

Hedges Middle School
Parent Council/Band Boosters AGM
Minutes for October 21/20

In attendance: Shelley Shepherd, Visa Hutter, Tera Campbell, Candace Parks, Jody O'Brien, Tammy Baydock, Aimee Cole, Courtney Sim, Daniel Schwersensky, Katherine Degner, Ruth Buchet, Trevor Foote, Karen Foote, Moses Atienza

Regrets:

1. CALL TO ORDER AT: 1803hrs

2. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

A. Academics

- laptops shared in class- 3 carts of laptops, cleaning protocols in place
- after lunch homeroom time (zones of regulation [grade 6s], mindfulness, mental health/wellness/team building [grade 7s and 8s])
- 16 homerooms, 384 students, 10 students engaged in remote learning

B. Athletics

- All Athletics are currently cancelled. Students doing activities outside at lunch.

C. School Activities

- Most School activities currently cancelled. Yearbook and Photography club are going. Yearbook operates with rotating groups based on cohorts, photography club is only for those in tech for practicum currently.
- Clothing will be made available online soon
- Student pre-packaged snacks once a week, due to covid precautions are being taken when snacks are dispensed
- Food pantry – families reach out to Tammy indicating need, last year Hedges helped 6-7 families, this year we are supporting 15 families
- Remind 101 is not being used anymore, decision was made to streamline notifications through social media
- 1st HPV shots for grade 6s have been postponed due to increasing covid numbers
- Next week is Spirit Week
- Only one early dismissal per month and reduced number of inservices this year per the province's mandate
- Nov 10th Remembrance Day service will be streamed via Teams to the classrooms

3. ACCOUNTING:

- Books are back. Recommendations, 2 people to sign a deposit
- Bank balance \$15,337.10 as at Sept 30/20. Need to get individual records from Danessa to determine how much is in student accounts and how much is in general revenue

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- N/A

5. NEW BUSINESS:

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- a. Gender Neutral/Inclusive bathroom - teachers to ask students assigned to the bathroom about their comfort level as mixed genders are in there at the same time as some students have expressed discomfort with using the bathroom when the opposite gender is present
- b. Quorum not met, cannot operate as a Parent Council for the 2020-21 school year, must operate as a Parent Advisory instead which means no fundraising. Visa, Candace and Shelley will stay on as the President, Vice-President and Secretary respectively. Visa and Candace are currently signing authorities, Shelley will be added.
- c. When will grade 7s and 8s get lockers? With the changing weather and need for boots etc, backpacks are getting very full and heavy with having to take everything back and forth each day. Province prefers for no locker use however that's unrealistic given our climate. Tammy will look into whether arrangements can be made for grade 7s and 8s. Currently grade 6s have lockers and are broken into 4 groups with each group taking a turn at their locker at a time so there are 3 lockers between students. For now, students without lockers can leave indoor runners on their desks at night as desktops are wiped each morning when chairs are taken down.

NEXT MEETING: TBD

ADJOURNMENT: 1859hrs