

Camrose OLMP Parent Association

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Chairman: *Lisa Menzel*

Secretary: *Cathy Gilbert*

Treasurer: *Tanya Fox*

In attendance: Kevin Baska, Callista Baska, Cathy Gilbert, Kelly Frigon, Tanya Fox, Heather Zarski, Lisa Menzel, Janelle Evenson, Linette Enzenauer, Lana Froehler, LynnAnn Swerda, Shelley Charchun, Shannon Bird, Kristy Smith, Kevin Elliott, Melanie Marohn

Agenda Part A

1. Call meeting to order – Called at 7:00pm
2. Attendance – See above listing
3. Nominations from the floor – Called for nominations from the floor, second call Lisa Menzel nominated for chair position and Cathy Gilbert for Secretary.
4. Vote for Chair and/or Secretary Positions – All in attendance voted in favor of nominations as listed above. **Motion carried for new board.**

Student Council report: Grade 5-8 had meeting October 2 had forms filled out of a good thing, not so good and a suggestion. Suggestions were:

Have a cleanup committee to clean up garbage outside during breaks

More Paper towels in classrooms and bathrooms

Hand held sharpeners

Longer recess (or be allowed to choose whether to go outside or not)

Fix girl's bathroom

Need warm water

Need water Fountains (this was mentioned 4 times)

Elementary Drama club Mrs. D said she was looking at putting that on after fall break

More lockers down the elementary hallways, Grade 8's are late for classes due to their lockers being at the other end of the school

Be environmentally friendly and start using less paper at school

Halloween party in the classrooms.

Agenda Part B (Meeting was continued due to full board and notice of recording for minute taking was verbally issued.)

1. Approval of minutes from September 24, 2019 Kelly Frigon/Lisa Menzel **Motion Carried**
2. Approval of Agenda Part B October 15, 2019 Janelle Evensen / Shelley Charchun **Motion Carried**

3. Treasurers Report: Bank balance as of today's meeting is \$17,422.73 does not include cheques that will be issued for October hot lunch. There are also some teacher wish list items yet to have receipts issued to the school. We try to keep a balance of \$7000.00 (5000 for hot lunch and 2000 for unexpected items such as Blanket Day from 2018/2019 year) This allows us to have a cushion for situations such as when PayPal withheld our funds from hot lunch purchases for 3 weeks.

4. CEPAC Update from liaison – Kelly reported there had been no meetings since the last reported Parent Council so there is no update. They are still looking into the details of Parent Councils running hot lunch or whether another society will need to be set up to handle any cash items. They will report back next meeting on their findings.

5. Hot Lunch Update – We are now with Bambora program and it seems to be working well. Orders are coming in. Some parents said they don't have credit cards so they cannot use the system however with low volunteers we cannot accept cash during the day as we are already struggling to get lunches out on time.

6. Donation Letter – Kelly asked if we would be sending this letter out again asking parents to give a donation. Due to new board we will be tabling this till the November meeting and will at that time look at the letter and how it is worded as it was suggested that we be a little more specific on why we are asking for funds.

7. New Teacher Request Music Program

Our Music program for second semester needs a minimum of \$1900 to get all the required equipment to run the option. We have applied for grants but will not hear back for at least another month. If approved there is a long list of items that we could get with this grant money so I'm proposing we see if parent council can approve this \$1900 and then if we do get grant money we can put it towards the long list of other requested items to build the music program.

The break down of costs is below:

- 6 piano keyboards at \$200 each (these are low end - the ones we already have from grant money were \$700-\$800 each)
- mixer for teacher - \$200
- speakers - \$300
- cables - \$200

Lisa made motion to supply up to \$1900.00 for the music program. Kelly seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

8. Teachers Report: Kevin is looking to seek out teacher to take this on permanently.

Lana Froehler Reported. Volleyball is under way for grades 5-12, Cross country and golf are now over. Halloween planning is in the works. There will still be the parade but they are working on some other activities as well.

The literacy seminars are getting stronger as the years go on. Grade 5&6 have started their combined program for literacy.

Grade 7 & 8 participate in their home rooms moving through the available teachers.

Grade 9-12 have to sign up for the seminars they want to take

These run Thursday 11:15-12:15

Teachers are working at looking at students needs if they are requiring additional help as well as celebrating those students that are going above and beyond. This will continue to grow and develop as they find and work on areas to enrich the student and teacher experience at the school.

Teachers all completed first aid training last month.

9. Principal Report: Last meeting was 3 weeks ago. Good PD on the 11th where they focused on the accountability pillar from the survey results. There are some literacy results that are lower which is why they are focusing on the Literacy hour as stated in the Teachers report. Overall we did quite well in our results and teachers are now working on areas from the PAT's that can help the students to grow more.

They have also been working on the lock down drills with Police and Fire to ensure students are safe.

10. New board closed meeting date: Monday November 28 (for Chair, Secretary and Treasurer only)

11. Request to start a Facebook page for the Parent Council to help parents stay more connected to what is going on at the school and with the council and our needs. Most voiced agreement to this and we will put it on the agenda for the meeting in November.

12. Adjournment at 7:55pm

Next meeting date is Tuesday November 19, 2019 at 7pm