

Tuesday, March 5, 2024  
9:30am

1) Welcome and introductions

- Welcome Shane Barkman - Trustee

2) Student council report

- Not a lot of student council activities planned since our last meeting
- Question: Will there be a grade 8 party planned?
  - Answer: Parents organized this, not the school or PAC. School will help get the message out
- Question: Is there anything else student council can do to help
  - Answer: The help with the hotdog lunch was very helpful. It would be great if Student Council could continue to help with this.
- Spirit Week being planned for the last week before spring break

3) Hot dog lunch

- Student council helped out this time and will continue to help moving forward.

4) Principal report

- Staffing Updates
  - John Terrick has been reassigned to Bothwell as Acting Principal until spring break
    - Granted 1.0 FTE
      - Carolyn Warkentin Peters is now full time until spring break
      - Candice Dueck is in for the mornings until spring break
  - Bud Penner is on leave until March 15.
    - Starina Rogalsky is replacing Bud
  - Staffing allotment for 2024-2025
    - Increasing due to increasing enrollment and provincial funding
    - Will be able to hire 2 people (exact amount of time per hire to be determined)
- Families will be emailed for each student's learning buddy requests. Each student will be able to request 3 learning buddies, with the promise of being placed with at least one. The email will be sent shortly after spring break.
- Days of Wonder wrapped up last week. It was awesome! Many activities were offered and students were able to find something that intrigued them.
  - Track and field has a couple of events left
  - Entertaining the idea of having 2 sessions next year.
  - Feedback:
    - Great for kids who may not enjoy the academic part of school.

- Track and field: something that Deryk and AJ were hoping to make happen in September. Days of Wonder made it more accessible. Kids were coached by National Coaches. Investment by the school and parents as there was a cost.
  - Allowed for multi-age groups to work and play together.
  - Teachers also had the opportunity to learn something new.
- Grade 8 Visit to SRSS on Feb. 22
  - Half day
  - Went on a tour of a variety of locations/departments
  - Met the administrative team
- Grade 8 helped with Winter Fun Day at MES on Feb. 22
- Grade 6 went to Festival du Voyageur on Feb. 22
- Skating at Mitchell Arena
  - Feb. 28 and March 6
  - Opportunity to include different programming in PE (Bowling before Christmas, potential for golf near the end of the year)
- Camp Cedarwood for Grade 8 Feb.
  - Not a lot of snow but they found other fun activities to do
  - 76% participation
- Term 2 ended Friday
  - Report cards released on Parent Portal March 15
- Discovery Time ends March 14
- March 19 - Whole school trip to the Moose Game
  - Representatives from Project 11 will be at the game discussing mental health
  - A chance to be with classmates and teachers outside of the classroom
- March 21 is the Term 2 Learning Expo
  - 4:30 - 6:30
  - Same format as Term 1

#### 5) Treasurer Update - Naomi

- Co-op grant application has been sent off. Will hear back in June.

#### 6) Teacher of the Year

- Missed the provincial deadline
- Consideration to honour a teacher as a PAC.
- Tabled until next meeting

#### 7) Talent Show

- AJ's thoughts
  - Need some time to prepare
  - May 16? Not sure if this is the right date due to many other spring activities.

- Purpose: Offer a chance for students not involved in other school activities to share their talents. Not just singing. School appropriate.
- Time: one evening
- Location: Learning commons or half of the gym to keep it cozy.
- Practice: Is crucial so that kids feel good about themselves
- Fundraising: Entry tickets, coffee, tea, snacks for sale, silent auction
- PAC involvement: judging, providing supervision for practice time, fundraising, decorating
- Questions/thoughts
  - Would we have an afternoon performance?
    - Answer: Just an evening for now
  - Could November or February work better next year?
  - Will this be profitable for the amount of effort put in?
    - It may not be as profitable as other fundraisers, however it's not only for the money. Also an opportunity for students to showcase their talents
  - PAC would hold auditions, most likely during lunch hour.
  - It will be a lot of work. PAC will need to commit to make it happen.
  - May 9 may work better
  - Decision made to defer until 24/25 school year

## 8) Cell Phone policy change?

- Current policy
  - Allows Gr 7 and 8 use "with permission, for educational purposes"
  - Gr 5 and 6 keep devices in locker, don't use during the day
- Movement towards Cell Phone free learning environments
  - SMS - seen an improvement in behaviour, a reduction of conflicts between students, improved student wellness, students aren't able to contact parents without permission throughout the day
  - DSFM, Louis Riel
  - British Columbia
- Province of Manitoba might be preparing something with regards to a cell phone policy
- Should MMS become a cell phone free zone?
  - For the most part, our students don't use their cell phones throughout the day as technology is provided (Chromebooks, iPads)
  - AJ interested in PAC's thoughts
    - Seems to be a consensus from PAC to eliminate student cell phones at school.
    - For urgent matters, a phone is available at the office
    - Creates more opportunities for students to connect with each other instead of being on their phones
    - For those kids who don't have phones, they won't feel left out

## 9) Suggestions/concerns/questions

- Nothing at this time

10) Set date and time for next meeting

- Tuesday, April 2 @ 9:30

11) Closing

- Thanks for coming.
- Shane thanked everyone for the invite.