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Joussard School Council

10/13/2021

Join Zoom Meeting

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Attendance: Spencer Smith, Hilary Zahacy, Lorraine Shelp, Sandi Stone, Laverne Lamarche, [Laura Poloz](#), Doris Willier, Kienan Wilson, Jaylee Isadore, Julia Sander, Tracy Tulloch

Call to Order- 4:34 pm

Land Acknowledgement

Previous Minutes- Laverne motions to accept minutes, Sandi seconds.

Additions to agenda - None mentioned

Positions

- Chairperson/Facilitator - Makes sure everyone has chance to speak/leads the meeting - Jaylee Isadore
- Secretary/Recorder - Records minutes of meeting - Hilary Zahacy
- Sucker Creek Representative - Doris Willier
- Joussard Representative -
- Driftpile Representative -
- Kindergarten Representative - Kienan?

Welcoming Address by Superintendent Laura Poloz

- ASCA Meeting and Conference
 - We are automatically members, and can attend the meeting and conference around the end of April. They have been virtual lately, but in person, when safe, it is an excellent opportunity to meet other School Council members from across Alberta and discuss ideas/issues.
- Funding available for School Councils
 - Provincial gov. will provide \$500.00 to help involve more parents in School Council - no reporting necessary for these funds.
 - HPSD will provide another \$150.00 as well.
 - Ideas include babysitting - can pay someone to care for small children so parents can attend meetings, buying lunch for staff, family fun days - enhancement of these events, eg. bussing from Driftpile, Sucker Creek to get parents to the meetings or family fun nights.

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- HPSD will pay for up to 2 people to attend conference in April
 - School council can apply for an additional \$350.00 to cover cost of travel, hotels, etc. for the conference

 - School council
 - More than just parents on the council. Voting members = principal, teacher representative, parents, upper end students are welcome to become a part of the council as well.
 - Majority of members should be parents/guardians of children in the school.
 - Parents of kindergarten students encouraged as well.
 - Not a fundraising entity. Our position is to give advice to the principal/provide feedback/concerns, etc. (Joussard Altruistic Society is a fundraising committee for our area and they help our school out a lot as well.)

Principal's Report

- Covid Restrictions Update
 - **School COVID-19 Map** - reporting school cases and when schools are listed as in an outbreak. Outbreak is defined as 10 or more cases of COVID-19 in a 14 day period. Alert is defined as 2 cases in the 14 day period. (Definition of an "outbreak" has changed)
 - Schools listed as in an outbreak are recommended to monitor for symptoms and consider participating in the at-home rapid testing kits. If any further direction comes from the government, it will be shared with schools.
 - **Contact Tracing** - School authorities will now be notified of positive cases that are identified as being in the school while infectious. This will be similar to the last school year.
 - Contact tracing, pending no further changes from AHS or Ab. Ed., will continue as it is currently being done by HPSD. There are no quarantine requirements for any close contacts. Parents/guardians will be contacted if their child is a close contact.
 - ***ECS to Grade 6 classrooms with 3 or more positive cases of COVID-19 within 5 calendar days will receive a 10 calendar day learning exclusion that will shift that classroom to learning from home for 10 calendar days.*** Teachers will be able to attend school to deliver learning remotely - this would likely be virtual. Teachers/staff in ECS to Grade 6 who teach multiple classes (i.e. gym, music, library) should consider their physical distancing/masking around students and staff. While we await further clarity from Ab. Ed., those staff who have interactions with multiple classes, who are still not required to quarantine, will be able to continue teaching provided they maintain 2 metres of distance and are masked at all times once a class has been given an exclusion letter.

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- **Rapid Testing Kits** - Rapid testing kits will be made available in some capacity for school authorities, potentially later this month. There will be a reporting requirement for using the kits. They are to be used at home by students but are also available for staff. (Parents/guardians will need to let the school know the results of these tests if positive)
- **Vaccinations** -High Prairie School Division Board of Trustees passed a motion to require that all High Prairie School Division employees, volunteers, and HPSD partners follow the Administrative Procedure on mandatory vaccinations for Covid-19 and that the same administrative procedure be followed by all contracted service providers and tenants in HPSD buildings.
 - The directives in the administrative procedure will be that all employees, volunteers and HPSD partners, as well as contracted service providers and tenants that will be entering division buildings, will need to show proof of full vaccination or a legally accepted exemption to be detailed in the new administrative procedure, by December 17, 2021. The Division will be developing the administrative procedure based on best practices from other school authorities who are implementing proof-of-vaccination programs while being in alignment with Occupational, Health, and Safety requirements and relevant legislation. This administrative procedure will not apply to children or students.
- Picture Day - Friday, October 15th
- Joussard School Radio Advertisements now run every 3 weeks on the local radio stations. I will be posting these on our school web page so parents can listen. These are run by students from upper elementary.
- Lockdown Drill Tomorrow @ 9:30
- Monthly Leadership Assembly - October 28th, 2021
 - Virtual or pre-recorded
- Land Based Learning w/ Local Knowledge Keeper Ramzay Zallum and IEC Jamie Chalifoux scheduled for October 20th
 - All students - K-6
 - Students will travel in cohorts (DIV 1- AM/DIV 2- PM)
 - Within town limits of Joussard
 - Focusing on teachings around culturally significant plants and medicines in our local area as well as preservation of moose meat - demo of cutting a preparing meat will likely be done by Ramzay.
- Grande Prairie Travel and Learn Practicum Students
 - October 13th and 14th for half day classroom visits - experiencing Northern Alberta rural classroom and school settings.
- Halloween Celebrations (October 29th)
 - Classroom Door Decorating Contest

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- Halloween Costume Parade
 - Will be shared virtually like last year over social media.
 - Please have students bring their costumes. They will put them on at lunch prior to the costume parade
 - Props that resemble weapons are not permitted.
 - Treats may be sent in for classroom parties but must be store-bought and individually packaged.

Virtual Family Fun Nights

- Joussard School is considering the possibility of hosting a virtual family fun night, such as Pumpkin Carving Night. Would this be something families would be interested in?
 - Fall crafts tutorials? Doesn't necessarily need to be Halloween themed.
 - Make up craft kits ahead of time and send home with the kids to follow along with either a live or pre-recorded video made by staff or even students (Maybe a different class could take this on each month? or every other month?)
 - Online challenges? For families - they can record and send it.
 - Possible draws for prizes

Concerns/ ideas etc.

- Positive feedback from parents regarding experiences at school.
- Polls for activities/input could be posted on Facebook
- Parents mentioned our outdoor activities and programs are a hit for kiddos
- Newsletter to post minutes about School Council happenings - surveys offered with newsletters for parent/guardian input if they cannot always make it to the meetings.
- School council meeting minutes can be posted on our Website/FB.

10. Next Meeting- Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 5 pm.

Spencer motions to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 pm.

Lori Shelp seconds motion to adjourn.

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