

Schuler School Council Meeting

General Meeting

March 26, 2024

Attendance: Jenn B, Lyle K, Amie T, Danielle M, Sarah K, Chelsi B, Connie F, Laura J, Lana C

Called to Order: 9:04am

1- Adoption of Agenda

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

Sarah K 2nd the motion

All in Favour

2- Approval of Minutes

Motion: Amie T motioned to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2024 meeting.

Danielle M 2nd the motion

All in Favour

3- New Business:

A) COSC Meeting

- There is another COSC meeting (Council of School Council) at Division office on April 9/24.
- Danielle M has volunteered to represent our school council, there is one more available spot if another person would also like to volunteer to attend.

4- Principals Report

A) Parent Teacher Interviews

- Parent teacher interviews were on March 21/24.
- Teachers all had full schedules.
- The younger class was a student lead parent teacher interview.
- Mr. Kennedy was looking for some parent feedback on how parents thought the night went.

B) Prairie Rose Possibilities

- The last SI day, the teachers broke out into groups and were brainstorming some ideas/goals/plans for the Prairie Rose Possibilities Program.
- Year 1 may look like: enhancing school breakfast program, adding some hot lunches. Also learning about nutrition, food safety. There is the possibly to bring in some different experts.

C) Swimming Update

- The grades 5-8 have 1 swimming lesson left. The last swim date is April 12/24.

D) Tri-School Challenge

- On March 21 the grades 5-9 went to Prairie Mennonite School to play basketball.
- There was about 30 kids from Schuler.
- Schuler School is hoping to host a Tri-School Challenge maybe in May.

E) Badminton

- The Badminton season is currently running.
- The Jr. High playoffs will be April 16-18.
- The gr. 5/6 will get a chance to play in Irvine on April 19.

F) Earth Day/ Town Cleanup

- The school will be doing their annual town clean up on April 22.
- Students are asked to bring gloves.

G) Track and Field

- Track and Field is May 16/24.
- Janice will be sending out a request for parent volunteers.
- At the AGM in Sept Jamie S signed up to organize the Track and Field Concession. Jenn B to reach out and start coordinating.
- The concession will order pizza's from the current Tops Pizza fundraiser to serve at the concession.

H) Staffing Update

- Mrs. Wittig's last day will be March 28.
- Ms. Jones will be covering her maternity leave until the end of June.
- Ms. Jones came to the school on March 25 and met all the students. She is very excited to be joining the Schuler School Staff.
- Mrs. Maier will be moving to a part time roll for the next school year.

I) Wellness Ideas

- There has been many ideas/suggestions on how to use the Pembina Wellness Grant.
- They are looking into bring the drumming lady out for half a day.
- Another idea is inline skating which can be done in the school gym
- There is also a program that can get staff/parents some yoga training.

J) Budget/Staffing

- The School Budget is in good shape.
- Thank you to all of the amazing donations.
- Mr. Molzan has been offered a contract for next year.

K) Volunteer Appreciation

- Volunteer Appreciation Day is April 20/24.
- Schuler School has many amazing volunteers that would be nice to recognize.
- There would be about 18-20 people.
- Ideally it would be nice to host a supper that the students could serve. There might not be enough time to organize that for this year.
- Another suggestion was a framed photo of all the students and then the students can all sign around the picture.

5- Trustees Report

- Cathy was able to email an update.
- All 87 school bus routes will be at the end of their contract and will be up for tender. Those interested can submit bids up to April 12.
- The school calendar has been approved. School will not begin until after the Labour Day weekend. The calendar is aligned with the neighbouring divisions.
- The calendar can be found on the Prairie Rose website.
- The Technology Report focused on an overview of different technology distributed across the division. This includes 1 Chromebook for all students gr. 4 and up.
- The department is also working on transitioning from smart boards to Viewsonic Interactive Display Boards.
- The division is also working on a set of guidelines for student use of Artificial Intelligence headed by Instructional Coach Cammie.
- Cathy was invited by the ATA to participate in a Trustee Panel.
- She also attended the Rural Education Symposium. The Minister of Education was also in attendance.
- Some of the main areas of concern were recruitment and retention of teachers in remote areas.

6- Business From the Minutes

A) Hot Lunch March and April

- Jenn B has been working with the Mennonite Moms to help them to prepare a hot lunch.
- They will be doing an enchilada lunch on April 10.
- Chelsi B is organizing Aprils hot lunch.
- There will be 2 hot lunches in April.

B) Food Safe Handling Course

- The Hilda Community is offering the Food Safe Handling Course on April 16 from 9am-5:30pm.
- The cost is \$75. It doesn't expire.

C) Missoula

- Some discussion was had about having the Missoula production in the spring instead of at Christmas time.
- It is a great opportunity for the students.
- Would need to look at booking for next spring right away.
- Jenn B to get some information for next April.

7- Next Regular Meeting: April 25, 2024 at 9am

9- Adjournment: 9:51am