

Pioneer Middle School  
School Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 4th, 2021

In attendance: Patrick Wilbur, Lucas Brown, Kim Rogers, Heidi Hetherington, Lacey Brown, Nicole Heath, Candice Colwell, Cristy Whalen, Laura Henning

1. Call to order at 7:03
2. Additions to the agenda  
-No new additions
3. Approval of previous minutes (December 7th, 2020)  
Nicole approved previous minutes
4. Reports

Trustee (Heidi Hetherington)

- MLA (Jason Nixon) came to the last board meeting. The board asked that the 2020/2021 school year student numbers not affect funding going forward. We have fewer students in the division this year because of homeschooling due to COVID. The board also discussed mental health concerns for staff and students.
- The board approved policies that were posted online for feedback.
- Preparations have begun for upcoming trustee elections.
- Diplomas are optional this year.
- Last year all students with exceptional needs received certificates of achievement or diplomas, there were no certificates of completion.

Principal (Patrick Wilbur)

- Minister Lagrange tweeted out a message today that we will be back in school come Monday. We haven't seen anything official yet.
- The budget summary is attached. Expenditures are in line with our expectations. Decreased cost this year with lower teacher travel and PD.
- The process of installing new windows in the school is nearly complete. All windows are in and there are just some blinds that still need to be installed.
- We are currently in the process of replacing fluorescent lights with LED lighting. This was started over Christmas break and will be finishing off over the next few weeks.
- Plumbing fixtures are being replaced. Motion sensor taps are being installed. Some water fountains are being replaced with water cooler fountains.
- We had contractors looking at painting the gathering area.
- Mr. Whitecotton and his wife will install the Wilson ball courts outside in the Spring.
- The scoreboards in the gym are not working very well. The bulbs break regularly. A new scoreboard was found to replace the current two.
- Looking to get a screen and a projector for the gym. This will be good for things like slideshows during assemblies. This will be coming out of the

school generated funds account. Also some replacement playground equipment will be coming out of this account.

- The next optional return to at-school learning date for at-home learners is February 1st.

Teacher (Tracy Schweder)

-Not available to attend

5. Old business

a. Friends of Pioneer Society

No new news from last submission

6. New business

Most likely our next meeting will also be via google meet

7. Next meeting- Monday, February 1st, 2021 at 7:00pm

8. Adjournment: 7:22pm