

School Council Meeting

September 10, 2018

In attendance: Karen Seinen, Lorrie Hafermehl, Kerry Fegyverneki, Sheila Albertson, Angela Lal, Lawrence Lal, Jody Beck, Stephanie Damery, Jodi Dombroski, Julianna Merritt, Kim Smith, Stephanie Richter, Catherine Bennett, Tamela Toma, Pamela Lyttle, Char Thompson, Tana Silva, Virginia Doucet, Janine Mickey, (19)

1. Called to order: Called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Sheila.
2. Additions/Deletions: Bussing Concerns and Teacher Communication were added under New Business, NGPS school fees were added under Administrator's Report, and Elections were added after Correspondence.
3. Adoption of Agenda: **Julianna moves to accept the agenda as amended. Lawrence seconds. All in favour. Carried.**
4. Minutes: **Julianna moves to accept the minutes as posted. Pam seconds. All in favour. Carried.**
5. Reports:
 - a) Administrator's Report:
 - i. School Advancement Plan
The school advancement plan was shared, reviewed and discussed. Parents in attendance were asked to give feedback and ideas were brainstormed to target specific areas. A summary of the Advancement Plan will be available on the school website. Other areas of the Advancement Plan will be shared and discussed at upcoming school council meetings.
 - ii. OES Enrollment and Staffing
The current enrollment is 473 students at OES as follows:
 - 5 PUF students in playschool
 - 55 students in kindergarten
 - 51 students in grade 1
 - 55 students in grade 2
 - 63 students in grade 3
 - 64 students in grade 4
 - 67 students in grade 5
 - 54 students in grade 6
 - 59 students in grade 7There are three classes of each grade except for grade 6 and 7, where there are two classes of each grade. Students in grade 7 are divided into three classes for math. There are 25.5 FTE teachers, up from 25.0 FTE last year, and 15 support staff. OES is happy to welcome Kala Hawkins as the new K3 teacher, Michelle Shera as a grade 5 teacher, and Kathy Sloan as the new accounting secretary.
 - iii. School Fees

Northern Gateway has approved a Technology Access and Maintenance Fee of \$30 per student, across the division. This fee can be paid online or in person at the school office. The fee will be used to subsidize the cost of maintaining technology and software for students.

iv. Upcoming Events

- What's the Scoop? Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday, September 12, there will be Meet the Teacher at the school from 5:00-6:30 p.m. For the first twenty minutes, parents and students are welcome to tour the classrooms and then families are invited to the gym for hot dogs and ice cream. Don't forget to put your name in the draw for the Wellness basket giveaway.

- Terry Fox Run

On September 27, OES will participate in the Terry Fox Run. This year the route will expand past the museum. Kindergarten students will participate in a modified run. Parent volunteers are more than welcome to attend.

- Orange Shirt Day

On September 28, students and staff will recognize orange shirt day and receive wristbands. Grade 5 and 7 students will take part in a presentation and the rocks painted last year on Aboriginal Day will be placed in the garden area.

v. Agendas

Student agendas were not purchased by the school for this year. It was intended for an agenda/journal to be added to the student supply lists, however, the item was missed. Classroom teachers have now chosen a new form of the student agenda to communicate with parents.

vi. Playground Zones and Outdoor Classroom

After the construction was completed on the high school track and the temporary fencing was removed, the division two play-ground increased in size. Also, a kindergarten class was added to the division one playground this year. As a result, for the month of September, the grade three students are having a trial on the division two play-ground with an added supervisor.

The digital sign has arrived and will be installed shortly.

The construction on the outdoor classroom has started and classrooms will have the opportunity to sign up to use it, once it has been completed.

vii. Swimming

This year, OES students in grades 1-5 will travel to Barrhead Pool for swimming lessons. Each student will receive five lessons instead of the previous four. Lessons will take place in late April and early May. There is the possibility that students will also take part in a bowling field trip in Barrhead, on the same day as one of the swimming dates.

viii. Wellness Supports

Timmery Welsh will work with students in grades 1-3 once per week, about self regulation.

b) Trustee Report

- The NGPS Board would like to extend a welcome back greeting to all staff and students, wishing them a successful 2018-2019 school year.

- The Board approved, in principle, the Hillside High School International field trip to Finland, scheduled for October 6-14, 2018
- Caelyn Basaraba from Hilltop High School in Whitecourt presented on her experience being part of the Minister’s Youth Council.
- The NGPS Board will be meeting with Lac Ste. Anne County Board members on September 18, 2018
- The Board approved the 2018-2019 school fees.
- The Board was briefed on an emergency response program that NGPS will be involved in entitled “Hour Zero”. This program will be standardized across all schools and provides strategies to schools if an emergency occurs.

c) Treasurer’s Report

i) Monthly Treasurer’s report

June Deposits	June Expenditures
\$4,710.00 50/50 Raffle	\$3,532.50 Fundraising
\$1,625.00 Hot Lunch	\$100.00 Grade 7 Service Award
\$0.63 Interest	\$1,582.50 Hot Lunch
\$997.50 Sports Day	\$236.52 Safe and Caring
	\$1,018.55 Sports Day Expenses
Total Deposits: \$7,333.13	Total Expenditures: \$6,470.07

July Deposits	July Expenditures
\$0.61 Interest	
Total Deposits: \$0.61	Total Expenditures: \$0.00

August Deposits	August Expenditures
\$0.53 Interest	
Total Deposits: \$0.53	Total Expenditures: \$0.00

Janine moves to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Catherine seconds. All in favour. Carried.

a) Fundraising Report

i) Fundraising Event

Welcome to Virginia, who will be the new Fundraising Committee Chairperson. A fundraising committee meeting will be held on a separate day. School Council would like to explore the idea of adding equipment, trees, and/or play structures to the school playground.

School Council would like to consider working a casino to help raise funds for projects like the school playground.

Angela moves that we go ahead with the DSL catalogue fundraiser this fall.

Karen seconds. All in favour. Carried.

ii) School Supplies

Thank you to everyone who helped with the distribution of the school supplies. School Council receives a percentage of the orders back as a fundraiser and this year our total amount from Write On stationary was \$642.35. Karen is planning on stepping down as the coordinator for school supplies, so we will be looking for a new coordinator.

iii) Grant Writing – no report given.

iv) Monthly Meal

Lynette has volunteered to coordinate the hot lunch program again this year. Hot lunch will begin in October and will be offered twice per month. The price for each hot lunch order will increase by up to \$1.00 per meal. The Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 19 and Tamela Toma has volunteered to coordinate the event.

v) Spirit Wear

This year, Hoodies and Sweatpants with the OES logo will be offered for sale, but not t-shirts. The cost for each item will be the same as previous years. An order form will go home with students and a sizing kit will be available during Student Parent Teacher Interviews in October.

e) School Council Business

i) Bus Driver and Custodian Appreciation

Jodi has volunteered to coordinate the appreciation breakfast.

ii) Staff Appreciation

Staff appreciation breakfast will be held on May 3.

iii) Safe and Caring

Angela will coordinate the Safe and Caring prizes for each month.

iii) Parent Workshops

Julianna is gathering information on possible parent workshops and will provide further information.

iv) Grade 7 Service Award – no report given.

v) Tarmac Painting

A big thank you to Tana for painting the tarmac this summer.

vi) Terry Fox

We are looking for some parent volunteers to assist with the Terry Fox Run on September 27.

vii) New Beginnings Social

Parents met in the activity room on the first day of school for refreshments. It was a great way to start the day and reconnect. Thank you to Julianna for hosting the event.

viii) Sports Day – no report given.

6) New Business

i) Upcoming Meeting Dates

Alternating First Tuesday/Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting dates for the remainder of the year are as follows:

October 2 – 7:00 p.m.

November 7 – 7:00 p.m.

December – No meeting

January 8 – 7:00 p.m.

February 5 – 7:00 p.m.

March – no meeting

April 3 – 7:00 p.m.

May 7 – 7:00 p.m.

June 5 - 6:00 p.m. (potluck)

Angela moves to accept the new meeting dates and time. Janine seconds. All in favour. Carried.

ii) Rocks and Rings

Rocks and Rings will take place at OES from October 12-19. This program was sponsored by an FCSS grant from the Town of Onoway. Representatives from the Onoway Curling Club plan to be there during Rocks and Rings.

iii) Bussing

A parent brought up a concern regarding bussing.

iv) Teacher Communication

Teachers will use Power School Pro to communicate assessment and reporting. Some teachers will also use additional communication methods such as Remind, Seesaw, Classroom Dojo, etc. to share information with parents.

v) Skis

Catherine continues to gather information about the cost of getting the cross country skis waxed. The prices range from \$10-\$20 per pair of skis plus transportation. School Council would like to get the skis waxed and have them ready for the students to use for this fall, once the snow conditions permit.

Sheila moves to expend up to \$1000.00 to get the cross country skis waxed and repaired. Lawrence seconds. All in favour.

7) Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8) Elections:

The secretary and treasurer positions are still open and school council is looking to fill these vacancies.

Sheila resigns her current position of school council chairperson.

Sheila nominates Julianna for school council chairperson. Karen seconds. Julianna accepts. Nominations cease.

Sheila puts forward her name for school council vice chairperson. Karen seconds. Sheila accepts. Nominations cease.

9) Adjournment: **Sheila moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:18pm. Karen seconds. All in favour. Carried.**