

AGENDA / Minutes
Voyageur School Parent Council
September 17, 2019 @6:00pm

Attendance: J. Wood, S. Kent, C. MacKay, D. Schwersensky, N. Schneider, M. Rogowski,
S. Desrosiers, K. Phillips, C. Whalen, M. Bennett, R. Vendramelli, S. Robinson, A. Matwysayn

Regrets: C. Eastman

1. Meeting started at 6:05pm
2. **Introduction** -S.Kent introduced herself to all of the parents that attended.
3. **Approval of the Minutes from June 3, 2019**
N. Schneider made the motion to accept the minutes and M. Rogowski seconded the motion. All agreed, the motion was carried.

4. Annual Establishment Meeting Procedures

We went through our annual establishment meeting to get an organization of members in place. We formed a Parent Council, after reviewing the requirements. We went through the power point explaining all roles and responsibilities of the various Parent Council members as well the basic guidelines for conduct of the council and/or committee.

We have confirmed the following meeting dates for the 2020-2021 school year:

October 8, 2019 @6pm

November 19, 2019@6:30pm (*to be preceded by a Deep Learning Parent Session)

December 10, 2019@6pm

January 14, 2020@6pm

February 11, 2020@6pm

March 10, 2020@6pm

April 14, 2020@6pm

May 12, 2020@6pm

June 9, 2020@6pm

5. Executive/Election

We went through voting to keep the following Parent Council members in their previous roles for the 2020-2021 school year:

M. Rogowski- President
S. Desrosiers- Vice President
J. Wood- Secretary

D. Schwersensky has stepped down from the Treasurer position and will be replaced by N. Schneider.

The motion to have the above Parent Council members in place was carried.

6. Principal's Report

Funds/student activities

Start- Up- S. Kent

We discussed our operating funds for the 2020-2021 and the plans for spending of additional funds remaining.

Reflex Math- S. Kent

The cost of this program will be paid for by the parent Council. This was approved in the 2019-2020 school year.

PTE tour- S. Kent

The Paper bag Princess will be touring to the school. There was a grant awarded to cover \$310.00 of the cost and the Parent Council will cost share and provide the additional funds required. This will be a joint activity with Lakewood School. They will join us for the presentation and then we will join them for their Artist in the School Grant activity – TBA.

Deep Learning and Numeracy Coaches- S. Kent

This year our teaching staff will work collaboratively with a Numeracy Coach and a Deep Learning Coach co-teach in classrooms to support students in exploring problem-solving and critical thinking strategies to gain a thorough understanding of learning outcomes.

There will be a Deep Learning and Numeracy Coaches Night for parents on November 19, 2019 at 6 pm. All parents are welcome to attend. The regular VPC meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m.

7. Halloween Dance

The Halloween dance will be on October 24, 2019 from 6-8pm. We will be using the same amount that was budgeted and approved from last year's dance for \$550.00.

N. Schneider made the motion to accept the minutes and M. Rogowski seconded the motion. All agreed, the motion was carried.

There will be a sub committee for this event that will be chaired by N. Schneider, S. Robinson will be assisting. They will require additional volunteers and will reach out for assistance closer to the date.

8. Nutritional Practices

The school has students that have severe nut allergies and want all parents to be aware that all snacks need to be nut free. Please ensure that you try to pack nutritious low sugar option snacks for the children.

The school has received a grant of a \$1000.00 again this year to go towards buying fruit to boost the healthy snack options for the students.

9. New Business

Fun Lunches- M. Rogowski

The Parent Council will continue to have fun lunches for the school year.

The details will be sent out prior to each fun lunch date.

We are looking into having a pizza party for the kids this school year that would be covered by the Parent Council.

Field trips- S. Kent

We will be looking into providing more field trips for the students this school year. Some of those field trip ideas were Festival du Voyager.

S. Kent will investigate the costs.

We also discussed field trips to movies that have an educational focus as well more in the wintertime for the students.

Tuesday/ Thursday Alternative Lunch- S. Kent

The school will looking into having lunch time activities for different grades through out the school year. The students will be able to sign up to participate. The Parent Council will be assisting with covering the costs.

Circ de Soleil- S. Kent

The school will looking into having the performers from Circ de Soleil visit the school.

Earth Rangers- S. Kent

The school will looking into having the Earth Rangers have a demonstration on endangered species.

J.P. Hoe- S. Kent

The school will looking into having J.P Hoe a motivational kindness advocate visit the school.

Pink Shirt Day- S. Kent

The school will investigate covering the costs of supplying each student with a pink shirt for either of the pink shirt days (February 21 or April 22)

Staff Appreciation- S. Kent

The Parent Council is looking for ways to show our appreciation for the dedication of the teachers and school staff for this last year of Voyageur school. These ideas will be discussed further at upcoming meetings.

I love to Read Month- S. Kent

We will be reaching out to local celebrities like the Winnipeg Jets and Ace Burpee to attend Voyageur school's 'I love to read month' to help us in celebrating our students last year within the school.

Voyageur Yearbook/ Scrapbook- S. Kent

A yearbook or scrap book was suggested as a fun memory for the students.

Voyageur School Annual BBQ- S. Kent

The Parent Council is looking into a larger celebration for this years BBQ. S. Kent will be looking into policies to investigate the possibility of having

Bouncers for the BBQ as well hopefully a Churros truck. We would also like to have more face painters for the kids. The Parent Council is looking into covering the costs for the kid's meals for this event.

Glow Bowling- S. Kent

The school will look into the costs of taking the students glow bowling at a local bowling alley.

10. Treasurer's Report

We will have the Treasurer's report prepared for the next Parent Council meeting October 8, 2019.

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. The next meeting is Tuesday October 8, 2019 @ 6:00pm.