

Valhalla Community School
School Council Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2022
6:30 pm @ via zoom

Meeting ID: 815 6908 0525
Chair: Position Currently Empty
Vice Chair: Position Currently Empty
Treasurer: Penny Braseth (780) 933-3867
Secretary: Melissa Gilbert (403) 919-1551

In attendance: H. Lee; P. Braseth; T. Boucher; K. Tabert; C. Steinke; E. Moe; F. Wright; G. Shepelwik; M. Gilbert; T. Hosker; J. Syme; A. Elias; Mr. Elias

Call meeting to order @ 6:50 PM

❖ **Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 2, 2022.**

- *K. Tabert motioned, M. Gilbert 2nd, AIF*

❖ **Principals Report – Harmon Lee**

- Sept. 6th – Welcomed back grades 1 – 9 to start our new school year
- Sept. 14th – Welcomed back the kindergarten classes
- Sept. 15th – Held our first Spirit Day – Pirate Day
- Sept. 20th & 21st – Welcomed new Superintendent to the school for a visit
- Sept. 19th – 23rd – Missoula Children’s Theatre – 2 performances
- Sept. 29th – Observed Orange shirt day
- Hot Lunches – Sept. 9 & 23rd
- Oct. 6th – Will be the Terry Fox Run
- Oct. 14th – School picture day
- Organizing and looking for volunteers to assist the junior high students to install the fire pit and garden space we have planned as part of the Outdoor Education class
- The school has hired a new janitor and results have been outstanding

❖ **Chairs Report – Teresa Boucher**

- Valhalla School Foundations casino fundraiser
 - We are still looking for 14 volunteers to cover shifts over those two days.
 - If you can help, please contact Brandy Skaksen.
 - Brings in \$30,000 to the school to help with the budget
- \$500 AB gov grant from 2021
 - Still waiting to hear back whether they will allow us to keep or if we must return
 - Will hopefully have an update for October meeting
 - Council has applied for 2022/2023 school year grant
 - This one must be spent on ASCA courses/seminars so we need to decide which one we will be interested in

- Grant from Life Synergy Group to go towards Dwayne Peace seminar has now been deposited into council's account
- We are looking for teachers' input on having parent support for their classrooms. Teachers will have a meeting on the subject and let the council know what was decided.
- Sensory Path
 - Has be installed in the hallway by the library
 - T. Boucher, her family, E. Flayten, her family spent many hours put it down
 - Volunteers needed to assist with some bubbling that has happened after installation
 - Looking to do before a long weekend to accommodate the next layers of wax that are required
- County of Grande Prairie Rec Grant
 - Received grant for \$3030 for new gym equipment
 - With the grant money and the \$400 council released last year we have purchased everything on our list

❖ Treasurer's Report – Penny Braseth

- Current funds of \$8,242.00 available for council use
 - We need to replenish Hot Lunch funds to keep it going for this year
 - Will be sending out donation letters. If you have any suggestions, please speak to council and we will send you a copy of the letter
- At the last meeting we did not release any funds for the AGM. P. Braseth purchased salads for the meeting. Need to release funds to reimburse
 - *Motion to reimburse P. Braseth for purchase of salads: K. Tabert: motioned; M. Gilbert 2nd, AIF*

❖ Hot Lunch – Trudy Hosker

- We are starting to make our list of volunteers to fill spots for hot lunches this year. We serve hot lunch free of charge every Friday. We have classes approx. 2 times a month.
 - Next hot lunch will be grilled cheese and hamburger soup

❖ Fundraising

- We have lost one of our big fundraisers for the year – H & M Meats as they have shut their doors.
- Mr. Lee is doing a safety supply fundraiser with the junior high students starting very soon

❖ Old Business

- Fire Pit/former Crusher Cone Installation
 - Might be postponed till the spring but if we can get enough people, we can do it before the snow flies
- Early learner reader books
 - Currently we have two people working on these books
 - If anyone has the time council can accommodate you with a laptop for you to complete in your free time
- FINNS program
 - Run through Alberta Fisheries
 - We will receive 100 fish eggs in January
 - From Jan – May the eggs will go from fish to fry (about 6")
 - Then the kids get to release them into Spring Lake
 - The lesson is on sustainability and the Ecosystem

❖ **New Business**

- Round Tablecloths
 - Purchased in June for new round tables that were purchased through a grant
 - T. Boucher paid for them initially because of short notice
 - Does the council want to purchase them and then make them available to rent out to the Heritage Society or anyone who rents the building?
 - Or do we sell them to the Heritage Society and then the school rents them when we require the use of them?
 - *Motion to pay \$700 dollars to T. Boucher for purchase of table clothes: M. Gilbert motioned; G. Shepelwick 2nd*
 - Storage of these is an issue. P. Braseth with research ideas and costs and bring forward at the next council meeting
- We applied and got approved again for the Co-op donation gift cards. We will receive \$400 immediately and then \$600 in January 2023
- Nutrien Bear Tracks Fundraiser – really hoping to organize a fundraiser committee and then they can discuss and organize fundraisers for this upcoming year.

❖ **Next Council Meeting**

- October 12, 2022 @ 10:30 AM

Adjournment @ 7:07 PM