

MMH School Council

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2021, at 7 pm
VIA TEAMS because of Covid-19

- **Call to Order**
 - Motion: Kaira
 - Second: Celine
- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - Introduced ourselves, which kids are ours and a Christmas memory.
- **Approval of Agenda**
 - Approved
- **Approval of November's Minutes**
 - Approved.
- **Principal's Report**
 - Info Update
 - Division boundary changes:
 - Changes all over division, especially on the west side as schools are over capacity.
 - Lots of shifts are happening.
 - What will impact us, highlands area will be shifting to Nicholas Sheran.
 - Taking back students from Country Meadows.
 - Moving French immersion all back to the south side (from Nicholas Sheran).
 - Chinook High school will be bussed to south side, LCI.
 - Starting with grade 9's, then will work onto the rest.
 - Teachers and English will be going to the new school.
 - Lakeview will be moving to Plaxton as well.
 - Spirit Assembly – recognize students at each.
 - Last one they invited all the parents on TEAMS, but it was a bit of a mess.
 - Ok but took a long time.
 - Going to change that.
 - If your child is receiving a certificate, you will be invited to TEAMS for that classroom only where they can see their child receive the certificate.
 - Pivot point data change.
 - Online or in school changes.
 - Was supposed to be Jan 30 but it is now Feb 21.
 - Staffing update:
 - Mrs. Lac and Mrs. Lowe came back for grade 1.
 - Mrs. Court is joining us to help Kerry with her workload.
 - Other grade 1 teacher moved to other grade.
 - Kerry is taking over some responsibilities for principle as Erin is transitioning to new school.
 - School Wide events:
 - Christmas concert.

- Red and Green Day.
- Memory box project.
- Jan 15, we have a virtual author visit, Erik Walters.
- Jan 22 PJ Day.
- Jan 29 PD Day.
- Other day I missed.

➤ **Committee Report**

- Hot Lunch:
 - Sarah Baker:
 - Going great.
 - Anyone who is willing to help as a vendor or store, she gives them lots of guild lines for covid-19.
 - Prepackaged.
 - Not using some places as they won't package things individually.
 - Edo for January.
 - Nervous as it's the first time we've used them.
 - Running Smoothly.
- Special Events:
 - Virtual caroling feedback:
 - Special video message from Santa.
 - Each kid had hot chocolate and a candy cane.
 - Christmas concerts positively received by parents, continue in the future?
 - Sarah Baker – Loved it at her house.
 - Parents liked being able to stay home and see their kids.
 - Kaira Cale – really appreciated that the school did something.
 - Jodi Anderson – loved not having to take a toddler to the concert and watching it with her other kids. Loved sharing with grandparents.
 - Karry Taylor – less time away from the classroom. Could we do this in the future? Would that work or would people miss going to the actual concert?
 - Tisha – liked the virtual and saving money for the school.
 - Jodi agrees and loved sharing with grandparents.
 - Kaira – opposite, loved that we could still do something but loves the idea of getting the kids dressed up and taking them to perform.
 - Sarah – less stressful, she LOVED it.
- Staff Appreciation:
 - Halo headbands for GS Lakie Principle, Sharon.
 - 1/3 of proceeds going to cancer research in her honour.
 - On school cash online.
 - Working on next staff appreciation coming in February.
 - May have to tweak, depending on covid-19 rules.
- Division School Council:
 - Report:
 - Talked about active living.
 - Incorporate physical activity during covid-19.
 - Rule modeling as parents.
 - Helen Schuler is doing a think outside program for grade 6 and 7.

- Trustee board meeting – evergreening plan for old technology.
 - Talked about how they were able to save money because the busses were sold, and that money is being given to all the schools for technology upgrades as part of the evergreen program.
 - Feedback about online learning.
 - Some positive and some schools saying it was a struggle.
 - Next month no division meeting, town hall meeting instead.
 - Feedback loop for 10 days.
- **Treasurer’s Report**
- Not here. Everything is balanced.
- **Old Business**
- Follow-up on ice near portable – any news from division?
 - Erin – she has not heard a follow-up about the ice. Can Tisha please bring it up at council.
 - Tisha did bring it up, Erin asked to her follow-up as nobody has heard anything.
- **New Business**
- Anyone able to attend Town Hall Meeting for the Division, going to be virtual.
 - Put into groups of 4-6 at a table, 1 -2 discussion topics. Will switch tables before second topic.
 - Decisions and topics that affect the division.
 - Feb 2 at 6:30 pm.
 - Will need a computer, not a phone.
 - Jodi Anderson volunteered.
 - Kaira asked what it involved and volunteered.
 - Sheana email the names to the school.
 - How to give classroom allotment money from our budget.
 - Will write a cheque and give to Erin.
 - Feedback on online learning:
 - Tisha – it was mixed.
 - Having 2 TEAMS meetings (for each kid) a day with 7 kids was very challenging.
 - Had a hard time finding time to sit down and help with work.
 - TEAMS would crash and people would leave for a long time.
 - Links to YouTube were hard to get to because of parent controls.
 - Parents wanted more clear and concise instructions. Working parents had a hard time.
 - Jodi – call for kindergarten was done really well. Scavenger hunts and show and tell.
 - Chinook kept actual schedule; it was challenging having to share all the technology.
 - Family works full-time so they did schoolwork in the evening. It was challenging.
 - A lot of arts and crafts, challenging to do in the evening.
 - Tricky when there were multiple schools involved and different schedules.
 - Kaira – Mrs. Eckert was amazing.
 - That class already did online learning because of the close contact.
 - Very impressed with how the class was handled.

- Lots of fluff though.
- Some of the work wasn't needed, per say.
- Did have to cut stuff out because she has another kid and is working from home.
- Preschool seemed thrown in at the last minute.
- Big disconnect with teachers from other schools and her child.
- Tisha – some parents found what we did in March was easier.
 - Moving forward though, it will be heavier.
- Celine – agrees.
 - Works from home too, and it was a challenge because she has a younger child and it was hard keeping them away.
 - Has her own video call while trying to do a video call with her kids.
 - More arts and crafts that required too much parent help.
 - Maybe a bit too much fluff stuff.
 - Lily still had fun though.
- Christa – Agrees with everyone.
 - Seems like everyone has the same concerns.
 - Tech issues, schedule issues, etc.
 - Needed to be more present than she could be while working from home.
 - Fluff.
 - Lots of writing.
 - Inconsistent with opening OneNote but could open Word, ended up writing in his notebook.
 - Video meetings were super amazing, and kids seemed really engaged.
 - Cut out music, and other things to save time.
 - Other – concerned about elementary kids not learning to type for when they got to middle school. Want the kids to learn to type properly.
- Sarah Baker – only issue was when they had to access the Lakeview site and presentations, not our school though.
 - Big disconnect when seeing other teachers from different schools.
- Jeff and Amanda
 - Biggest issue was being teamed up with another school.
 - Some of the packages didn't have all the stuff in them because of this.
 - Too much in one day.
 - Parents work, some work from home but some don't, and those ones are tired after work.
- Erin asked about what is fluff.
 - Kaira – one example for the grade ones, had to make their own cards and do a memory match. She didn't do it. Maybe if it was an online game it would have been better.
 - Tisha agrees, it was the hardest. Didn't do it either.
 - Cutting out some dice and forming the square was hard for her young child.
 - Celine – also hated the memory match.
 - Didn't have any cards so spent 30 minutes ripping out the cards and then wrote on them and saw they were see-thru.

- Her fluff was 1 -12 things that was a memory. Go find 5 of the same things that was a memory for something.
 - It may have not been good for the younger kids because her 6-year-old didn't understand it.
 - Daughter really enjoyed the dice games.
 - Jodi – too much drawing.
 - Maybe that is what they do at school, but it was too much for at home.
 - Maybe more math and a balanced approach.
 - Tisha – intent for two different schools to collaborate was to make it easier for the teachers.
 - It would have been challenging for the teachers to do this and we praise them for their hard work.
 - Erin – loves the honesty and that we are sharing.
 - Division does give direction and parameters so she can't not do those things.
 - Thinks that next time we can streamline a little bit better.
 - Talked about the memory boxes and how cool it was to see.
 - Kerry – some concerns are ones that teachers have brought up too.
 - Didn't even think about the YouTube one.
 - Francis – didn't know the kids were supposed to bring the memory boxes to school as she had multiple kids she had to help with school.
- **Discuss Items from Attendees**
 - Anything to add?
 - Nobody.
- **Trustee Report** *(if Trustee is present)*
- **Future Meeting Dates**
 - February – none because of Town Hall Meeting.
 - March 10
 - April 14
 - May 12
 - June 9
- **Adjournment:**
 - Motion: Christa Pike
 - Second: Francis Strom