Monday January 17, 2022
6:00 PM Virtual

**People & Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory and the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation. These are the meeting grounds, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Nakota Sioux, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, and Métis. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

**Attendance** – Rod Leatherdale, Kelly Sawatzky, Sabrina Komarniski, Laurel Driedger, Deniene Zaseybida, Jody Weleschuk, Kalyna Palsitt, Michelle Gladys

**Parents**: Laurel, Sabrina, Jody, Kelly, Michelle, Deniene

**Staff**: Rod Leatherdale, Sabrina Komarniski, Kelly Sawatzky

**Trustee:** not in attendance

**Others**: Minute taker is Michelle Gladys

1. **Call to Order**

Laurel called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

**2. Review of Agenda**

Laurel made a motion to accept the agenda.

 **3. Approval of the Minutes**

Laurel made a motion to accept the minutes of previous meeting; seconded by Deniene.

 **4. Old Business**

 None

 **5. Principal Report** – Rod Leatherdale

* Nothing really eventful prior to break. A few weather issues.
* Return from the Christmas break. EIPS has worked with Alberta Health Services and the provincial government. For the most part, the transition has been pretty seamless. The majority of what we had done in the past aligned with guidelines aside from the change in the masking, the type of masks and reporting.
* Attendance has been pretty steady so far. We are looking for fluctuations and increased absences.
* Return to athletics this week...cautious return. Everyone is pretty excited. Make sure protocols are adhered to very strictly.
* Getting into exam week this week. Tomorrow (Tuesday) is last day of regular classes for grade 10-12 students. The use of the days (referred to as exam week) has evolved over the last couple years. There has been a shift for the students to use this time, less about instruction and more about opportunities for students to demonstrate their learning. Use this opportunity to make up things they’ve missed and get ready for exams.
* Cougar Council has been quite active.
* The school has received funding for 2 specific areas. One is the learning gaps. The majority of that to focus on literacy. The second area was social emotional supports funding – the majority of that to trauma informed practice. Still working with that. We as a staff have joined the district which is providing some PD for schools that want to participate (which our school is). So it’s been good. Supplemental to what we did initially and good follow up and info. We are still struggling with mental health and the ability to support mental health. We do have some extra funding from Supports for Students. Still deciding exactly how to use it.

 **6. Review of Fees & Fee Process – Rod Leatherdale**

* Establish fees...fall into 3 categories: Extra curricular activities, curricular activities and things outside of both of those
* Consult the parents. Send out questionnaire to all parents. Will have some questions. The purpose of the questionnaire is to find out things like: are the fees are appropriate?; includes everything from class field trips to extra curricular activities, band trips.
* Proposals for possible high interest courses to offer in the future.
* Fee approval process starts with notification of Parent Council families. Looking for feedback if a particular fee is too high. All fees are based on cost recovery. The school does NOT make money on fees. Try to be as close to exact as possible when estimating the fees.
* Will send out an email and survey to parents before next council. Parent council will then review in more detail. President and Principal discuss it and sign off on it. Then forward to Central. Final step is board approves it or not approves it.
* Unpaid fees come out of the schools budget. Try to avoid this happening by keeping fees reasonable.

 **7. Student Council Report –** Kalyna Palsitt

* In December did a food drive. Collected food bank donations for a whole week – was pretty successful
* Holiday lunch came out of part of Cougar Council. All students and staff received a free lunch just before Christmas break.
* A staff & student kindness week. Form sent out to all staff and students in the school to give compliments to others in the school.
* A few theme days
* Coming into February, looking at doing Valentine’s Day things.
* Trying to get more Junior High students involved in Cougar Council. Sent out Senior High students to talk to Jr. high students. Sent out google form to ask if anyone was interested in being the Jr. High rep. If students just want to be involved, helping out with projects.
* Looking to branch out into the community a bit more and to St. Mary’s High School.

 **8. Trustee report**- Randy Footz

* not in attendance

 **9. Teacher Report**:

 Nothing to report

 **10. New Business** - none

**11. Next Meeting**  - March 16 @5:30pm

**12. Motion to adjourn meeting:**

Laurel made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 6:30pm, seconded by Sabrina.