**E. E. Oliver Elementary School Council**

**Annual General Meeting**

October 1, 2020

7:00 p.m. E.E. Oliver Elementary School Library

**In Attendance:**

Carmen Enns

Leanne Stucklschwaiger

Laura Fentie

Danielle Gabruck

Principal – Evelyn Krol

Vice Principal – Christina Gamble

Teacher Representative – Carmen Johnson

Peace River School Division Representative – Robyn Robertson

1. Call to Order School Council Meeting – 7:09 pm

1. Approval of Agenda – Leanne approved the October 1, 2020 agenda as presented. CARRIED.
2. Approval of Minutes

* Leanne approved the September 19, 2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes. CARRIED.
* Leanne approved the February 20, 2020 School Council Meeting Minutes. CARRIED.

1. Nominations/Elections for the following positions officiated by the School Board Trustee:

* Chair

Robyn called for nominations for the Chair position. Leanne nominated Carmen. Carmen accepted the nomination. No other nominations were brought forward. Robyn called for nominations to cease. Carmen was voted in the Chair position by acclamation.

* Vice Chair

Robyn called for nominations for the Vice Chair position. Carmen nominated Laura. Laura accepted the nomination. No other nominations were brought forward. Robyn called for nominations to cease. Laura was voted in the Vice Chair position by acclamation.

* Secretary

Robyn called for nominations for the Secretary position. Carmen nominated Danielle. Danielle accepted the nomination. No other nominations were brought forward. Robyn called for nominations to cease. Danielle was voted in the Secretary position by acclamation.

* Treasurer

Robyn called for nominations for the Treasurer position. Danielle nominated Leanne. Leanne accepted the nomination. No other nominations were brought forward. Robyn called for nominations to cease. Leanne was voted in the Treasurer position by acclamation.

Robyn closed the elections and congratulated members on elected positions.

1. Committee Reports
   1. School Board Trustee Report:
      1. Approved recommendation to purchase 4 new buses to replace those older than 11 years. No buses were paid for in 2019. The price of the new buses will be set at the 2019 prices because the company was unable to fulfill the order due to Covid-19 restrictions
      2. Covid update was given by the superintendent including the safety steps to be taken in school and the program delivery options
      3. Reviewed the October dates to take part in the Equitable Workplace program for trustees and senior administrators.
      4. Department presentation review includes learning services, transportation, technology and facilities and more.
      5. Several polices are under review
   2. Principal Report
      1. Had a smooth start up despite the construction and Covid. Staff, students and parents are all to that in this.
      2. The funding for the parking lot construction came from a provincial grant designed to create employment and was given a short timeline.
      3. The town was quick to help with putting up barriers for traffic control
      4. New Staff – Mrs Gamble has the position of Vice-Principal and teaches Grade 6 Social Studies and Grade 2.
      5. Enrollment is down slightly to 227 including the home learning students as of September 30, 2020. Last year that number was 250.
      6. There is staggered recess, with one grade at a time. Each grade has two supervisors and each class has their own outside door with a supervisor greeting them to ensure hand sanitizing occurs.
      7. Due to restrictions on singing and wind instruments Mrs. Johnson is not the music specialist this year and is teaching Grade 2 and intervention. This has freed up Mrs. Gordon to teach split gym classes
      8. The Breakfast Program started with granola bars and fruit cups (pre-packaged foods) but will be moving to cereals and toast brought into the classrooms. Food will be prepared following restaurant protocols and will need volunteers for the preparation and to bring the food to the classrooms. Volunteers will do the Covid check, wear masks, gloves and hand sanitize. Donations are still accepted for the breakfast program.
      9. Hot lunches may be back after the breakfast program has expanded. Some local businesses have offered to help out by individually packaging food. Volunteers will be needed for this program delivery.
      10. EEO has raised $1275 to date for the Terry Fox Run. Ms. Krol is happy with the results given that there was only online donations accepted and the economy is slow. If $1500 is raised Ms. Krol will turn into a superhero! The run was a good way to allow parents to come in and participate with the students and teachers.
      11. The school is hoping to have an event every month that will involve parents.
          1. October could see a Halloween costume parade outdoors.
          2. Google meets may be used for the Remembrance Day Ceremony
          3. Looking for other ideas and suggestions.
      12. Online learning is going decent. It has been a learning curve for everyone and the students seem to have been adapting to the cameras.
      13. An invitation has been extended to school council to add to the monthly newsletter.
      14. The Breakfast Program as received the following funding: TC Energy $5000 grant, a nutrition grant from the school division and a President’s Choice Children’s Charity donation.
2. Old Business
   1. Trees – Trees were ordered from Woodmere but have not been planted yet. Ms. Krol will ask for permission to plant them. The stumps from the old trees have not been removed, as there is only one person available within the school division able to do that work.
3. New Business
   1. Parent Engagement – Looking for events/ideas of how we can still have parent engagement
      1. What have we done that we would like to do again
      2. What can we do given Covid restrictions.
         1. Leanne commented that the Terry Fox Run was good.
4. Round Table
   1. Robyn Robertson – nothing to add
   2. Leanne Stuckleschwaiger – Parent Teacher Interviews – FHS’s system ran smooth, they used Google call feature. Ms. Krol said interviews could not be done in person. First report cards are November 20 with parent teacher interviews the following week.
      1. FHS School Council has invited parents to join meetings via google hangouts. EEO will do this in the future.
   3. Laura Fentie – Glad to hear that the startup went smoothly.
   4. Danielle Gabruck – Do we need to make up the time for starting a week later than initially planned – No, there will be enough instructional hours to meet requirements.
   5. Carmen Johnson – The kids are so happy to be back at school, even though it is not the same. The kids have been very flexible.
   6. Ms. Krol – nothing to add
   7. Mrs. Gambel – It is great to be back at EEO and in Fairview.
   8. Carmen Enns – Kristin Duncan sent a message asking an estimate time for the completion of the construction. Ms Krol - hopefully by the end of this week. Waiting for electrical to be completed and fences to be removed. There will be moveable cement barricades instead of the red bars and the basketball nets are being installed off the pavement. Buses should be back to their normal spot Tuesday.
      1. A question was also asked also asked about the Christmas concert
         1. Need suggestions.
         2. Could increase the number of concerts.
         3. Need to have spacing for the kids on stage.
5. Meetings
   1. A google meets link will be set up.
   2. Meet once a month on the first Thursday of the Month.
   3. Next meeting November 5, 2020 at 7pm.
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.