

Pioneer Middle School
School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 12th, 2021

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

1. Call to order at 7:01
2. Additions to the agenda
-No new additions
3. Approval of previous minutes (March 1st, 2021)
-Nicole approved the minutes
4. Reports

Trustee (Heidi Hetherington)

- Approved 3 year capital plan at the last board meeting (Rightsizing Breton and ERE)
- Corridor schools. The plan is to keep the name David Thompson Highschool and vote for a new name for the elementary school.

Principal (Patrick Wilbur)

- On track for finances
- Discipline wise things have been going well.
- We will be looking at staffing for next year based on student enrollment projections
- Covid update: nothing has really changed lately. Not looking at rapid testing at this time.
- What is important at Pioneer? Looking at making a new mission/vision statement and beliefs
-Ideas from parent council-a place where students feel they belong: artwork, projects, newspaper display, brag board. Safe and secure. Progress and development. Ready for the High School. Broadcast all of the good things that are happening at the school. Build in the kids a sense of community and opportunities to give back to the community. Grade 8 painting the dividing wall. Handprint wall. Take a picture each year and frame and hang it on the wall before painting it over for the next year's grade 8's.

Teacher (Tracy Schweder)

- Some teachers are feeling frustration with covid. Some of the kids are becoming more lax with masks and sanitizer.
-Some possibilities might include: promotional material, a letter from parent council, a letter from administration and teachers outlining ramifications of not following covid protocols.

Chair (Kim Rogers)

- School council annual report and financial statement was completed (see link below)
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kIH-kqhcrvEkghURTzzfrm5xwQDqPvDv/view?usp=sharing>
- A medical student in Calgary received a grant for anti vaping for middle schools. It is an online program that starts with a mystery video. There is a link for students and teachers. Admin will trial with one class and then go from there.
- Funds in school council. School council will need to write a letter to release the funds.

5. New business

- Draft curriculum. Everyone is encouraged to look at the new draft curriculum and fill-in the online survey. You can write to your MLA and board members if you have any concerns, suggestions, or questions.

6. Next meeting-Monday, May 3rd 2021 at 7:00pm

7. Adjournment: 8:12

