

Minutes
Nose Creek School Council
Monday, January 8, 2018, 6:32 p.m. at Nose Creek School

IN ATTENDANCE:

School Council Executive:

Myshella Parkin, Chair Rhonda Fudge, Secretary Amanda Kiefer, Vice Chair
Barbara Callan, Treasurer Deb Tetley, Key Communicator

Nose Creek School Staff:

Cathy Shellenberg, Principal Kristal Derbyshire, Assistant Principal

Parents / Guardians:

Veronica H Sheldon P Omar B Jennifer K
Rosalind C Jen D

Minutes from the November 6, 2017 meeting and January's agenda were approved by Barbara and seconded by Veronica . They passed by a majority vote.

Principal's Update:

- Kristal will be leaving Nose Creek, her last day is January 11th. She is going to Robert Thirsk. Interviewing for a new Assistant Principal
- The band concert in December was very successful. The students only had a few months to practice.
- All students had the opportunity to go on the ski trip in December.
- The response for donations for Inn from the Cold was amazing. We were able to donate more than what was initially anticipated.
- Basketball tryouts have begun and teams will be chosen by the week of Jan 15th.
- Jan 9th – Grade 9 vaccinations
- Jan 24th – Fun lunch
- Jan 31st – Grade 5 vaccinations

- Questions from parent/guardian: When do term 1 report cards go home? February 9th is the answer.
- Question from parent/guardian: There seems to be a lot of staff turnover at Nose Creek, what is the reason for this? Cathy explained that for many years there was no opportunity for teachers to move schools but now with so many new schools opening there are lots of open positions.

Report from Chair

- January 17th is the next COSC meeting. Topics for conversation are:
- What tips do you have for building strong relations with your school staff? What has worked well?
- How can your school council support your schools' development plan?
- What would you most like a new Chief Superintendent to know about your school?
- A discussion ensued and the below points were mentioned:
 - Invite parents into the school to volunteer. It does not have to be in the classroom, maybe they can help with prep work/bulletin boards etc. Parents volunteering make a difference to the students. One other idea was to have parents involved in clubs and use their expertise to help the students.
 - Council does not have a volunteer coordinator; some other schools have this position. That person could be the contact and they would source whatever volunteers are needed by the school. In the package that goes home at the first of the year there could be form asking who would like to volunteer and if their personal information can be shared with council. The form should be specific with "types of jobs".
 - Cathy will talk with staff about a more formal process for parent volunteers and we will discuss the outcome at the next meeting.

Current business

- Vending Machines: Cathy is looking having City Coin bring one in with snacks for the front foyer. It would be a test machine so she can see how it runs and also, she wants to know the profit the school will make. Currently the school owns both vending machines in the building.

New business

- Teachers Blogs – Teachers are only required to update the blogs once a week. They are not meant to be for every day communication. Parents would like the blogs to be a point of reference as to what is happening in class. Overview of topics the students are learning about as well as dates of any upcoming quizzes/text and content that will be covered on those tests.
- Question from parent/guardian: Can Kodiak updates happen before Sunday night as some info is for the Monday. Cathy will see if that will work.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:21pm **School Council Meeting: Monday,
February 5th 2018, 6:30pm**

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