

Council Meeting

18:30, January 12, 2021

Microsoft Teams Online Meeting

1. Call to order–18:35

Attendance

Parents: Amy Machnik, Farrah Dziwenka, Anastassia Hawksworth, Jennifer Krezlewicz, Kelsey Mcwhirter, Christopher Atkins, Joanna Quigg, Danielle Stolson, Ian Manzi, Sasha Tasic, Colin Semotiuk

Staff: Pat Opyr, Laurie McGee, Tami McMillan

ECSD: Tim Cusack – Deputy Superintendent, Leadership Support Services
John Fiacco, Superintendent Educational Planning
Jolene Thompson, Planning Department, Program Coordinator
Debbie Engel, Trustee

2. Outstanding Business

John Fiacco

Utilization went down when 100 Voices was removed and ECSD flagged OLOV as a school in trouble. After looking at data collected from parents, and ECSD vision, the decision was made to change the 100 Voices program going in to next year. It has been determined that the ECSD will have four congregated 100V sites and OLOV is one of the locations. Two classrooms at OLOV will be dedicated 100 Voices. Each classroom will have a morning and afternoon program so 36x2 classes is 72 students, which will increase our capacity from 65 to 95%. This decision will keep OLOV open for the next few years.

As a school community we have decided to implement some programming that makes the students excited to come to school. OLOV will return to Flex opportunities so students can explore topics and memorable activities that interest them.

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Looked at old surveys and most of them said they heard about our school from family and friends much more than advertising so get out and spread the word!

Jolene Thompson

Overwhelming themes in data collected was that parents are looking for music and drama, community feel, academic rigor (STEM), and to compete with nearby schools that have specialized programming. Working closely with the Marketing Department to send out handbills, bus signs, and advertise our school and the 100 Voices program.

Debbie Engel

Cudos to the planning and vision of the Planning Department and John Fiacco because cuts to education have been deep this year. The Division is experiencing a daily shortage in substitutes and it's a tough time. Thanks to the OLOV administration, staff, and parents. Parent council meeting at BDM brought up the issue that kids are falling through the cracks and it may mean that funding is required for an extra year of high school and we'll need to ultimately find money somehow to pay for that.

3. Quorum: Yes

4. Introductions: Welcome to our first time parents, Sasha and Ian.

5. Review of Agenda and Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2021 01 (1) Jen. Motion to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2020, meeting. Kelsey 2nd. Passed.

6. Financial Report: Treasurer - Farrah

- Bank Balance: \$4971.20

7. Committee Reports

- Nothing to report at this time since volunteers are not allowed in school and fundraising for field trips, etc. required.

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8. Principal's Report

- Virtual Open House: Thursday, January 14, 2021. Sharable post on Face Book.
- Registration form available online and people hav.
- School Video that was created to help with marketing our school is now available on our website, YouTube and has been posted on Instagram. Will share with parents and try get easier accessibility on YouTube.
- Road signs have been placed in 4 locations.
- Handbills, cards, and posters have been distributed around the various neighbourhoods
- Thank you to Jen for her positive message regarding our school that can be viewed at the end of the video.
- Growth Plan will be reviewed with staff on January 21, 2021.
- Remote learning – all students attended and for the most part followed the scheduling by the teachers. Father Dean contributed a short message for students regarding epiphany last week. This video has been posted on Instagram.
- Review of remaining events from 2020:
- Parent/Teacher interviews were well attended on December 3. Teachers sent home items to look over or work posted on Google Classroom for parents to review prior to meeting on December 3.
- PowerTeacher Pro is not being utilized as much as hoped despite many messages being sent to parents through SWIFT, notes home, etc. Will send simpler Swift messages home with reminder day Report Cards are posted. Also will try to get students interested and knowledgeable about where their marks are posted.
- Metis Week – Indigenous Learning services consultant, Lori Houle, visited our grades 1-6 and provided a presentation that touched on Metis history with our older grades, and then shared some Metis literature with our younger ones.
- December 11 – virtual performing arts residency called “Activities to Bring Joy” with Dani Altieri (covered by school fees) was enjoyed by students but teachers said the sound wasn't very good. Length of time was enough.
- Attempted to get a free residency with Trickster and did not get in. They have said this may be offered again so we will watch for this.
- Through Indigenous Learning Services we have booked a Drum Residency May 25 and a Smudging workshop Feb 16.
- Christmas Charity Work included:

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- Christmas/Advent theme project – Christmas cards were created with student artwork. Thanks to Michelle who photoshopped them into beautiful looking cards. Thanks to Allison and Laurie for organizing the ordering and sales of the cards. \$300 was raised from the sale of the cards and donated to Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation as part of the We Care Challenge.
- The grade 4/5/6 chose as their act of charity for the Advent season, collecting items to create gift bags for fellow ECSD grade 5 students in need. They collected enough items to fill 26 gift bags appropriate for the 13 girls and 13 boys. In return, these students sent over a signed thank you card and candy canes.
- In addition, the grade 2/3 class chose to take the monetary donation given by one of our families to purchase individual books for each grade 2 student at the same school. Our grade 2's gift wrapped each book and enclosed a personalized Christmas greeting card.
- The grade 3/4 and grade 6 class made Christmas cards for the seniors at the Meadowlark Place Lodge.
- Grade 4/5 and grade 6 class sent over Christmas Greetings and messages of thank you to our health care workers at the Misericordia.
- Christmas Activities included:
 - Blessing of the Wreaths Mass was on November 27. Father Dean officiated with our grade 4/5 class and the mass was streamed for the remaining classrooms. Mrs. Ogle and Miss McGee delivered the Holy Eucharist and blessings to each of the classes. Families were invited to attend virtually.
 - Advent Weeks – teachers celebrated these in their individual classrooms
 - The week of December 14 – 18, Our school community celebrated the week with the OLOV 5 Days of Christmas carnival. For the last hour of each day, students logged in from their classrooms to listen to Mrs. Opyr read a Christmas story and then enjoyed a Christmas activity. Students were also greeted with Christmas Carol music to start their day.
 - Thanks to Jen's referral, a Santa visit was organized to kick off our final week before Christmas break. The visit followed diligent Covid restrictions. Each child received a Santa photo where the student shared their Christmas wish while remaining on the opposite side of the Christmas tree. Santa's visit to the school was restricted to being seated by the tree and a couple outside visits to cool off.

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- In conversation with Jen we had hoped to have a hot chocolate drive by for parents but restrictions had increased and from a school perspective we felt it was too risky at the time. In the end it would have been very cold for those serving the hot chocolate as these were indoor recess days for our students.

9. New Business

- **Motion 2021 1 (2)** Jen. Santa visit and Friday hot chocolate treat was \$248.90. Farrah 2nd. Passed.
- **Motion 2021 1 (2)** Jen. Snacks for students that do not come with adequate lunches. \$100.00. Joanna 2nd. Passed.

10. Classroom Reports

All the teachers were thankful for the \$25/student contribution from Parent Council.

- Kinder: Kids are doing lots of arts and crafts and made a special gingerbread man that they stitched.
- Grade 1's: Mrs. Southwood had a successful week of online learning with her students. The structure was very helpful for parents at home, compared to last spring's online learning experience.
- Grade 2/3's: Submitted mixed media art to the Virtual Advent ECSD Event.
- Grade 3/4's: Had lots of online learning support but the kids wanted to return to school by Wednesday. The 3's have been building playgrounds. The 4's were building devices for science as well. Class built their rice krispie houses. Cross curricular Lorax Day. Kids are enjoying Math again back in the classroom learning by doing, hands on.
- Grade 4/5: Unit on Electricity saw them creating game boards for Christmas with circuit boards.
- Grade 6: Language Arts Freak the Mighty novel study is almost finished. The students were very engaged, even online. Final projects should be great to see as students go with their passion. Science footprint and fingerprint analysis is coming up. Holy Family is being studied in Religion.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 18:30 pm

Adjourn: 19:45

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Staff: Pat Opyr, Laurie McGee, Tami McMillan

2. Quorum: Yes

3. Review of Agenda / Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2020 11 (5) Farrah. Motion to accept Minutes from November 3, 2020 meeting. Jen 2nd. Passed.

4. Financial Report: Treasurer - Farrah

- Bank Balance: \$15211 plus \$36372.82 in GIC.
- Confirm number of students for \$25/student withdrawal=119 students. \$2975

5. Outstanding Business

- None at this time.

6. Principal's Wish List

- Magazine subscriptions for Library: \$227.47
- **Motion 2021 1 (6)** Jen. Motion to spend \$1413.01 on books for the library and classrooms as well as a magazine subscription for library. Joanna 2nd Passed.
- **Motion 2021 1 (7)** Jen. Motion to spend \$590.90 on materials for students to make holiday crafts and activities. Joanna 2nd. Passed.

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- **Motion 2021 1 (8)** Jen. Motion to spend \$69.30 on Lego base board materials for our Makerspace (STEM/Flex activities). Amy 2nd. Passed.
- **Motion 2021 1 (9)** Jen. Motion to spend \$7500 on 20 Chromebooks for our grade 3's and to provide access for our kindergarten students. Kelsey 2nd. Passed.
- **Motion 2021 1 (10)** Jen. Motion to spend \$1500 on books to support literacy instruction: Reading Across Canada and other mentor texts that support reading strategies. Joanna 2nd. Passed.

7. New Business

- None at this time.

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Adjourn: 20:02