

EMSC Meeting via Zoom Monday, October 26 @6:30 pm

1. Welcome & Introductions Call to order @ 6:34 Present: Jason Heflrich, Tara Courte, Leah Pearce, Lisa Preston, Bonnie Branton, Brenda Valerio, Jennifer Yersh
2. Approval of Agenda- no additions (motion by TC, seconded by Leah P)
3. Approval of Minutes from Sept 28, 2020 JH, seconded by TC
4. Trustee Update – Fiona Gilbert
  - a. School during a pandemic continues, kudos to all staff for doing their part and keeping the kiddos safe. Numbers in schools reflect numbers in communities. Protocols will continue to be refined as we go forward based on feedback from AHS. Want to keep schools open and learning happening
  - b. Funds from Canada Safe Return to Class fund (from Federal Government) ~\$9.3 million. Board allocated funds. Lots went to divisional needs (cleaning supplies, substitutes, online needs) as well as school-based needs.
  - c. 1.3 % decrease in enrollment at RVS this year, which is a scenario new to RVS. 1/3 is due to parents deciding to not enroll in Kindergarten. Other families have chosen other options (besides the RVS online option). Will not impact budget this year, minister is considering not including this year’s numbers in the budgeting going forward.
  - d. School council orientation on October 15, Fiona will pass on a link
  - e. End of October, school boards submit the modular unit request (portables). RVS will be requesting 13 new modular, as well as for funding to move 8 modulares. Manachaban will need to add portables next year... as EMMS is at 93% right now. Without modulares will be 115% capacity, still close to 100% for 2021 (95%). Find out in Mid February what RVS will be allocated.
5. Admin Update – Brenda Valerio & Jennifer Yersh
  - a. Proposals for Canada Safe Return tot Class monies that are allocated to EMMS. 169 parent responses were filed, as well as 21 staff responses, as well as responses from the classes. Many disposable masks are being distributed to the kids, so some funds will need to go there.
    - i. Priorities from input (~35K).
      1. Provide support for social-emotional needs a priority, so have increased CDA time by 13.5 hours/week.
      2. Nadine (office staff) is funded for 0.6, have increased her time as the demands on office staff have increased substantially with COVID demands, increased Nadine’s hour 3.75 hours/week.
      3. Support in the classroom also desired by parents. Use some funds to give teachers a bit more planning time, to help with online

requirements for in class teachers, guest teacher to come in every Wednesday, alternates grades.

4. Devices... 7 Chromebooks purchased
  5. Outdoor DPA equipment was soundly supported, needs to be cleaned between each use!
  6. Classroom storage solutions ( the classrooms are super cluttered with too many kids plus all their gear). Lockers are not allowed still. Looking for strategies to manage the mountains of materials... Tote trays, shelving units, additional cloth PPE masks (~500), want to provide more to kids who have lost theirs.
  7. Equipment to help with the teaching and learning (voice amplification systems, document cameras, e-books,
  8. Teachers requested help with lunch supervision, was not as supported by parents... Kids have masks off, want to run around but can't do that. By law, 30 minutes of uninterrupted lunch is required for teachers, so 4 supervisors currently supervise 16 areas.
- ii. Discussion re: lockers, AHS directive has allowed lockers, RVS has not yet changed the no locker mandate. The 2 m distance exemption in schools is for classrooms, not hallways... not an easy answer, hoping to find a solution to allow lockers to work (i.e only every 3<sup>rd</sup> student in a locker at a time).
- b. WARRIOR character education – will be starting but monthly now instead of weekly. The 7 characteristics will be acknowledged and students who are recognized will be given a warrior face mask and certificate.

#### 6. Staff Update – Katt Hryciw

#### **Staffing**

- Dawn Bartelds accepted a new position at École Elizabeth Barrett School
- New EA should be starting soon to replace her
- New CDA: Aimee Hay
- Many student teachers across all grades: coming to us from Ambrose University, U of A's Campus Saint-Jean, U of C, St. Mary's

#### **Teaching During COVID**

- Continues to be an exciting adventure and learning opportunity
- Thank you to parents for keeping students at home when they're ill
- Thank you for encouraging them to go online and stay caught up when they're away
- Masks are a challenge (wearing them properly, wearing them when coming and going to / from outside, remembering them)

#### **Walkathon**

- Took place last Friday
- Very different from previous years, but still a fun day
- Raised \$4150; approx. 1/3 of what we usually get, which is understandable given the online donation format and tough times
- Big shoutout to Mr. Cyr who organized it and mapped it all out
- Big shoutout to Student Council for helping to pre-package the food
- Big shoutout to the sponsors who made it possible: Performance Wireline, No Frills, Spray Lake Sawmills, Inter Pipeline, Dairy Queen

### **Upcoming Events**

- Retakes: November 4<sup>th</sup>
- Student-teacher-parent conferences: November 9-10
  - Will be done online with Zoom

### **Student Council**

- Up and running now
- Doing announcements daily
- Organizing a Halloween costume contest for Friday

#### 7. Parent Council Executive Reports –

- a. Co Chairs – no update
- b. Treasurer – (Fundraising report in lieu): \$ has been spent on chromebooks, jerseys, scales, band shirts, literacy kits, French for the future. ~\$31K, ~\$27 K on technology.
- c. Secretary – no report

#### 8. New Business - none

#### 9. Old Business - none

#### 10. Next meeting Date – on November 23, PL day, via Zoom.

#### 11. Adjournment at 7:34.

#### 12. Announcements MSFS AGM will be meeting immediately following this meeting.