**Vermilion Elementary School Council Meeting Agenda**

**September 27, 2021**

* Call to order - 7:01pm called to order by Danielle Eriksen, virtually through Google Meet
* Attendance – Sheila Doherty, Calvin Anhorn, Marty Pawlak, Danielle Erickson, Kirsten Burns, Bruce Marriott, Darcie Maier, Susan McCulley
* Introductions
* VES Bouquets –

Danielle – grade 4 fun fact of the day in the agenda, great way to ensure the agenda is getting signed

Kirsten – Mr. Hasselhoffs class, message daily that ensures the agenda is signed

Susan – both of her teachers have been great at emailing, appreciate it without having the face to face connection

* Review of last meeting minutes – completed, shared on the screen for viewing by Sheila Doherty
* Additions/Changes to the Agenda - none
* Board Report – Bruce Marriott

September meeting – 9:00am-7:00pm, transportation and overall planning, budget affected and were missing six driver routes, but Christy was able to source drivers

Waiting to hear from the Alberta government for additional transportation funding

Four hours on the plan with unanimously approved the plan sent to all schools

Plan also included all AHS guidelines, put in a bind with the flexibilities

Appreciated the letter of support from the VES School Council

Reconciliation was reviewed for September 30th

Alberta School Council – each should get $500 towards the council, acquired one million from the AB government, letter on the 29th of August 2021

Most boards supported the parent councils that already exist in lieu of creating a new pilot program

Superintendent was reviewed and approved

Buffalo Trails pays for the training for the school bus drivers, but newer expectations, tickets etc to maintain, focus is on safety, S endorsement, air brakes, MELT training, medical etc

Contractor bus drivers there has not been a pay increase for 4 or 5 years however Buffalo Trails paid each one $500

Question – can the School Council support the trustees? Mental health continues to be the strongest point to follow up on.

* Administrator’s Report – Calvin Anhorn and Sheila Doherty

Anticipated 40 kindergarten, 217 grades 1-6

Actual is 31 and 222 grades 1-6

Student teachers – Hannah with Mrs Long, VES alumni Layton Bates, Alicia McDonald and Colby Newrider with Mrs. McLaughlin

Budget cut, did not replace Mrs Throndson and let Learning Commons Facilitator go

Mrs. Cameron will work out of the Learning Commons morning periods or else individual teachers check out books etc

Mrs. Baldwin will spend some afternoon to re-shelf the books

Mr. Anhorn will be leaving VES end of October

Acting principal posting is closed but actively being determined and will be communicated

Partnership with Lakeland College, partnership with Nina Barrett and the Human Services students, currently have two students volunteering with grade one

3D printer now installed in The Learning Commons

The Learning Commons require masks for the appropriate demographics

Back to school plan, discouraging visitors still at this time

Masks – K-6 on busses, students 4-6 and teachers in common areas and during group work (limited to 15-20 minutes)

Teachers are taking advantage of outdoor settings to allow interaction

Virtual assemblies, hot lunch meetings will continue to be virtual, i.e. Remembrance Day

Still in cohorts so Halloween and other events will still look different

Parent Teacher interviews format, still to be determined, conversations with other schools with limited land lines to access

Hot lunch will resume October 5th, delivered to the classroom

Facilities and equipment, four panels have been purchased, with a slide in computer cost is approximately $5000 each, one is in the Learning Commons and can be shared, looking to purchase two or three more

Last year there was a Covid Mitigation Fund, for staff who had to be off campus, so allowed to purchase more, this year the fund does not exist

Smartboards are aging and need replacement in the next few years

Friends of Vermilion meeting – possibly that could be a discussion point

New website provider, Rally, Colin Beecroft and Sheila Doherty have taken training, goes live on October 8th, will migrate information over from existing site, can be connected to the VES Facebook page

Tour of the new site next month, will be searchable

Covid disruption learning grant - $45 million grant to be distributed to school boards to address numeracy and literacy learning gaps, looking at 1-3 and 4-6, money is directed to grades 1-3 specifically

Numeracy assessment completed and two literacy assessment, looking at small group instruction for both

Teachers looking at using professional learning dollars as the government has not determined dollar amount for VES

September 30th, spending the day in activities and sessions, Kevin John is coming, virtual field trips, read alouds, indigenous games, Buffalo Trail has purchased a resource for grades 3-8, ending the day with Kevin John, which is Orange Shirt Day

October 22nd – PL for staff, inclusion, numeracy, literacy, small project on 3D printer (STEAM)

Cross country running club – finishing this week, went to Riverdale, students did well, two top ten places, 27 runners total, Mrs. Mclaughlin

Question – OT? BTPS has hired an SLP Kennedy Manning, Camille Bailey is the OT Tara Jean Wensick – Psychologist. Starting on speech screens with all kindergarten students. Working on finding a PT right now through Inclusive Learning.

Question – Areas to support VES? – Curriculum is dormant but to come active fall 2022, biggest curriculum change and will be discussed again likely in the spring

Question – Colds this fall and Covid cases – no Covid cases have been reported this year, there is an obligation if 10% or more of the school is off sick the school must report to AHS, which is every year, not just this year

* Correspondence – n/a
* Outstanding Business – n/a
* Adjournment and set next meeting date

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm by Danielle Eriksen

* AGM is Tuesday October 26, 2021 at 7:00pm (will be advertised in the newsletter and on the Facebook page)
* Meetings for the year will be set at the AGM