

Council Meeting

18:30, November 3, 2020

Microsoft Teams Online Meeting

1. Call to order–18:37

Attendance

Parents: Amy Machnik, Farrah Dziwenka, Anastassia Hawksworth, Jennifer Krezlewicz, Kelsey Mcwhirter, Christopher Atkins, Joanna Quigg, Danielle Stolson

Staff: Laurie McGee, Michelle Bezubiak

ECSD: John Fiacco, Facilities Planning

Jolene Thompson, Planning Department, Program Coordinator

Debbie Engel, Trustee

2. Quorum: Yes

3. Outstanding Business

John Fiacco

Touch base to catch us up to ECSD's concerns about OLOV and bolstering enrolment.

School spent some money on marketing and promotion for the Open House but unfortunately Covid hit and turnout wasn't what we hoped it would be. Budget constraints and losing 100 Voices has also negatively affected enrolment. We are down to 118 students. Jolene has sent out a survey to the school community to see what types of programs the community wants to target.

Goal is to utilize the site to its best purpose. Government has released new rules about capacity and we will lose money unless we reach 85% capacity so we are about 60 students shy of this goal. The best course of action we can do right away as a parent group is to spread the word about our great school.

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Jolene Thompson

Laurie and Jolene met on Teams to discuss survey to go to OLOV Parents. Survey sent out last week was based on discussions with parent council last spring and with staff. Survey closes this Friday and so far only 35 families have replied so far. Asking for support to get the word out to all the families so we can have a great discussion with staff before Christmas and have some direction for programming for the New Year.

Parents can email Jolene directly if there is anything further that the survey did not address.

Debbie Engel

Situated very well in the community and great parent community so worth working for. Alumni can be involved in getting the word out about our school. Parents can write letters to try and get funding back for our 100 Voices Program.

(Christopher asked question about bussing students from West Edmonton to OLOV) John replied: It will be very difficult to move kids from outside Anthony Henday by bus to OLOV. ECSD has plans in place for new, large schools and even readjusting boundaries isn't a solution with several schools between OLOV and Henday. Parents wouldn't be very receptive to moving kids from a neighbourhood school to a school 20 minutes away.

(Jen asked if surveys can go out as paper copy) Laurie replied: Staff has sent home through Google Classrooms, Administration has sent home in Newsletters and Swift Messages. Staff will continue sending reminders this week and check to see which students need paper copies.

Michelle Bezubiak – staff is very on board with increasing enrolment and has had several meetings to look at the strengths of the staff and focus on some science programming and figure out ways to promote our school out in the community. Staff is collaborative and enthusiastic.

Debbie checked in about how our families are doing with Covid. She will try support families that are struggling with some resources to help. There are things posted on ECSD website already, but Debbie can help parents navigate the process.

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4. Review of Agenda and Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2020 11 (1) Farrah. Motion to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2020, meeting. Amy 2nd. Passed.

5. Financial Report: Treasurer - Farrah

- Bank Balance: \$4971.20

6. Committee Reports

- Nothing to report at this time since students are not in school

7. Principal's Report

- New revised Fee schedule has been posted on our website. Online learning is a little different than in school
- Site licenses were purchased for Brainpop and Starfall in addition to Raz kids and Mathletics.
- We welcome Ms. Cathy Hatch-Jands to our staff. She is our dedicated EA sub and will be with us until at least February. She is supporting in the primary wing, along with Ms Vitale
- I have made an application through the School Drop off Construction Program 2020-21 to enhance the traffic, cycling and pedestrian safety in and around our school by constructing a designated pick up and drop off area. I feel we are experiencing traffic and safety concerns both at morning drop off and after school. **Note:** only one candidate will be chosen by the City of Edmonton, Transportation Department and the deadline to apply closed Oct. 30.
- Our class configurations will remain as is. We had 1 student returning from online learning and 6 choosing to go remote for the remainder of the year.

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- Our new water filling station has been installed!
- Our first and subsequent Covid cases were quickly identified and the impacted class and their teachers were in quarantine for the required days as outlined by AHS. We learned a lot from this experience which led to a letter being shared with families on Nov. 1 regarding a clear plan in the event we should need to isolate another class.
- Read in Week was held virtually but we were able to have our SEL consultant in to read and work with our primary classes on feelings and ways to manage anxiety. She returned later in the month to work with our grade 6 class.
- Picture day went well, Photographer followed all safety measures when taking pictures. They will be back on Nov. 10 for retakes. Reminders were sent home.
- Our Thanksgiving celebration was held on October 9 and led by our grade 6. We are using the library for our celebrations and broadcasting live over TEAMS. Parents are always invited to join us and need only to contact the office.
- Our bible presentation celebration coincided with our Feast day. 17 grade 4 students received their bibles which were blessed and signed personally by Father Dean.
- Students enjoyed creating various projects in honour of Mary.
- All staff enjoyed an inspiring message from David Wells. He spoke to us about “Truth” and the critical role it plays in a Catholic school and for each of us as human persons. A powerful statement he made was that “Truth gives licence to trust and trust is how we flourish.” In his explanation of virtues, he explained that “Faith” is believing, “Hope” is what sustains us, and “Love” is how we respond (charity). We were challenged as Catholic educators to really look at Trust and Virtues closely and examine how we encourage these to flourish in our school.
- November Newsletter has been posted along with a letter from staff on continuous learning during covid. We felt it important as a staff to have a clear plan to ensure the best learning possible for all our students.
- We are preparing for Advent and looking for ways to live out each of the weeks. Stay tuned for more details.

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8. New Business

- School Growth Plan (attached) was shown by Laurie. Pat will take a final look, staff will give input, and then it will be forwarded to Division and posted on school's website.

9. Classroom Reports

- Christopher – Grade 1. Miss Southwood. Halloween party went well and parents/students followed protocols and were still able to have a class party with online students. She has a request for parent council to help with classroom expenses such as modelling clay and supplies for her projects.
- Michelle – Grade 2/3. Students are being sent to school informed about Covid protocols to everyone feels safer knowing same protocols are being taught at home. The kids are transitioning very well and everyone is doing their part. A classroom mixed media budget would be utilized to assist their learning. Literacy, numeracy, themed projects, and activities in every classroom would be easier with funds from Parent Council. A classroom budget for the year of \$400 each would be helpful. Farrah indicated classroom consumables can be taken from the casino account.
- Grade 3/4 class just completed a building project with pop cans and wood sticks.
- Kelsey - Kindergarten. Everything is going well.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 6:30 pm

Adjourn: 19:40

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2. Quorum: Yes

3. Review of Agenda / Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2020 11 (2) Jen. Motion to accept Minutes from October 1, 2020 meeting. Amy 2nd. Passed.

4. Financial Report: Treasurer - Farrah

- Bank Balance: \$15224.50 plus \$36453.54 in GIC.
- Agreed to leave money in GIC until April. If we motion to spend more than the ~\$15000 in our account, the school can carry the balance until our GIC expires. The interest is about \$400 annually.

5. Outstanding Business

- Farrah to confirm with Allison what the receipt for \$16.80 on tape and craft supplies was used for. There are also and receipts for expenses last summer for easels etc. that we will need to make motions on next meeting.

6. Principal's Wish List

- Teacher's will be asking for money to spend on outfitting 100 Voices room into a learning space atelier. Once the Division decides on some programming, we will know more about which direction to go for this room and the music room.

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- New bookshelves in library and we will want to add some indigenous books into our collection.
- \$150 for Feast Day Celebration.
- We have K, 1, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 6: 6 classes total.

Motion 2020 11 (3) Christopher. Motion to spend \$25 per student to purchase supplies for student use and project work. Kelsey 2nd. Passed.

7. New Business

- None at this time.

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Adjourn: 7:56