

TERRY FOX PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 1ST, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. via WebEx Virtual Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Jennifer Fitzgerald, Ali Finley, Jody Warner, Rebecca Dowler, Taryn Pfautsch, Trish Baxter, Melissa Provost, Becky Worden, Veronica Parliament-Rayfield, Renee Mintz

REGRETS: Jennifer Proos, Jaclyn Agueci, Susan Watkin-Czychun

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (NOVEMBER 3RD, 2020):

Minutes from November 3rd – Approved by: Jody Warner 2nd: Becky Worden

TRESURER'S REPORT:

The current balance is \$5688.56.

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE:

Jaclyn and Renee set up a new Facebook page 'Terry Fox Public School' early in the school year and have requested how to share student work from within the school on to the site to give families some insight to the great learning taking place within. Jennifer and Ali will be providing photos of student artwork and will blast out communication to families about completing the consent form for photo/information release sent out by the school and Board. Renee will contact Janet and Terri in the office to get the correct wording and send out a reminder to families on the Facebook site as well and notify them of the importance and what we would like to promote. No negativity on the site to report and more families have connected to the page to stay up to date on school-wide events.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE:

LITTLE CAESARS – Taryn to head Little Caesars Pizza Kit fundraiser again this year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will be holding off until the new year in the hopes that this fundraising opportunity will be successful. Taryn has connected with the Little Caesars representative and the plan is to coordinate for a pre-March Break fundraiser. All COVID-19 protocols will be taken while adhering to Board-wide policies as well.

PURDY'S – Susan sent her regrets but provided Terry Fox Community Council with an update via-email prior to the meeting. We ordered an additional box of chocolates, valued at \$33, from Purdy's as a raffle contribution following the Spirit

Wear Edsby polls. The fundraiser ended last week and surpassed our expectations. Profit from the fundraiser was \$955.56. We sold almost \$4,000 in total. The chocolates should arrive in or around December 11th and Susan will advise buyers of pick-up for the 14th. It was noted that many people signed up to start orders that never finished, so Susan would like to achieve feedback as to what halted their initial interest in ordering. Possible e-mail or Edsby post from Susan to gain additional information.

EDSBY POLL & SPIRIT WEAR DRAW:

Taryn organized Edsby polls over a three-week period to generate interest and offer incentives for families to begin moving toward becoming familiar with the Edsby platform. It was noted that poll questions were more popular than short answer, most likely due to time and effort, however, we were pleased with the number of participants each week. Families were provided with notice on social media platforms when new poll questions had been posted and Jennifer included it in 'What's Happening' memos. Spirit Wear Draw was held via WebEX on December 1st and winners are as follows: Hat Winner – Taylor MacKinnon, T-Shirt Winner – Bree Axhorn, Hoodie Winner – Ashley Holden. Winners will be posted on Edsby and Facebook pages with information on claiming their prize. Janet and Terri in the office will handle the ordering and Terry Fox Community Council will cover the cost.

PRINCIPAL/VICE PRINCIPAL REPORT:

- Terry Fox Public School has implemented 'Boomerang Lunches' as mandatory at this time to discourage movement throughout the classroom during times when students are unmasked and eating. All lunches must be litterless and garbage will be sent home with students in their lunch bags. Renee to blast on social media.
- In lieu of the typical Food & Toy Drive, Terry Fox will be organizing a gift card donation fund, available through School Cash Online. Interested participants can select the donation amount of their choosing. Renee to blast on social media.
- Teachers are continuing to develop online platforms to provide students with synchronous and asynchronous learning should they be required to pivot due to COVID-19. Teachers are also working with students to familiarize them with the platforms in the event of a school closure. Please communicate with your child's teacher, should you have questions or concerns about their platform.
- Masks have been an area of concern for staff and student safety within the school and it is important that parents review how to properly wear a mask with their child. Teachers have been communicating with students and will request support from administration, should there be further issues with compliance.

- December Spirit Week is upon us! Jennifer will be communicating all upcoming Spirit Days in the upcoming 'What's Happening' being sent out Friday to give notice to interested participants, to offer preparation time where necessary. Spirit Days will be advertised on social media as additional reminders.
- Photo Retake Day has not been scheduled at this time. Jennifer to contact Edge Imaging to confirm and to inquire about VES photo dates. Veronica heard that Edge Imaging will be returning to the school for grad photos, possibly in Spring. Jennifer to also confirm.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

POSSIBLE FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY – Renee is planning to look into a possible fundraiser through Shortbread Co. Potential for springtime but does not want to interfere with Little Caesars or Purdy's. More info to come.

CONNECTING IN-PERSON WITH VES – Jody inquired about how we can have our VES students that have Terry Fox as their home base feel connected to our in-school learners. Taryn to create an opportunity for dialogue and will post to Edsby.

UPCOMING EDSBY POLL – Purdy's Chocolate available for raffle prize donation. Taryn to post a question to Edsby about 'How to connect in-person learners with online learners?' Parents can communicate with their child about how they would like to stay connected. The poll will be made available on all platforms so that our VES students can participate as well. Question will be posted later in the week. All participants will be entered into the draw for Purdy's.

GRAD Q & A – Discussions surrounding plans for Grade 8 Graduation should no trip options be available, or gatherings be prohibited. Sharing about what took place in June 2020 as far as swag bags, signage, photo opportunities, and diploma pick-up. Tabled conversation at this time to see where we are at as the date approaches.

FUTURE MEETING DATES – Terry Fox Community Council plans to host meetings the first Tuesday of every month. Meetings have been scheduled until January and we will re-evaluate if we should continue to meet on a monthly basis or bi-monthly basis. At this time, membership feels as though continuing meeting monthly will be beneficial to address school-wide business as it arises, however, Terry Fox Community Council Meeting on January 5th has been CANCELLED, as no new business to address.

The next Terry Fox Community Council meeting will be held Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021 via WebEx Virtual Meeting.

Meeting of Terry Fox Community Council adjourned at 7:32 p.m.