

Approved Meeting Minutes
VCS Council
For October 7, 2021
10:30am Via Zoom
Meeting ID: 475 290 4212
Chair: Teresa Boucher (780) 814-4827
Vice Chair: Vacant

- **Meeting Minutes Approved on December 2nd, 2021**

In attendance: T. Boucher; H. Lee; P. Braseth; K. Tavert; S. Morales; T. Braseth; Ms. Lewis;
Grade 1/2 Class

Call meeting to order @ 10:30 am

- ASCA Workshop
 - Currently must pay for courses.
 - With the current Vice Chair being vacant questioning if we would get full benefit
 - P. Braseth has some of the courses already downloaded. We will check to see if they are the full courses.
 - Will continue to do further investigation and review again at next meeting.
- Fundraising
 - Last year we raised - \$8390.80
 - Money this year was to go to replace the smartboard in the grade 5/6 classroom but that was able to be fixed so no longer immediately needed
 - The school is going a lot of electronics replaced or new
 - School council just purchased 15 new Chromebooks with 2-year warranty that went to the Junior High room
 - Most of the current Chromebooks are approx. 10 years old. Within the next 5 years the schools 30 existing will need to be replaced.
 - The smartboards in all the classrooms will have to be replaced within the next 10 years.
 - We are unsure at this time what portion the School Council will need to cover for these purchases.
 - We are unclear currently how much interest we are going to have in fundraisers this year. We have put out a call for volunteers to assist and have not had any interest.
 - In the past we did the H & M Meats fundraiser but wondering if we should repeat or make contact with the Beaverlodge Butcher Shop to see if we can make a deal with them so that we are supporting more local business.

- Will reach out to Beaverlodge Butcher Shop and determine interest and get price list to compare with H & M.

Grade 1/2 Class joins call with teacher Ms. Lewis

- **Principals Report – Harmon Lee**

- Thursday, September 23, 2021
 - Terry Fox Run – Great Weather and the kids did amazing
- Wednesday, September 29, 2021
 - Was Orange Shirt Day in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day.
- Friday, October 1, 2021
 - School Photos were taken in the AM. The kids looked great and put on their best smiles.
 - Hot Lunch – Mac & Cheese and Chicken Nuggets
- Tuesday, October 5, 2021
 - First day of the year that all staff was present at the school
- Wednesday, October 5, 2021
 - Tech Support person was able to come to the school and was able to fix the smartboard in the 5/6 Classroom as well as some of the computers in the office. They did mention that the school server will need to be replaced. School is waiting for a quote to have this done and the administration is exploring options to get the funds.
- Since the AGM we have welcomed 4 new students, bringing the school total to 92 active students.

- **Chairs Report – Teresa Boucher**

- Last meeting, we released \$200 for a brooder to go with the chicken incubator that was loaned to us by F. Wright. The brooder was purchased for \$180 and it has arrived. Mrs. Shepelwik and F. Wright have set up and all is working well. It is planned to have baby chicks to hatch this coming Spring.
- The Book Series Siha Tooskin Knows has been ordered for the school. T. Boucher tried to get the Teachers guide but it was unavailable. Still had the downloaded version so printed it and will have it laminated and bound for the teachers to use.
- Marilyn McMillan offered the school the use of some Halloween decorations but with Covid restrictions still in place we were unable this year. We are hopeful that we can take them up on their offer next year.

- Teachers requested pizza and juice lunch to accompany the Halloween celebration. Extra will be ordered to freeze for Healthy Snack lunches. Release of funds to needed to pay.
 - Parent Volunteer needed to pick up Pizza's from Grand Marshall Inn, Hythe. M. Gilbert has kindly offered to do this for us.
 - 5 Volunteers have stepped forward to make Caramel Apples for the Halloween Celebration
 - Halloween Hot Lunch will be – Pizza, Caramel Apple Treat & Juice
 - *P. Braseth motions to release funds for pizza & juice, K. Taver 2nd, AIF.*
- T. Hosker has inquired to learn more about the coordinator position that we require for the Hot Lunch program. It is looking very good for her to take up the position and we are grateful.
- We released funds to purchase 2 grills to make pancakes for future Hot Lunches. K. Strand took one home and was able to make 12 *small* pancakes in approximately 3 minutes and said that the grills performed very well. P. Braseth took the other home and was able to make 8 pancakes at a time.
- **Treasurers Report – Penny Braseth**
 - The Monthly bank totals as follows:
 - School Council Main: \$11,930.97
 - Hot Lunch Program: \$3,794.00
 - Healthy Snack Fund: \$1,474.00
 - Cheques to be written – Laminated roll: \$135.00
 - **Available funds for School Council (Not food related): \$6460.00**
 - F. Wright has agreed to keep track of the Healthy Snack levels and supplies
 - Was told they were low on spoons, so a box of 1000 was ordered from Amazon
- Crusher Cone Installation
 - Need to complete supplies list
 - Mr. Lee & Ms. Randall will be doing some math for us to figure out how long the boards need to be
 - Then donation letters will be sent to Ace Hardware, Home Hardware Building Centre & D Ray Contracting.
- Missoula Theatre

- Currently no updates. Awaiting word to see if they can travel.
- Jasper Trip – Grade 5/6 Class
 - Currently no updates. Awaiting to hear back from the Pallisades to see if they are running.
- Teacher Appreciation Gift
 - Last year released funds to make a live edge table for the Staff room. Found the sawmill that will mill the wood for us. Waiting for communication from them on the wood. Then to make arrangements to get it finished.
- Questions from the Grade 1/2 Class
 - What type of Pizza will there be on Halloween?
 - Cheese, Pepperoni & Hawaiian
- Questions from Sara Morales
 - I missed what was said about the Crusher Cone. Can you give me more details?
 - It was donated to the School and we intend to make a firepit in the yard for the kids to hold assemblies and such.
 - What was discussed about the Jasper Trip?
 - We are still waiting to hear back from the Pallisades to see if they will be up and running this year. Once we know we can cancel or start planning.
- We are looking to all parents for ideas on fundraisers that we might want to run at the school. If you have any we'd love to hear them.
 - Chocolates
 - Usually chocolates are sold by the students to fund things like trips or activities and is put on by the School itself. Will speak to Anna further to see if there is any plan to do that this year.
- Adjournment @ 10:59 am