**Vermilion Elementary School Parent Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 25, 2022**

* Call to order
	+ 7:01pm meeting called to order by Danielle Erickson
* Introductions
	+ In attendance: Rochelle Horne, Darcie Maier, Sheila Doherty, Jerri-Lyn Visser, Jim King, Darla Yonkman, Susan McCulley, Kirsten Burns, Danielle Erickson, Amy Eyben, Scott Eyben, Adrienne Joa, Brandon Tupper, Spencer
* VES Bouquets
	+ A big thank you to our school and its teachers for navigating these challenging times. Doing their best to keep our kids in-person learning and creating connections when it is so difficult to do so.
	+ Another thank you to Jim and Darla for doing all the work they are with the board. It is all so appreciated.
* Review of last meeting minutes
* Additions/Changes to the Agenda
	+ None
* Board Report
	+ The 2022/2023 school calendar has been approved.
	+ The audit committee has looked over the financial budget in-depth and has been approved for next year.
	+ The Board is still working hard on curriculum concerns and has seen some changes take place. Darla expressed concern for teachers having to implement a new curriculum after the last couple years of a pandemic.
	+ Please reach out to Darla with any questions or concerns on her cell phone at 780-581-3112. She has created a Facebook page for her work as a board trustee with BTPS. Please contact her if you would like to be added to this.
	+ Jim let us know that previous Transportation director has moved to another position. According to the BTPS website Garth Rapson is the new Director of Transportation. Sheila McIvor is the Transportation Assistant.
	+ Discussion around masking in the school for K-3 students. There are times or areas where they need to be masked but they do not need to be masked full time.
	+ The rural caucus board has a new elections meeting coming up in March.
* Administrator’s Report
	+ Kate Forbes is the new Division 1 education assistant. Welcome Ms. Forbes!
	+ Concern around shortage of available subs to the school. The school at this point has no more available subs if another educator falls ill.
	+ Our superintendent and assistant superintendent created a video on how to provide feedback on the new curriculum. Please check the website and submit your feedback if you wish. It is BTPS curriculum engagement session will be in the February newsletter.
	+ If anyone would like to discuss the curriculum and feedback please connect with Sheila or Adrienne at the school.
	+ Every year the school has a parent school survey and student survey. We appreciate any and all feedback.
	+ There will be an additional survey handed out evaluating Mrs. Doherty in her acting Principal role. Please reach out to her with any concerns or issues. This survey will be sent by central office.
	+ Sheila toured us through the dashboard on student growth and achievement. Overall, they are happy with the results and numbers they have received. The administration does recognize high levels of anxiety in students as a result of the pandemic.
	+ Citizenship is an important quality within the school.
	+ The school and staff continue to work on community connections. They recently had Alison Jackson join them virtually. The students dressed up in Olympic ring colors and listened to Ms. Jackson’s stories of inspiration, bravery, hard work, grit and perseverance. The school is looking forward to another hometown hero community connection in February.
	+ Ms. Doherty asked about parent engagement nights using a virtual platform. Some possible ideas are escape rooms, scavenger hunt at home. No dates or times were set.
	+ Ms. Doherty discussed that the school uses standardized testing to measure where kids are at. She expressed that they know they need to meet kids where they are at so they can help move them forward.
	+ Grades 1 to 3 know have a substitute teacher in the class 2 days a week for ½ days to help address any learning gaps experienced.
* Hot Lunch
	+ No update
* Correspondence/notes
* Adjournment and set next meeting date
	+ Meeting is adjourned at 8:30pm and the next meeting is Tuesday March 22, 2022.