

**South Corman Park School
School and Community Council Meeting
Monday, January 25th, 2021
Virtual Meeting, 5:30p.m.**

Present: Kirsten Tucker, Elaine Willick, Erin Langin, Angela Jamieson, Morgan Leybourne, Faye Burgess, Jacquie Cuthbert, Shannon Ly, Danielle McTavish, Lindsey Mitchell, Jane Mills

Regrets: Tarren Pederson

1. Minutes: Lindsey moved to adopt the minutes from November 16th, 2020; motion carried

2. Administrative Report:

Principal's Report: Kirsten Tucker

- a. Staffing Updates:
 - Carlyng Whenham – welcome back!
 - Taylor McGregor – congratulations on her contract at Hague!
- b. Covid-19 Update:
 - There has been one case in the school (late November)
 - The parent promptly informed SCP staff, which was fortunate since SHA was rather backlogged; the classroom teacher's response was that she was thankful for the support from families and that her online classroom ran smoothly
 - Challenges: SCP staff needed to manage multiple cohorts; awkwardness associated with privacy guidelines set out by SHA yet being in a small community
 - Positives: the current masking and sanitization procedures in place along with family support provided a successful learning experience
 - Lunchtime: will not be extended beyond 15 minutes as discussed at the last meeting; since the students must be unmasked during lunchtime and therefore increasing the risk of transmission, the staff have decided it is best to keep lunchtime to 15 minutes
- c. Tech Survey Results:
 - A large number of responses were collected
 - In general, households have a good ratio of devices to learners; however, the challenge is access to adequate wi-fi
 - In the event of extended level 4 learning, PSSD would provide some phones that could be used to hot spot internet access; additionally, staff could make hard copies of classroom assignments available to families
- d. RCMP Introduction:
 - Sergeant Sheldon Hamm has been assigned to our school as a liaison officer; consider his position and area of expertise as a school resource

e. Bus Cancellation Days:

- Some positive notes: the text alert has been a great addition, especially if/when a level 4 learning day is declared with short notice (as was the case on Thursday, January 14th); the communication from parents was good when they were asked to email their child's homeroom teacher (to acknowledge that they would participate in at-home learning and not drop their child off at school the next morning)
- Room for improvement: need to integrate the bus drivers in order to avoid multiple duplicate messages
- Parent feedback: there were some who desired more schoolwork to be assigned to their child on the level 4 learning day...and then there were other parents who preferred that less work be assigned
- Parents commented that they know to expect no bus service on the days where the combined temperature and wind chill factor are below -40°C, but what criteria is in place for bus cancellations due to extreme weather conditions (as was the case on Wednesday, January 20th)? Also, there is the importance of communicating bus service cancellation as soon as possible (shortly after 6:00am) rather than later in the morning so that parents can make transportation arrangements for their children. Kirsten passed these queries on to the bus garage.
- Challenge: how is school attendance to be recorded on a level 4 "snow day"?
- Thus far, SCP staff are satisfied with the bus cohort pick-up time slots
- Challenge: there has been some confusion with traffic flow during drop-off/pick-up of their children; the goal is to minimize the need for vehicles to back up during heavy pedestrian traffic; possible signage on tarmac or visual diagram in the next newsletter in order to ensure the safety of all students NOTE: Kirsten has promptly ordered signs to place on the school grounds; she also created instructions with a diagram for the newsletter that clearly depicts and explains how vehicle traffic should flow i.e. enter from the north via Baker Road, drop off/pick up students in a single file manner parallel to the sidewalk in front of the main entrance, exit to the south and then east via Range Road 3052

f. Unexpected Power Outage:

- Limited water supply and number of toilet flushes
- Emergency lighting that will last approximately a half hour but not a real issue since there is an abundance of natural light
- The heat loss is minimal and would be ok for the remainder of the day
- Limited technology; no wi-fi; office has a back-up phone; staff have personal phones
- SCP staff is able to send out mass text alert messages as well as Fresh Grade messages
- The advisory is that school should not be carried out beyond two hours once a power outage has taken place, keeping in mind that it takes a significant amount of time for parents to be contacted and then arrangements made for the pick-up all students

g. Hot Lunches:

- SCP staff are enjoying hot lunches, especially with the suspension of numerous school 'extras' during the pandemic
- Newsletter item: if a student misses school on a day that a hot lunch was ordered, the lunch will be saved in the fridge and given to the student the following day
- In the event that a hot lunch is scheduled on a day when there is no bus service, the hot lunch will not be cancelled (in order to avoid students being without lunches, as parents will expect the scheduled hot lunch to be served)

- h. Valentine's Day Protocols:
 - No shared treats will be allowed
 - If students wish to hand out Valentine cards to their classmates, the cards need to be quarantined (brought to school at an earlier date?), and handed out by the teacher
 - Teachers may choose to have their students construct Valentine cards during class time; more information from classroom teachers to follow

- i. Kindergarten Orientation:
 - In September, kindergarten orientation was conducted in such a way where families met the teacher one at a time in order to maintain social distancing; the individualized time to meet the teacher was favourable and SCP would like to continue this practice going forward
 - Spring Open House: it is not possible to conduct physical tours of the school so the SCP staff are creating a PowerPoint presentation for the new families; staff would like feedback from the SCC once the PowerPoint is completed; Erin will provide an informational write-up about the SCC

3. Financial Matters

Treasurer's Report: Angela Jamieson

- Updated Financial Summary as of January 25th, 2021 provided to SCC members
- The estimated income from each hot lunch is \$150; the two recent payments from Healthy Hunger both reflect that amount
- Start Right School Supplies has remitted the amount of \$359.88 for this year's orders
- Current balances:
 - Central account: \$5 944.77
 - Decentralized account: \$6 060.53

4. Old Business

- a. Start Right School Supplies:
 - The payment was received for this year's orders; the amount was significant, which shows that a number of families chose this option last summer
 - The deadline to sign the contract for next year is February 1st; given the substantial income from this year, Tarren will move forward with signing for the 2021-22 school year

- b. Hot Lunches:
 - Erin has added more hot lunch dates for the next two months: February 11th, February 24th, March 17th, March 30th
 - In the event that schools move to level 3 or level 4 learning according to the provincial Safe Schools Plan, Erin is not booking dates for the remainder of the school year yet but will add dates as long as level 2 learning continues

5. New Business

a. Read to Ride:

- The plan is to proceed as per the discussion at the last meeting i.e. two bikes along with two helmets for a total of \$500
- Dates will be set for after the Easter school break

b. Fundraising Options:

- Bingo family night via the Zoom online platform
- Spearheaded by Angela who has prior experience
- Possible date: Thursday, March 18th as that is a similar date to when SCP Fun Night has taken place in past years
- Prizes could be a combination of items in storage from SCP Fun Night and the SCC could purchase gift cards to various establishments, with a focus on local businesses
- NOTE: post-meeting, Angela has provided more information via email:
 - Very reasonable pricing for bingo cards
 - Suggestions of some variations on how to achieve a bingo win
 - Logistics of how to run the game, including a link to video demonstrations
 - If we use the Microsoft Teams platform, there can be up to 250 participants
 - We would need roughly 5-7 prizes; suggestion that we use Fun Night prizes as well as gift cards ranging \$20 – \$50
 - Perhaps we offer this event free of charge but keep the possibility open that we may run a second bingo family night as a fundraiser

c. Inquiries About Daycares in the SCP Area:

- Erin and Kirsten shared that they have been asked periodically by families whether there are daycare options in the surrounding area; no one knew of any current daycares or childcare providers
- In the end, the consensus was that SCP and the SCC should not be recommending childcare facilities as this is not a school-provided service and moreover, to avoid possible conflicts of interest

d. Student Citizenship Awards:

- Awarded by Public Schools of Saskatchewan; three \$1000 awards for grades 1 to 8
- To “recognize public school student groups or classes that support citizenship or character building within their schools or community”; application deadline April 15th
- Possibility: showcase SCP's outdoor living spaces

e. Saskatchewan in motion Go Out and Play (GOAP) Challenge:

- Angela informed us of this challenge where members of a community track their minutes of physical activity; the winner receives \$10 000 toward investing in an outdoor play facility for kids and families
- NOTE: post-meeting, Angela provided the online link; the challenge will take place from March 1st to March 10th; Kirsten will sign up for the school and provide more information in the upcoming newsletter for parents

6. Adjournment: the next meeting will be on Monday, March 8th at 5:00pm