

**MINUTES of Minnewasta Parent Advisory Council  
Tuesday, September 10, 2019  
7:00 PM**

**Present:** Geoff Sutton, Rhonda Thomson, Carla Olusola, Rhonda Plett, Garth Derksen, Jessica Derksen, Tiffany Peters, April Harms, Marcy Banman, Marie Nina Cuyno, Susana Sawryshko, Rhonda Wiebe, Char Nikkel, Jodie Hofer

**Regrets:**

**Guests:**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION</b>	<b>DECISION &amp; NEXT STEPS</b>	<b>ASSIGNED TO / DUE DATE</b>
1. Call to Order	7:01 pm		
2. Agenda Approval & Additions	Agenda Approved & no additions		
3. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes of June 11, 2019	Reading and acceptance of both Annual General Meeting and Regular Meeting Minutes		
4.0 Treasurer's Report – April Harms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please see attached report</li> <li>• Chequing account balance \$ 7568.61</li> <li>• Business Savings Account <u>\$14433.61</u></li> <li>• Total \$22,002.22</li> </ul>		

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5.0 Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition Days – 1:1 meetings a new system, parent survey</li> <li>• Enrollment is 331 students</li> <li>• New staff: Janessa Bergen (K-AM/EAL-PM), Mandi Zacharias (Gr.1), Jeannine Smart (Resource .2 EFT), Nettie Reimer (EA)</li> <li>• New portable for a classroom, one of the existing classrooms is now used for physiotherapy, occupational therapy, etc</li> <li>• Religious exercises – no current update</li> <li>• Minnewasta school is online – HomeRoom, SeeSaw, and Twitter</li> <li>• Professional Development Day on Oct.2 – guest speaker is Shelly Moore – speaking about inclusion</li> <li>• Safe School committee will meet regarding the school's Code of Conduct and Crisis Response Plans</li> <li>• Terry Fox Day planned for Sept. 27 at 3:00</li> <li>• Minnewasta school is now open for community bookings – it is booked Tuesday and Wednesday even from Oct-April</li> </ul>	PAC to book gym usage activities ASAP (Movie night, etc)	<b>PAC Bookings - ongoing</b>
6.0 Follow-up from June 11, 2019, meeting			
6.1 T-shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T-shirts delivered to the school Sept. 5</li> <li>• T-shirts will be delivered to <b><u>ALL</u></b> students and staff on September 13 at 1:30</li> <li>• Rhonda to deliver t-shirts and take group photos of AM &amp; PM Kindergarten classes</li> <li>• Group photo from the roof will be arranged with Steve Hiebert (also print and frame)</li> <li>• Every Friday staff and students to wear their t-shirts to promote school culture, positive school atmosphere, inclusion</li> </ul>	<p>Deliver shirts</p> <p>Contact Steve H.</p>	<p>Garth, Carla, Tiffany &amp; Rhonda September 13</p> <p>Garth – ASAP</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geoff to talk to Jenelle re: photo release</li> </ul>	Photo release	Geoff - ASAP
7.0 New Business			
7.1 Parent Survey - Geoff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 61 parents responded – survey to Grade 4 students</li> <li>• All responses are graded out 0-10 (0 worst – 10 best)</li> <li>• A) Parents feel welcome 8.4/10</li> <li>• B) Parents are informed 7.8</li> </ul> <p>Parent participation at Minnewasta</p> <p>9% of parents said they didn't speak to teachers</p> <p>90% (more than 2 x) parents said they attended meetings (teacher, principal, etc)</p> <p>Parent involvement in school committees 13% yes, 87% no</p> <p>How do we get parents more involved during the year and with the school? – Geoff's goal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C) Parents support learning at home 7.2 (time spent with homework each day was ~ less than ½ hour)</li> <li>• D) School Support Learning 7.9</li> <li>• E) School Supports Positive Behaviour 7.7 (question included smoking, drug education and awareness – not true to our population in our school).</li> <li>• F) Safe School 8</li> <li>• G) Inclusive School 7.7</li> </ul> <p>Student Bullying – prevalent of bullying at Minnewasta</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Average 18%, male 15%, female 21%</p> <p>Reasons parents felt their child was excluded:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">80% didn't feel it, 12% other reasons, 2% grades, 2% family income, 7% appearance</p>	Parental involvement with school	Geoff - ongoing

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	<p>Reasons parents felt their child was treated unfairly: 98% did not feel treated unfairly, 2% because of a disability</p> <p>Overall Geoff was pleased with the number of surveys taken and will take back to his committee to try to make changes. Some of the questions were targeted for older students (high school) and thus some of the results might have been different if the survey was targeted for our population.</p>		
7.2 Budget 2019 - 2020 - April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of some changes</li> <li>Deferred to October meeting to make approvals</li> </ul>		October 8, 2019
7.3 Picture Day Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September 13, 2019</li> <li>All volunteers (2 full day, 2 half days) are signed up (used online sign-up)</li> </ul>		
7.4 Strategic Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most Deferred to October meeting</li> </ul>		October 8, 2019
7.4.1 Introduction of PAC (newsletter)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deferred to October meeting</li> <li>GOAL: Newsletter x 3 per year</li> <li>Parent concerns, communication with parents from PAC</li> <li>Bio of PAC members</li> <li>Email / print format</li> </ul>	Newsletter	October 8, 2019
7.4.2 Social Media Platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>		
7.4.3 Volunteer Sign up App or Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deferred to October meeting</li> <li><b>Jessica Derksen – new volunteer coordinator</b></li> <li>All volunteer sign-up sheets should be in to the office by Friday</li> </ul>	Volunteer sign-up	October 8, 2019
7.4.4 Year at a Glance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deferred to October meeting</li> </ul>	Year at Glance	October 8, 2019
7.4.5 PAC Meeting Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More teacher presentations/Divisional Presentations (Darlene Keith, Corinna Peters, etc.)</li> <li>Longer executive meeting/ shorter parent meeting with teachers</li> </ul>	Suggestions needed	October 8, 2019

