**Alma Public School Council Meeting**

**Date:** September 17, 2020

**Council Executive:**

Amanda Snowe – Council Chair

Paula O’Donnell – Secretary

Betty-Sue Driedger – Treasurer

Shannon Spike – School Principal

Angela Ackroyd – Fundraising Chair

Crystal Schnarr & Betty-Sue Driedger – Snack Program

**Council Members/Attendees**:

Shannon Spike Betty-Sue Driedger Melissa Henderson

Amanda Reid Amanda Snowe Angela Ackroyd

Paula O’Donnell Crystal Schnarr Emily Huehn

**Principal’s Report (Shannon Spike):**

-Great start back, everyone is following the rules

-Kids are doing great with wearing their masks, washrooms, lines, etc.

-Elections -nominations will close Thursday at 4pm

 -list will be posted Friday

 -voting Wed 30th at 4pm – can be done through the office window

 -will have results by Oct 1st meeting

-Bylaws -Shannon to look at what other schools do and make some up for us

-teachers will be coming to meetings in the future, there is a sign-up list

-classroom reps? -hold off for now

-there has been lots of outside learning happening

**Teacher’s Report (no teacher present):**

-Everyone is doing well

-Kids safety and well being comes first

**Treasurer’s Report (Betty-Sue Driedger):**

-account balances: -fundraising general $8,434.10

 -general $16.35 (account to transfer in/out)

-snack program $1,860.36

-playground $13,513.69

-expenses to come out – graduation t-shirts $224.93

 -donation for virtual field trip $251.50

**Old Business:**

-Amanda Snowe asked about Gator Wear – not this year.

-Last year we mentioned giving $150 to each class from council

 -can be used for new math curriculum

 -anti-racism materials – library books

 -mental health and wellness in the classroom

 -Motion by Angela A to give $150 per class – 2nd by Amanda R, all in favour, passed

-asked Shannon if we can get a wish list from teacher of other items they want/need

**New Business:**

-no fundraising allowed this year

-no daytime drops offs to students at all

-Amanda Reid asked about Scholastic – not at this time – no way to direct ship books without paying extra shipping

-Amanda Snowe asked what is happening with reading books for the kids?

 -the library is physically closed

 -there are book bins in the classrooms

 -teachers can let Mrs. Woodland know if they want any specific subjects and she’ll pull them

 -it’s slowly getting started

-Upper Grand Learning Foundation

 -https://www.uppergrandlearningfoundation.com/contribute/

 -parents can make a donation at this site and specify to send it to our school

 -can be used for anything to help the school – tech, books, etc

 -anything over $20 will be sent a tax receipt

-Amanda Reid asked if the Optimists could run fundraisers and then make a donation to the school

 -Shannon to check with the Superintendent

-Amanda Snowe asked if we can do the pumpkin carving contest outside?

 -Shannon to think about it

-no Christmas Angels this year

-School Council Insurance

 -we don’t need it this year

 -can purchase it at anytime if we do need it

-Linamar trips – no trips now, nothing in-person

-Rocks & Rings Program? – wondering if they would lend us the equipment to do it ourselves?

-Grade 6 trip is on hold

-will still be welcome bags and a grade 6 farewell – both will be expenses

**Committee Updates:**

-Snack Program

 -Crystal has a meeting next week, and will have more details then about start up

 -there will be a program of some sort

 -no hot lunches – nothing that needs to be prepared

-Gardening

 -has been cleared out

 -$10,000-$12,000 quote – included shrubs and things to draw weeds out

 -contacted U of G Landscaping – they had made the original plan.

 -asked if they’d like to help out again

 -ask Deb Noble for a quote from Grand River

**Next Meeting:** October 1st – will be online again