

Pioneer Middle School
School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 13, 2021

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

1. Call to order at 7:02
2. Additions to the agenda:
-No new additions
3. Approval of previous minutes (June 7th, 2021)
- Lacey approved the minutes
4. Reports

Trustee (Heidi Hetherington)

- No health and safety measures were implemented beyond what the government issued
- Pandemic learning loss funding will be coming
- Visitors to the school need to wear masks
- Condor looks like it will be done in June of 2022 and Leslieville in June of 2023
- Family wellness worker assistants were hired

Principal (Patrick Wilbur)

- Start up: numbers are up from projections. Currently at 332.
- Class averages: Grade 6-24, Grade 7-27, Grade 8-29
- Looking to get more EA support for some of our new kids
- In the process of hiring a new learning commons facilitator
- Academics-generally student academic ability is lower than it has been in the past. F and P testing will be performed soon and then there will be more concrete data.
- Attendance-has been low in the last couple of weeks. Averaging about 21 percent absent. Parents have been asked to mark their child as ill if they are sick.
- Behaviour-has been quite good. There were a number of incidents on the first day but otherwise it has been quite good.
- Part of the WRSD health measures is that there are no large student gatherings such as assemblies. Parents in the school are required to wear a mask. Administrators can now seek permission to notify the other families in a class of a student that voluntarily disclosed a case of covid (without disclosing the identity of the person with covid).
- Finance: Carried forward a significant amount from last year's budget. Much of this was from sub time left over. The plan is to use it towards the new playground.

Teacher report

Currently looking for a teacher rep

Chair (Laura Henning)

- If anyone is interested in being a part of the parent council bring the names forward for the next meeting. Looking for Chair, vice chair and secretary.

5. Old business

- The Mission statement is near finalization and will be brought forward at the next meeting. Will also bring forth the new budget.

6. Next meeting will be October 4th at 7:00pm

7. Adjournment: 7:25