

Pioneer Middle School
School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 1st, 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 7:04
2. Additions to the agenda
-No new additions
3. Approval of previous minutes (January 4th, 2021)
Patrick approved previous minutes
4. Reports

Trustee (Heidi Hetherington)

- Not a lot to report
- First meeting of the corridor naming meeting
- A letter was written and sent to the education minister asking for school staff to be moved up on the priority list for vaccinations

Principal (Patrick Wilbur)

- COVID update, one student was considered a close contact today. Other than this one student there hasn't been any COVID concerns since coming back after Christmas.
- Lighting replacement has gone quite well. They will be coming back in this Friday to finish up. It will be near the end of March for lights in the band room and student gathering area as these lights need to be special ordered. All lights are now LED and we can change the brightness and which set of lights are on in a room.
- We are still waiting on a couple of fountains to be finished.
- Painting in the student gathering area is scheduled to happen the week we are off in February
- Looking at bathroom redesigns. Meeting with an architect.
- There have been very few behavioural issues up until last week. Last week, there was some vaping in the bathroom. It is hard to see any vapour in the air with the new vapes. A fruity sweet smell is left behind. A number of suspensions were given to students that were caught vaping. These students were warned that if they were caught a second time the bylaw officer would be called and they would be ticketed.
- We are seeing some pandemic fatigue hitting the kids and staff. There will be Friday spirit days coming up to lift morale. Jersey day, hat day, and wear your panther pride day are coming up in the next three weeks.
- We had two PD days last week. The mornings were spent looking at the model of powerful learning environments. The afternoons were spent doing online training modules and working on professional growth plans.
- A staff committee has been formed to look at the school colours and logo. A local graphic designer has been asked to come up with a new athletics

logo and one that is more school wide. This will be brought to staff, students and parent council for approval.

- Candice asked a question about the 'hit list' that was discovered last week. A group of students put together a list of names and labelled it 'hit list'. The list went out on snap chat on Friday but was not brought to the schools attention until Tuesday. Performed a VTRA (risk assessment) with the RCMP. The list was deemed not a viable threat. Student whose snapchat it was was suspended for four days.

Teacher (Tracy Schweder)

-Not available to attend the meeting

Chair (Kim Rogers)

- March 9th there will be an Umbrella School Council meeting. Laura will attend for Pioneer.

5. New business

No new business

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

7. Adjournment: 7:27pm