

# Pioneer Middle School

## School Council Meeting Minutes November 4, 2019

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**In attendance:** Patrick Wilbur  
Lucas Brown  
Laura Henning  
Michelle McHugh Jolliffe  
Nicole Heath

1. **Call to Order** – meeting called to order at 7:04pm.
2. **Additions to the Agenda** - none
3. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes approved by Laura Henning. Seconded by Lucas Brown.
4. **Reports**
  - a. **Trustee**
    - i. No report available as Heidi was not able to attend meeting.
  - b. **Principal**
    - i. Patrick reminded parents of upcoming Community Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm. He will send out another reminder as not many RSVPs have been received. Food will be prepared by Lucas Brown, Sam Sims and students in Foods classes. Students will also assist in set up of games etc. Donations will be accepted with the funds being put toward the Brown Bag Lunch program. This is a lunch program for kids who don't have access to a lunch otherwise.
    - ii. Patrick discussed the poor Friday attendance and the issue of kids reporting home that there isn't anything happening at schools on Fridays. November 1<sup>st</sup> reported an absentee rate of 23%. He reminded about the information that was communicated in the most recent School Newsletter; how this time is utilized, and that it continues to be imperative that students attend.
    - iii. Patrick expressed interest in feedback about how well parents feel the school and teachers are communicating with home. Feedback was that a good job is being done with communication from the school in general; perhaps more direct teacher communication with home would be received well.
  - c. **Teachers Report**
    - i. No report available, Lucas still looking for teacher representative.

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### 5. Old Business

#### a. Parent Volunteer Sign Up

- i. Lucas reported that sign up was low from information sent out to parents requesting volunteer support. Only had two parent volunteers to work at Halloween Dance. Will be looking for more volunteers for the St. Patrick's Day Dance.

#### b. Dress Code

- i. Patrick distributed a copy of the draft dress code policy for review (attached). Will be distributed to a couple more classroom groups for feedback, then will be put out in the School Newsletter for general parent feedback with the finalization occurring soon after that. It is expected that the final policy will be the same as draft, barring any unforeseen circumstances or feedback.

### 6. New Business

- a. Information was provided by Nicole on how to incorporate a society. We need five people to commit to being on society board. The cost would be \$50 and would take approximately six months to finalize. Patrick will include information in the upcoming School Newsletter inviting parents to become members; as well as inform that this will allow us to access larger funding possibilities to acquire playground equipment etc. Parents needs to understand the school will not be able to acquire items such as playground equipment without large scale funding. A name for the society needs to be chosen as well as minimum of five members needed to be able to move forward. Discussed how to manage board member terms as with it being a Grade 6-9 school, turnover rate for members could be higher. Would like to manage in such a way that there is always at least one experienced board member each year.
- b. Patrick is happy to provide a letter from the school if anyone would like to approach businesses for their support in acquiring the funding for equipment also. Contact him if you need a letter.

7. **Next Meeting** – Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 7:00pm in the school library.

8. **Adjournment** – meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Minutes recorded by Michelle McHugh Jolliffe

## DRAFT Dress Code

Students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate for a shared educational environment. Clothing is expected to be neat, clean, and conducive to a learning environment.

- Shoes are to be worn at all times. Wet &/or dirty shoes should be removed at the entrance.
- Students are expected to have separate clothing for Phys. Ed., including clean, non-marking shoes.
- Closed-toed shoes are required in science, foods, and industrial labs.
- Sunglasses, hats, caps, hoods, bandanas and other hat-like headgear are to be removed.
- Skin will be covered from a horizontal line from armpit to armpit down to mid-thigh front, back, and sides, and everything in between.
- Tops will have over-the-shoulder straps.
- Undergarments should not be visible.
- Apparel with logos, slogans, or ads depicting alcohol, drugs, tobacco, vaping, violence, hate speech, sexually explicit matter, language, or images are not appropriate.
- Students who are dressed inappropriately will be asked to cover-up, change, or, turn clothing inside out. If none of these are an option, clean clothes will be provided by the school.

# What to Wear

