

FALUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

December 14th, 2020

Held on ZOOM

In attendance: Donnalyn Carson – Principal, Susanne Holmlund- President, Tara Schnell- Secretary, Julie Gainford – Treasurer, Amber Anctil – Fundraising Rep, Rhonda Peters – School Board Trustee, Alberdien Keuper, Megan Tabler, Kyla Coady, Jillayne Bolton

1. Meeting called to order at 9:15am

2. Meeting Agenda Adopted: Motion to approve the agenda by Alberdein Keuper. 2nd by Julie Gainford. Motion carried.

3. November 23rd, 2020 Council Minutes Adopted: Julie Gainford moved to approve the minutes. 2nd by Alberdein Keuper. Motion carried.

4. School Board Trustee Rhonda Peters Report:

-The new Super Intendent, Peter Barons, will be starting to visit all the schools once again in the new year.

-The 2019/2020 financial statements were approved at the last board meeting.

-The speed limit reduction past the Lakedell School has now been approved. The speed limit will now be 80km/h from the Village to 400m past Lakedell.

-The school board has hired 30 new staff since Covid has started, however they have lost several long-time subs because of the dangers of Covid and them not being able to work because of it. They are now trying to hire more people who are fresh out of University.

-Grade 7-12's are now doing at home online learning, the board has purchased Google Suite Enterprise to help them and offer them more support.

-There will be no PAT tests for grades 3 and 6 this year as there has been too much disruption this past year and increased anxiety for the kids. Teachers will still be able to find out and report where their kids are at by doing their own assessments/evaluations.

5. Principal Report:

- The results from the surveys came back and seem consistent with past survey results. This survey saw a 12% decline in students feeling safe at school, which makes sense as Covid has caused a lot of anxiety in the past months. One question/result in the survey has Donnalyn concerned with how valid these results are. When asked the question "Do you participate in school clubs?", there was a 35% decline in the results. Donnalyn stated that there are currently no school clubs so it should have come back at a 100% decline. She will talk with teachers before the next survey and encourage them to talk with the students and help them understand these questions better.

-7/10 at home learning students came back to school on Nov.30th. The remaining 3 did not sign up for the next re entry date so will be spending the whole school year doing at home learning. The school lost about 10 additional students to home schooling.

-There have been a few meetings to discuss a plan for the at home learning week of Jan 4-11 as the Province did not apply any guidelines on how this week should be. There will be a plan created for all K-6 schools in WRPS so that everyone is consistent with what they are doing that week. It has been decided that because it is only for a week that there will be no Chromebooks sent home for those who do not have the technology at home to use. All work will be sent home in paper form with technology support for any who wants it and can access it. If there are any changes and school ends up being at home learning for a longer period then the schools will then give the option to borrow the Chromebooks to those who need them.

-Kristi Blouin, the grade five teacher will be going on a medical leave for about 4-6 weeks starting on January 7th. Melissa Henke will be the sub that will be taking over her class for this duration. She is doing a transition day tomorrow so the class can meet her and get to know her a bit.

-JEPD: Literacy plan improvements will continue, teachers discussed what they do in their classes for literacy and which led to some teachers being able to identify where they would like to improve and enhance learning in their classes. They decided to do a book study to improve literacy practice and will determine which book they will use at the next JEPD.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business: None

8. Adjourn meeting at 9:30am.

Next Meeting date Monday, February 8th , 2020 on ZOOM