

École Salisbury Morse Place School
Community Schools Association (CSA)

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020

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

Attendees: Brina Andrade, Amanda Cowan, Claudita ?, Tracey Courchene, Marcela Popowich, Marjorie Millman, Luke Klassen, Candace Graham, Donzei Ekpunobi, Melissa Brandt, Tracy

Regrets: Brina Andrade

I. Welcome and Call to Order – Marjorie Millman

- Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

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

- Minutes accepted as presented (Motion: Marcela – Second: Amanda)

III. Principal' Report – Marjorie Millman

Current enrollment – approximately 623 students: ~150 students opted for remote learning.

- The move of all schools to Orange level meant that schools in Manitoba had to work to meet the new pandemic guidelines. This included all students 2 metres apart, continued mask wearing for students in grades 4 and up, and ongoing hand hygiene. To move students 2 metres apart this means that many of our students had to either change classrooms or teachers now have to teach across multiple classrooms. This is an “all hands on deck” situation. Teachers, specialists, and support staff are all having to play a role to ensure that your students are still receiving a quality education. It has not been easy. We have truly appreciated the kind feedback that we’ve received from our school community.
- We hired a new school Security Monitor. Mrs. T. spends her days circulating throughout the school and managing the traffic at the front doors as they are locked all day.
- ESMP had our first Covid case. A letter went home to all families with any information that could be shared.
- There will be no school on November 20, 23, & 24th. ESMP had originally booked the 20th as a professional learning day. When the province declared that all schools would get 3 more professional learning days for planning with two days having to occur before the December break, the RETSD chose the 23rd and 24th as coordinated days. We will spend this time planning for students who are in class and who are remote learning.
- The report card portal will open on December 7th. We are encouraging all families to familiarize themselves with the Parent Portal on Tyler as we will only be copying a limited when absolutely needed.

- Virtual Parent Conferences will take place on December 10th and 11th. This will happen on TEAMS. You will be getting an invitation from Conference Manager our school conference booking system in early December.
- RETSD now has a language option. You can select from several languages that our students and families speak in the division. We have found that this works better on Google Chrome and Safari. Please share this exciting news.
- A reminder that there will not be a winter concert this year. Our fingers remain crossed that we may be able to do something in the spring.
- Because of Covid, ESMP is following the direction of the Winnipeg Cheer Board and we will not be preparing Hampers this holiday season. We are looking at some alternatives to be able to support some of the families in our community.

COMMITTEES:

- ESMP has 5 school committees: Literacy, Numeracy, Indigenous Academic Achievement, Technology, and Safe Schools.
- Our committees continue to work on school goals as best as we can given our current circumstances.
- Our school goals include improving student achievement in Literacy, Technology, and Numeracy.

FINANCIAL REQUESTS:

- We are asking the CSA for \$200.00 toward a Holiday treat for students before we begin the break.

PLAYGROUND INITIATIVE:

- Architect has come in to redesign entire playground
- Plan to have committee formed of teachers and CSA members
- If anyone hears of any grants for playgrounds please let school know, so that we can apply
- The cost approx.. \$300,000+
- Multi-phase plan

IV. Treasurers Report

- Marcela – motions for the \$200. Amanda – seconds it

V. Lunch Program Report – Tracey Courchene

VI. New Business – All

- Appointment/voting for new board members
 - Tracy Chan appointed as CSA Treasurer
 - Amada Cowan – member-at-large

- Fundraising – none for this year because of restrictions.
- Parent teacher – should be one-to-one meeting this year (online)

VII. Adjournment – Marjorie Millman

- 7:14 pm