

Minutes
Nose Creek School Council
Monday, October 2, 2017, 6:44 p.m. at Nose Creek School

IN ATTENDANCE:

School Council Executive:

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

Nose Creek School Staff:

Cathy Shellenberg, Principal	Kristal Derbyshire, Assistant Principal	Lianne Burns, Music Teacher
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Parents / Guardians:

Nicole H	Pat B	
Jen D	Sandra M	Jennifer R
Rosalind C	Lianne B	Shawn G
Veronica H	Jen S	

Minutes from the September 11th, 2017 meeting and October's agenda were approved by Shawn and seconded by Nicole. They passed by a majority vote.

Principal's Update:

- Introduce Lianne Burns – Music and Band Teacher
- The band program has started – all instruments have been borrowed from other CBE schools. There is no guarantee that we will get to borrow these in future years. Nose Creek is interested in purchasing their own instruments. The school has applied for a grant but also wants to know if the council is interested in purchasing some of the larger instruments.
- Mrs. Burns is on a permanent position – There would be a maintenance fee to repair instruments. Every band member would pay the same amount. A flute cost \$560 vs a sax for \$1300. Larger instruments would be purchased and smaller ones could be rented. An official request will be presented with the exact ask and dollar values at the next meeting.

- Question from parent/guardian: Isn't it only 7/8/9 that take band – Students will try out different instruments and they give their top 3 choices and a balanced program is made. As a music program is built in 4/5/6 then more students will be interested in band as they move through the school.
- Band numbers are low this year as it is a new program. Grade 5's will have recorders this year and sixes will use ukuleles.
- Updates:
 - HomeLogic for Attendance and Demographics is up and running
 - Notices for Healthy Hunger have gone home
 - Bill 1 Update: All extracurricular and field trips that were submitted have been approved / Still navigating what new opportunities look like
- Our September 30th count was 919.
 - Enabled us to hire a 5th Grade 9 Teacher, Emily Ng, taking class sizes from 35 to 27 or 26.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Field Trips:
 - Riverwatch (Grade 8) Oct 13
 - Bow Habitat 5D & 5E Oct 25, 5F Oct 26
 - Sports Events:
 - Cross Country, Soccer and Volleyball Schedules are on the website
 - Jr Volleyball Tournament Thurs - Sat Oct 26-28
 - Sr Volleyball Tournament Thurs – Sat Nov 2-4
 - Other important dates
 - Lockdown Oct 5
 - Thanksgiving Oct 9
 - System PD Oct 16
 - Municipal Election in our gym Mon, Oct 16
 - Grade 9 Vaccinations Oct 18
 - Photo Day Oct 19
 - Author Speaker, Kenneth Oppel, Oct 24

Report from Chair

- No report this week.

Current business

- No current business

New business

- Question from parent/guardian: Noticed that lunch and snack break have been decreasing over the past few years.
- Some kids are skipping lunch just to go outside. Mrs. Shellenberg reminded us that school beginning and end times are set by the CBE – Nose Creek has no control over these times. The only option would be to get rid of nutrition break to make lunch longer. When the students have health for a week they have access to the gym on Fridays.
- Comment from parent/guardian: Students have been getting late release from gym when it is right before lunch – if they are outside they have to get in and change which takes up 7/8 minutes. Can the students be let in a bit before the bell so they are ready to go when the lunch bell rings instead of having to change.
- Question from parent/guardian: Why are Friday's so short – the whole system has set ½ day on Friday's as time for teacher collaboration/professional development.
- There is a buffer in the first class of the day and the first class after lunch for 5 minutes if kids are late.
- Council will add this issue as an agenda item in the Spring to discuss for next year.
- Question from parent/guardian: Is the school against vending machines being brought into the school? There is nothing to eat for kids that are here after school for sports. The machines could be turned off during class time but open at lunch and after school. They can also be made available to people who rent the school. Shawn is open to investigating this as an option. The school will get a kick-back from the machines. Mrs. Shellenberg will look into the guidelines and reach out to Shawn – update at next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:23pm

**Next School Council Meeting:
Monday, November 6th, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Nose Creek School Learning Commons**