mandatory, and we continue to practice ongoing hand hygiene. We had to move students 2 metres apart, change classrooms where necessary and many of our teachers have to teach across multiple classrooms.
- We've hired a new security monitor as our last security monitor was unable to continue in this position. Our new security monitor is a familiar and friendly face. It is our own Mrs. Tracey Courchene! We were able to work around Tracey's hours as the lunch program director to support her in this role. Tracey spends her days circulating throughout the school and managing the traffic at the front doors as they are locked all day. This has been extremely beneficial to us as Tracey knows most of the kids.
- Virtual Parent Conferences which took place on December 10th and 11th went very well. While it was different not being able to meet in person, we were grateful for the technology that still enabled us to have some kind of connection and communication.

- Because of Covid, we did not send out hampers during the holiday season, but ESMP staff proudly donated \$300.00 to the Christmas Cheer Board.
- We said goodbye to Mr. Scott Matthews who retired on the 18th of December after 29 years teaching Manufacturing and Art at Ecole Salisbury Morse Place School.
- We also said goodbye to Mrs. Gail Bartel who worked as an Educational Assistant in our school division for 23 years with the last 4 of them being at ESMP.
- Welcome to Ms. Ysa Aguinaldo who will be replacing Mr. Matthews in the shop. Welcome to Ms. Rebecca Brown who is supporting our remote learning. Welcome to Ms. Tracey Jennings who is replacing Mr. Ian MacIntyre in resource until his return in February. Welcome to Ms. Julie Morrice who replaced Mrs. Bartel.
- The return to school after the break went smoothly. We were very proud of our grade 7 & 8 students who logged on with us in the 2-week temporary remote learning block before coming back to in person learning on January 18th.
- We are trying to find ways during Covid to boost spirits and involve our students. The grade 8 leadership students decided that they wanted to do monthly themes. This month is Decade Month. We have celebrated the 50's and the 70's. This week is the 80's. We will finish this month with the 90's which is the decade the students are looking forward to most! All students at ESMP are encouraged to participate. We learn about significant events, we listen to the music, and on Fridays, students are encouraged to dress up!
- We will be celebrating and participating in many activities in the month of February. Although they will look different this year, we will do our best to make the following fun and meaningful for our students: Festive du Voyageur, I Love To Read, and Valentine's Day.

COMMITTEES:

- ESMP has 5 school committees: Literacy, Numeracy, Indigenous Academic Achievement, Technology, and Safe Schools. Our committees continue to work on school goals.
- Middle Years ELA teachers and EY teachers will be participating in online writing residencies to support our students growth in writing
- The entire staff will be participating in professional learning on the Circle of Courage and numeracy.

FINANCIAL REQUESTS:

- No requests at this time.
- Thank you to the CSA for the holiday treat in December of Bear Paws and mandarin oranges for all students.

IV. Lunch Program Report – Tracey Courchene

There were approximately 235 students staying over the lunch hour during the first 2 weeks of January. We saw a slight increase in numbers since Monday due to the students

returning from remote learning after the winter break and also the handful of new students to the school.

- I had 10 supervisors daily before the winter break in December and now I have 9. I feel that 9 supervisors is sufficient enough and still allows us to meet requirements for cohort supervision.
- The books were dropped off at Curries accounting in December for auditing and they should be ready for pick up any day now.
- I will be sending tax receipt request forms home at the end of this month. I will need to get the forms out to parents of students that are remote learning as well.
- Financially we have been operating on a month to month basis. Unfortunately this means that paying the supervisors is undetermined until the end of the month once all deposits are done.
- I would like to make a request for approval to apply for a loan. The loan would be through TD bank where we have our lunch program account. The amount that we would be applying for is \$40,000. \$10,000 of that loan would be forgivable and \$30,000 would need to be repaid by December 2022. The plan is for us to use the \$10,000 to carry us through until the end of June and not touch the \$30,000.

Motion put forth by Marcela: to go for loan Second: Glory Passed: Unanimously

V. Treasurers Report

\$2231.67 – opening balance

Minus \$500.00 – pay for playground plan 1731.67

\$129 – treats for Halloween

\$200 – winter treats

\$50 – retiree for lunch program

\$652 – maker space promised

- \$733.15 REMAINS

VI. New Business – All

- Marjorie clarified that automatic member, as long as you have a child in the school
- If your concern is specific to child please call Marjorie, not a CSA concern
- Festival – activity planning underway
- Valentines – celebrate through acts of kindness

VII. Adjournment – Marjorie Millman

- 7:17 pm