

SCAP Parent Council Meeting – October 2, 2019

School Council Members Present: Shane Beckett, Reta Dykstra, Matt Marx, Vicki Ikert, Stacey McQuaker Wilma Kooistra (Teacher Rep), Katy Esselink, Jodi Klassen, Pete Fuhrer, David Peters
Absent: Jill Savage, Tim Peterman

Meeting started at 6:08 PM

Welcome and introductions

Reta welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was opened in prayer.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Katy motioned to approve the agenda, Jodi seconded

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

Matt motioned for minutes to be approved, seconded by Dave. Motion carried.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Matt Marx declared a conflict of Interest.

Election of Officers

Reta Dykstra was nominated and appointed to position of Chair. Jodi Klassen was nominated and appointed to position of Co-Chair. Katy Esselink nominated and appointed to position of Secretary.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None noted.

News and Reports

Student Update

Student representative not present to give report.

Teacher Update

The year is off to a good start. There is quite the upheaval due to the strike of support staff. Soccer was cancelled because of the pending sanctions, such as not being able to collect money. The students are settling in well. There are three new teachers, two in the high school and one in the elementary. The Terry Fox run went well. The high school students were involved in helping the younger students and they really enjoyed that role.

Community Partnership update:

There was discussion and agreement that Pete would continue on as a community representative as part of his role as Spiritual Life Director as he no longer has kids in SCAP

school and that is a requirement to be on the committee. A motion was made by Matt and seconded by Jodi.

Pete provided a report on the technology survey that was sent out to parents regarding the use of technology during school time. Some highlights of the survey were: Most who answered felt screen time should be limited or none at all. One of the comments reinforced the need for consequences to be real and severe. Devices and social messaging sites should be banned but may still have access to web based social media. Any policy development would be done in partnership and consultation with the school board and CPA. Most screen time use is about distraction and not necessarily menacing. A discussion was had regarding security barriers and different options. Educating parents and having their support would be important. The next steps are possibly a roundtable discussion, hopefully with technical support staff to answer questions. Pete will reach out and follow up with setting up these meetings.

Principals Report

Shane Beckett gave the principal's report. Jenn Baker will be off for an undetermined amount of time. They are trying to find the best way to fill in for her. Carla Magisano will be coming out to be the administrator but is splitting her time with UNFC program as well. They are still working on a schedule. Shane reinforced that there is a lot of behind the scenes work that Carla will be trying to get done in addition to her more visible roles. They are trying to find someone to teach French for two periods.

Shane talked about the job action from CUPE and that that affects SCAP differently. The school board is doing their best to keep parents informed but there may be a possible walk out strike on Monday.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

Next meeting date: November 20/19 at 6:30pm.