**Namao School Council**

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**Namao School Fundraising Association**

Monday, March 4th, 2024

**6:00 p.m.**

**Members in Attendance:**

**Terri-Lynn England – NSC chair**

**Erin Pruden – NSFA chair**

**Leanne Schneider – NSC chair**

**Mike Schneider NSFA chair**

**Erin Stoffelen – Vice Principal**

**Tasha Oatway-McLay – Trustee**

**Nicole Eisenkrein – Presenter**

**Kirsten Marghella**

**Lauren Dillman**

**Cherie Speer**

**Yuliya Alshynetska**

**Candice Norlander**

**Sonia Baroudi – online**

**Amberly Ng-Paranich - online**

* **Call to order**

Meeting called to order by Terri-Lynn England at \_\_6:01\_\_P.M.

* **Approval of February’s Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes of February’s meeting made by \_Erin P.\_\_ seconded by Leanne S.\_\_

* **Meeting Decorum**
* *Engage fully by participating with active listening and keeping side conversations to a minimum. All opinions are welcome and valid. This is a safe place to have healthy conflict; be open to possibilities and perspectives. Please ask questions.*

**Trustee Report** **Tasha Oatway-McLay**

* Summary of Board Activities
  + Key goal met to rebuild relationship with St. Albert Public School board.
  + Policy renewal – some are reviewed annually, others on a rotating timeline. Gender Identities is a policy currently being developed.
  + Strategic Plan contains 4 categories: Advocacy – meeting with sister boards, Community – meet & greet events, networking with government officials, division presence, Optimal Student Learning – innovation and student success, Excellence in Education – understand and support resourcing needs of schools to enhance programming and student well-being.
  + Discussion around increased health for students, funding for non-core subjects (fine arts, physical education, music, etc) and finding ways to secure government support.
  + The future of French Immersion in SPS.
  + Future discussion will include rolls and responsibilities of the board and parent council responsibilities.

**Principal Report** **Iain Jamieson – Not available**

* Erin S.
  + Jan. 31/24 was EA appreciation day – tied into PD day where the EA’s chose the sessions.
  + Namao hosted all of Sturgeon.
  + Positive feedback around Teacher’s Convention.
  + AB computers for Schools has donated 20 computers – 10 to giveaway, 10 for school resource use.
  + School drama performance is Thursday March 14/24.

**Programming Presentation**  Nicole Eisenkrien

**Thank you for the cutting and laminating support!**

* Wording for upcoming programming yet to be determined.
* Meeting with the elementary staff for the hopeful rollout of potential “options” for elementary students in 2024/2025 term.
  + Potentially students could rotate through STEAM, crafts, land connection, foods, second language, drama, card & dice games, reader’s theatre, digital citizenship, etc. – all with the goal of cross-curricular learning and cross training educators.
  + The goal is to respect and build into the already established Jr. High curriculum options.
* Funding, progression, schedule, teacher availability are still in planning and discussion. Please email any parent suggestions to [chair@nscfa.ca](mailto:chair@nscfa.ca), all suggestions will be forwarded to Mrs. Eisenkrien.
* Round table discussion:
  + Excitement around the idea.
  + Possible tiered fees, $60/term, $20/term (with support from parent council)
  + Would the “options” be built into the existing class? or would they occur on a specific day?
  + What does a second language option look like at start up? Namao students have zero foundation.
  + Will the options be cross graded, or will the class move as a group?
* Next steps: Mrs. Eisenkrien will return to a teacher discussion with parent council feedback and questions.

**NSC Chair Report** **Terri England**

* Movie Night – Update
  + A heartfelt thank you for the support of Mrs. Kleespies and 5 leadership students. It was a late night, and the engagement of students, parents and staff is heartwarming.
  + Earned $1825.00, less $678.00 in expenses with several items to be returned. Sold 153 tickets (46 less than 2023). The silent auction earned $295.00, $16.00 in donations. A more accurate costing to come in April’s meeting.
  + Leftover candy bags, chips and cotton candy we’re donated to Miss. Paige and the leadership program.
* Ag Society – Update
  + The grant to address the pathway between Namao and Sturgeon Composite has been started.
  + Waiting on Community support letters.
  + Sturgeon County will provide a projected cost for the pathway.
  + The fridge in the Hub is still out of commission. It is possible the part will be under warranty as the same part was fixed last year.
  + Reminder to not use the dishwasher in the Hub. The daycare does not use the dishwasher.
  + The Hub is available for rental – Namao Newsletter can assist with advertising the option.
* PTI’s in March – decision
  + To be conducted on Tuesday March 19 and Wednesday March 20
  + Round table - Should NSCFA set up a presence?
    - It is meaningful to have parent council members present.
    - Location – primary wing, book fair? Showcase some of the projects and achievements of parent council on a poster board or slide show, share stories.
    - Attend yearend Kindergarten meetings to recruit new membership.
    - Terri-Lynn E. will set up a sign-up genius, Cherie S. offered to make a slide show with pictures provided to her.
* Clubs start up - follow up
  + Staff and older Jr. High students are requesting – the largest hurdle is filling supervisory positions.
  + Parents can supervise – Terri Lynn E. hosted a teacher requested trading cards event.
  + Some issues with long term commitment from students when the weather improves.
* Inclement Weather Communication to parents - follow up
  + Students and parents are still experiencing inconsistent unlocking door times and expectations. Sometimes students are let in, sometimes they are asked to wait outside.

The following topics were tabled to April’s meeting:

* Meeting with Maintenance - follow up
* Meeting with Bus Drivers - follow up
* 2024/25 Programming - follow up
* Screen Time in Classrooms - follow up
* Parents in the School - follow up

**NSC Vice Chair Report** **Mike Schneider**

**Treasurer’s Report** **Erin Pruden/Terri England**

**All account balances forwarded from February 2024 minutes as March 4, 2024 meeting was too early to have received updated statements.**

* General Account: $13,702.15
  + Big Project: $4779.96
  + Outdoor: $3814.80
  + Library: $29.29 (pending statement)
  + Classroom: $1156.83
  + NSFA Marketing Fund: $260.30
  + Nutrition Initiatives: $3536.70
  + Sports Programing: $153.75
* Casino Account: $678.10
* Playground (Nutrition) Account: $0.00

**Current Fundraiser and Status** **Erin Pruden**

* Healthy Hunger Profits: Total for the month of February $900.00

-Feb 14th Subway $224.77

-Feb 21st Boston Pizza $234.00

-Feb 28th Pita Pit $

Thank you to all the support from parents, students and the volunteer team!

- Sweetness Cookie Fundraiser is underway

-last day to get paper orders in is tomorrow, March 5th

-last day for online orders is Wednesday, March 6th

- Bottle drive completed

Total raised $400.00 to be allocated to playground maintenance and upgrades.

Thank you to all who participated. Thank you to Mike S. and Ryan P. for driving the truck.

- Jr. High basketball concession canceled due to lack of volunteers

**Fundraising Chair Report Erin Pruden**

* UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS:
  + Growing Smiles Spring Fundraiser
    - Further details to be discussed at April’s meeting.
    - Looking to execute mid to end of April with pickup just before Mother’s Day weekend.
    - Looking for input on the pricing for this fundraiser – see handout provided.
* Looking for Healthy Hunger volunteers for Wednesdays from 11:30am - 12:30pm approximately. Please email Erin at [namaoschoolfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:namaoschoolfundraising@gmail.com) if you can help out.
* A moment to acknowledge Terri-Lynn E. for all the planning, organizing, shopping and countless other work she puts in to make Namao events such huge successes. Namao is lucky to have such a dedicated, creative individual to lead our parent council group.

**Proposals**

**-**New laces for donated skates. Can we purchase 6-12 pairs of laces for the skates, as some of the laces are quite short or frayed? Spend no more than $10 a pair. Funds would come from the Sports Programming Allocation - **tabled to April meeting – going to ask for large and x-large skate lace donations from the community first.**

Request from Tasha to pick a set day for council meetings. The rotating every four-week schedule occasionally conflicts with the second school she represents. A set day of the week will be voted on at the May AGM.

Vote:

Terri-Lynn E. motions to move April council meeting from April 8 to April 15 @ 6pm.

All in favor, motion carries.

**Important Dates**

* PD Day – No School Mar 11th
* Drama Performance - March 14th @ 7pm
* Parent Teacher Interviews - March 19th & 20th
* Spring Break - March 21st - April 1st (school resume April 2nd)
* Jr. High ski trip to Marmot – March 14 & 15
* NSCFA AGM – May 27/24

**Next Meeting Date: April 15th, 2024 @ 6:00pm**

* Motion to adjourn at 7:29 P.M. made by Terri-Lynn E., seconded \_Leanne S.