

Trochu Parent Council

Minutes of Monday, November 30 at 6:30 pm
Trochu Valley School – VIRTUAL via Zoom

In Attendance: President Randi Hogg, Secretary Debra Grosfield, Amanda Gaboury, Vice President Jackie Aellen, Principal Jody Lammle, Vice Principal Stephen Marsh

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Randi Hogg.
2. **Agenda:** The Agenda for November 30, 2020 was approved as presented.
Motion by Deb. Carried.
3. **Minutes:** The Minutes from September 9, 2020 were read and approved. *Motion by Jackie, Seconded by Amanda. Carried.*
4. **Business arising from the meeting**
No business arising from the meeting
5. **Treasurer's Report submitted via email from Cindy Schmidt**
Payments for Birthday Books (\$200). Closing balance as at November 2020 is \$16,752.79. Hall cheque from last Drama uncashed for \$900, will be cancelled and resent. *Motion by Deb, Seconded by Jackie. Carried.*
6. **Committee Reports - Hot Lunch Report – Amanda Gaboury**
 - Subway would be great in January when all kids are back in school.
 - Christmas grab bags – Amanda will look after this initiative (and ask others if needed for help!).
 - *Deb move to fund the Christmas grab bags at \$5 per student and teacher. Jackie seconded. Motion carried.*
7. **Principal's Report by Jody Lammle:**
 1. Transition of Grades 7-12 to Online Learning
 - Monday, November 30-January 8th
 - The current plan is to return to in-person classes, Monday Jan 11
 - Students are following their school timetable, meeting with teachers in video conferences
 - We have loaned close to 30 chromebooks to students
 - ***If you hear from families who are struggling with the transition to online learning, please encourage those families to communicate with their teachers or with the school office*
 - Diplomas are optional and we will work with families should they choose yes
 2. Elementary will have Learning at Home for the week of January 4-8th and will return to in-person classes Monday January 11
 3. 12 Days of Christmas Spirit Days start on Wednesday
 - we are encouraging students from home to participate and working to make those days accessible for kids at home (ex. Bingo). We also raised about \$275 for Gifts for Grandparents with our hat days in November. Pizza sales are coming to support the Food Bank.
 4. Virtual Christmas Concert work is beginning this week
 5. Cleaning and janitorial services will stay the same

New Business

a) Requests for Funding – Building a TroVal Sensory Space – a therapeutic **space** with a variety of equipment that provides students with special needs with personalized **sensory** input—helps these children calm and focus themselves so they can be better prepared for learning and interacting with others. Geared for elementary kids towards a multi-year project. Mats, activity props, weighted blankets, lighting.

*Jackie moved to approve funding the sensory space for \$800 towards this initiative. Seconded by Amanda.
Motion carried.*

b) Meeting dates now to be virtual: **January 25, March 29 and May 31** (at 6:30 pm)

Randi adjourned the meeting at 7:04 pm, NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, **January 25 at 6:30 pm**, VIRTUAL