**Vermilion Elementary School Parent Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 23, 2021**

* Call to order
  + 7:08pm meeting called to order by Rochelle Horne on a virtual platform
* Introductions
  + In attendance: Rochelle Horne, Darcie Maier, Sheila Doherty, Jerri-Lyn Visser, Jim King, Darla Yonkman
  + Regrets: Danielle Erickson
* VES Bouquets
* Review of last meeting minutes
  + No additions or deletions. Accepted as is.
* Additions/Changes to the Agenda
  + None
* Board Report
  + Darla Yonkman is the vice chair for BTPS Board and sits on many committees.
  + Our two trustees emails are: [Darla.Yonkman@BTPS.ca](mailto:Darla.Yonkman@BTPS.ca) and [Jim.King@BTPS.ca](mailto:Jim.King@BTPS.ca)
  + They will continue to update us after board meeting and when the minutes become public.
  + If you are in need of help or want to be involved please reach out to board members.
  + The board is working on curriculum input and change.
  + Funding is not where is should be in regards to rural versus urban.
  + The board really wants to support teachers and parents with the work they are doing and continue to do.
  + Teachers need adequate time to prepare for a new curriculum.
* Administrator’s Report
  + Our fall book fair is being held virtually again and will ship directly to your house. There is a decrease in sales when held virtually. School is hoping for an in person book fair in the spring.
  + There was a leadership workshop available for Mrs. Doherty and Mrs. Joa with Trauma informed instruction.
  + Mrs. Joa spoke on community connections around Terry Fox and bringing awareness of virtues. The school supporting these virtues with students.
  + In October the students created crafts for the Lodge and extended care units.
  + November is Jersey Day and money raised and will go towards the ice plant.
  + The school will participate in door decorating for community connections and then these will be passed to the Lodge and their space will be decorated with the student’s creations.
  + Students got to listen to a local chuck wagon driver who spoke about virtues in real life and being the best you can be.
  + Lakeland college students remain in the building working with students in their practicum. These students are from the Early Learning Child and Youth Care Program at Lakeland College.
  + Vermilion Elementary School has a new website and Mr. Beecroft was present and was able to give us a tour of the new site. Thank you!
  + If anyone is interested in Spirit wear you can purchase online!
  + Great discussion on Digital Citizenship piece: commonsensemedia.org is a great way to review a movie or TV show before you watch it. You can check books and see what the content is or language. You can also review apps and games. This site is free to use. They have weekly webinars for free.
  + There is a new staff member, Jenna McLean who will be teaching grade 6, Welcome Ms. Mclean.
  + There are two student teachers in the school until Christmas.
  + Christmas concert will be done virtually again.
  + Drama club is still on hold as we are not able to have performances.
  + If there are concerns the order recommended is 1. Teacher 2. Principal 3. Superintendent 4. Board
* Hot Lunch
  + No update
* Correspondence/notes
  + Rochelle talked about parent survey for parent council engagement, hoping to have 5 questions sent out to families.
* Adjournment and set next meeting date
  + Meeting is adjourned at 8:00pm and the next meeting is Tuesday January 25, 2022.