

## Parkland Village School Council Meeting Minutes

### I. Welcome and Introductions. Attendees:

- Todd Hennig – Principal
- Shannon Auger – PVSC Board
- Laura – parent
- Lindsay Kuelken – PVSC Board
- Chantelle de Boer – PVSC Board
- Julie – parent
- Lee-Ann Lynds – Grade ½ class teacher
- Kimberly – parent

### 2. Approval of Agenda: Chantelle de Boer

### 3. Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2020: Lindsay Kuelken

### 4. Board Trustee Representative –

- Trustees will rejoin School Council Meetings in November when the Municipal Elections are complete

### 5. Business Items Discussed:

- **Principal's Message – Mr. Todd Hennig's report**

~ There is to be a monthly character trait focus for our school. The character trait for September is **GRIT**. Discussion on personal grit, what that looks like on a personal level, and modeling that for our students and children. Reminder that the #1 indicator of success in life is grit.

~ Solid communication with students, staff, and parents is a huge focus. The weekly newsletters with important summaries at the top and important dates down the side is a strong effort to achieve that transparency and communication. Positive feedback so far.

~ There are currently 7 classrooms within the school. There is a special focus to encourage and assist those children who struggle with learning difficulties, and a strong emphasis on literacy as a whole.

~ School community is encouraged to reach out and ask for help, advice, answers, information, etc. as soon as reasonably possible to facilitate open communication and teamwork.

~ Micro-society is not coming back for now. It may be revisited down the road, but currently the barriers include COVID-19 restrictions, large staff turnover, lack of experienced staff available, and tight budget concerns.

- **Parent volunteers** will hopefully be able to start in October. COVID-19 restrictions may affect this. PVS is currently considered under an outbreak.

- **Community Health Day**

~ Currently set for October 16, 2021 at Parkland Village Hall. To include resources such as eye exams, dental screenings, social needs resources, etc. Open to whole community. Felicia Ochs is the contact.

- **Archery**
  - ~ Nets need to be properly installed first. Teachers must be trained. Millgrove School currently has the archery program – good contact for information on obtaining training.
- **Home Reading Program Coordinator – still needed**
  - ~ Training and support for Coordinator is available from Holly. Mrs. H. is the teacher contact for this. Suggestions for success in this position include:
    - Facebook group to manage volunteers
    - Schedule for different shifts, backups for gaps
    - Signing up for a day and grade, etc.
  - ~ Kimberly possibly able to volunteer here?

#### 6. Mrs. Lee-Ann Lynds Teacher Representative

- Positive report regarding the cohesiveness of the principal and teachers as a team. All staff continue to adapt as needed for individual student needs and COVID-19 hurdles.
  - ~ Any special requests or in-class requests should be brought up to Parent Council. Includes things like author visits, field trips, extra experiences or equipment needed, etc.

#### 7. COSC – Council of Student Councils

- At least one volunteer needed to attend the meeting on November 2, 2021 at 7:00pm (CFE or online).
- **ACSA – Alberta School Council Association**
  - ~ ACSA is our voice with the government. Offering online workshops, webinars, tutorials, etc. for school councils. Possible \$500 grant for our council.
- **Hot Lunch Program**
  - ~ In-house preparation requires Food Handling/Safety Certification. Kimberly to get certified as a backup. 2 classes per cohort, new restrictions may affect this. \$5/lunch, proceeds go towards occasional hot lunch for entire school.
- **Milk Program**
  - ~ \$1/day for a white or chocolate milk. Waiting for October to begin.

#### 8. REMIND App

- Reminder to sign up to receive updates on School Council