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Minutes
November 20, 2023

Present: Edna Asem, Jessica Durand-Kaustinen, Sheena Nieboer, Tannis Straughan,
Linda Bateman

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer and Devotional – Edna: Interactive Devotional: “Our Why” - John 3:16
3. Approval of Agenda: Tannis moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Sheena.
4. Approval of Minutes from the October 16, Meeting, Tannis moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jessica.
 - a. Business arising from the minutes:
 - i. Nutrition Grant: LCS has not applied for this grant because of the logistics of administering it. The school uses \$1000 snack cash from the School Division to support students with food security challenges.
 - ii. Wellness Grant: We can apply for this grant. Ideally, we should develop a 4-year plan. Volunteers are needed to help work on the application.
 - iii. Digital Wellness: A member of the Digital Wellness Team visited our school to work on one-on-one intervention strategies.
 - iv. Bible Workbook Utilization: One potential solution to underutilizing the workbook is to use it over two years. This would involve coordination between teachers. It’s on the agenda for the next staff meeting.
5. Reports
 - a. School Division Report – Edna
 - i. Two policy reviews require input from School Council. They are 504.11 Healthy Nutritional Choices and 501.3.1 School Choice. Send your feedback to Edna by December 1, 2023.
 - ii. The Learning Session at the November meeting focused on the processes involved in developing the Division’s Policies and Procedures.
 - iii. The Division School Council (DSC) postponed the election of parent representatives to the Policy Committee pending potential changes to the number of parent representatives. The DSC suggested four parents – one parent each from Elementary, Middle, High School, and a Faith-Based School. The trustee representative

will report back to DSC about the decision of the Board of Trustees.

- iv. ASCA Membership: School Councils must vote and notify Kristin about their decision.
 - b. Trustee's Report: Not present
 - c. Division Liaison's Report: Not present
 - d. Staff Report: Tannis Straughan
 - i. Tannis will contact Candace to send Edna the list of recess equipment.
 - ii. Tannis reported on the ACSI conference in October. It was an informative session for staff. Teachers had the opportunity to network with other Christian Educators.
 - e. Principal's Report - Linda Bateman:
 - i. The new Family School Liaison Counsellor is Wendy Ojo. She is a Social worker and a trained counsellor.
 - ii. Brainstorm how to engage parents:
 - 1. Post a snapshot of volunteering opportunities and the time commitment involved before the end of the school year and at the beginning of the new school year.
 - 2. School Council could set up a table during Numeracy Night and Celebration of Learning.
 - 3. Parent reps for each class: Encourage teachers to ask parents for emails.
 - 4. Add a volunteer section on the website for volunteer opportunities.
 - 5. Add a parent engagement tab on the school website
 - 6. Rebrand the call for volunteers to make it goal-oriented
 - 7. Maybe print T-shirts with a catchy title?
 - 8. Make the weekly newsletter more interesting by including new items first, and using appealing and engaging graphics.
7. New Business
- a. ASCA membership
 - i. We will keep ASCA membership for this year.
 - b. Division School Council policy reviews
 - i. The School Council Chair will send Draft Policies from the Policy Committee to parents on School Council and and LCS Society Chair for feedback.
8. Prayer requests and closing prayer.

Next Meeting Monday, January 22, 2024

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