

Schuler School Council Meeting

General Meeting

January 16, 2024

Attendance: Jenn B, Elly H, Jenn Z, Lyle K, Amie T, Danielle M, Lana C, Sarah K, Chelsi B, Connie F, Michelle S, Jamie S
Online: Cathy H, Elise B, Kara E, Laura J, Amanda H

Called to Order: 9:05am

1- Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Jenn B motioned to approve the agenda as presented.

Chelsi B 2nd the motion
All in Favour

2- Approval of Minutes

Motion: Amie T motioned to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2023 meeting.

Danielle M 2nd the motion
All in Favour

3- Business Arising from Minutes

A) COSC Meeting November 29, 2023

- Danielle McNeill attended the COSC meeting at the division office on behalf of school council.
- There was a very large turn out.
- Spoke about the group that the school council creates, effective meeting procedures, also having the school council more involved with the school newsletter.
- I.F Cox school has a program called TNT- Try New Things that incorporates the younger grades. Could be a great program to include the younger grades at Schuler.
- Another suggestion was to have the FSLW attend a school council meeting to introduce herself and also speak about what the FSLW offers.
- Timber the dog is also available to come and visit the school, just need to put in a request.

B) Hot Lunch Donation

- The Schuler Fire Department has made a very generous \$3000 donation to the hot lunch program.
- Hot lunch will be free for the students for the next few months.

4- Principals Report

A) Christmas Market

- The Christmas market was a huge hit with all the students.
- A big thank you to all the parents who helped wrapped. It was a busy day of wrapping.

B) Board Presentation

- Mr. K presented at the Prairie Rose Board Meeting on Jan 9/24 about what is all happening at Schuler School
- He talked about the schools learning goals, emphasizing literacy.

C) Baseball School

- There is a meeting at the division office Jan 16/24 at 6pm for parents who would like more information.
- The program would run during school hours (Tuesday and Thursdays) Gr. 4-9.
- Parents are always more than welcome to come and help out.
- More information will be sent out at a later date.

D) Storm Chaser

- Storm Chaser presentation Jan 16/24 at 1pm.

E) Swimming Lessons

- Gr 1-4 have started swimming lessons.
- Gr 5-8 start on Friday Jan 19.
- Lessons are a bit different this year. They are split into 2 groups. While half the group takes lessons, the other group gets free swim time. After 30 mins they switch.
- The Gr 1-4 group needs to have parent volunteers for free swim time as the pool rules are- under 8 yrs need adult supervision in the water.

F) Basketball

- The new basketball uniforms have arrived. They look great!! The school will also be able to use them for mini basketball.
- There is one more home game on Feb 5.
- A pep rally is scheduled for Feb 9.
- The tournament that was cancelled due to the cold will possibly be rescheduled to Feb 9/10.
- Which would mean the gr. 5-9 curling funspiel that is currently set for Feb 9 would need to be rescheduled, possibly to Feb 7.
- Volunteers to run the concession at the last basketball home game and tournament are needed!!

G) Hunters Education

- Lots of kids have signed up to take the hunters ed/ firearms safety course with Dale Woods.
- This course is running on Thursday afternoons.
- Payment will be on school cash.

H) Skating Program

- The community is providing skating lessons this year.
- Lessons are with Platinum Skating and start Thursday Jan 18. They will run for 10-12 weeks.
- Parent volunteer's are always welcome/needed to help tie skates.

I) Curling

- Gr. 5-9 start curling Wednesday afternoons for gym class.
- Jan 26 Schuler is hosting a Jr. High Bonspiel. 8 Teams are participating.
- Feb 9 is when the Gr 5-9 funspiel is scheduled but will need to be rescheduled to accommodate the basketball tournament.

J) Exhibition of Learning

- A tentative date of May 31 is scheduled for the exhibition of learning.
- The trustees will be attending.
- Mr. K would like to provide lunch.

K) Drowning Ford Letter

- The letter to Drowning Ford was sent on Dec 18.

L) Pembina Grant

- Schuler School was awarded a \$10,000 community wellness grant
- Some options for the wellness grant could be: guest speakers, outdoor fitness equipment, greenhouse among other ideas.

M) Bench for Bus Lane

- The school would like to add a bench with a plaque to the bus lane in honour of Lori Jans.
- Mr. K has reached out to Blue Imp to get a quote.
- Another idea is to have a sign at the bus lane that says "Lori's Lane".

N) Prairie Rose Possibilities Project

- Mr. K would like to see some type of project/program that would utilize the schools amazing kitchen.
- An idea is the Schuler Service Kitchen.

- This would include the students creating and selling products online/school/farmers markets etc..
- Eagle Butte has a Red Seal Chef that would possibly come in and offer help/support/guidance.
- This could be a long term project (3-5 years).

O) *Year End Field Trip*

- The grades 5-9 have been invited to an outdoor education field trip with Ralston School.
- It would be from Jun 24-26 at Cypress Hills Sask. at the Pinecrest Camp.
- The grades K-4 would have their own year end field trip.

5- Trustees Report

- Cathy Hogg was able to join by zoom meeting.
- She thanks Danielle for attending the COSC meeting.
- Lots of new programs creating lots of excitement. (Baseball/Mavericks program and a new drone program)
- Also a new trades program launches in the fall in partnership with the Medicine Hat College.
- Building Operation/ Maintenance budget from the provincial government is down..

6-Staff Member Highlight

7- Business From the Floor

8- Next Regular Meeting: February 27, 2024 at 9am

9- Adjournment: 10:16am