

# ROSS GLEN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

*TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020*

## 1. Call to Order and Introductions

### 1.1 Call to Order by Chair Elizabeth Gebhardt @ 7:07pm

In Attendance: Ed Kruger, Natosha Mastel, Megan Knodel, Jackie Johnson, Jessie Ruckaber, Janine Stuber and Terri Lees

### 1.2 Additions/Changes to Minutes: None

1.3 Adoption of Minutes: Terri moved that the April 2020 minutes be adopted. Jessie seconded that motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

## 2. Information

### 2.1 Treasurer – No report

2.2 Staff – Jackie Johnson spoke about all things Kindergarten. They are preparing for their first full class virtual meet up on Wed May 13, 2020. There has been a good response from the parents on information distribution. The kindergarten classes are rolling with their new normal and doing the best they can.

### 2.3 – Administration – See New Business 4.1

### 2.4 – Committees – No report

### 2.5 – Correspondence – No report

## 3. OLD BUSINESS

### 3.1 – No old business

## 4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Medicine Hat Public School Division- Assessment and Reporting. Natosha and Ed spoke about the email sent from Mark Davidson regarding assessments for the end of the year. The March report card will be used for final marks while the June report card will be more outcomes based, specifically literacy and numeracy. June report cards will show a “met” or “not met” result however is not meant to be a “pass” or “fail” grading but a notation to check into what the individual student was able to achieve. The June report card will be used as a transition report and document the areas for recovery learning in September. Programming from the school will begin to fade mid-June so that it allows for exit conversations between students, parents, and teachers. Parents are encouraged to reach

out to teachers and staff with any comments, questions, or concerns. The mini budget was received, and the money given to Ross Glen to operate has effectively been cut in half. The school is looking at priority spending and referring to feedback from the Ross Glen community earlier this year. Schools are unable to charge a flat fee so the plan to help make up some of the shortfall is to have parents bring supplies for their child(ren) or to be able to purchase a grade level specific package from an online site. There may be requests for supplies made throughout the year from the school but hopefully at a minimum. There has been no decision if the supplies will then be shared between all students or just for the student that has brought them. Elizabeth asked if School Council would be able to help with a supply purchase to help financially. The online site that will likely be used does have an option for a donation to be made. Confirmation that there will be no "Kindergarten Open House" in May or any "Welcome Back" BBQ in September. Hopefully, there can be virtual gathering for the school community over the next few months. There will be no almond fundraiser in September. School Council has been asked to brainstorm creative ways to fundraise and creative ways to support community building during this difficult time.

4.2 Staffing Update – With PUF funding cut, the ELP (Early Learning Program) will be moving to only an AM class for next year. There will be 2 Kindergarten classes (AM & PM) and then the option for the other half the day to be spent with an Early Childhood Educator. The remainder of staffing for the school for next year is being currently being planned.

4.3 Fundraising Monies – Since there has been many events that have been cancelled, class allotments not being fully used, year end field trips cancelled and no outdoor education trip planned for the Grade 6 classes, there will be some funds available to help at the school in different and new ways. Parent Association will find out if there is a timeline attached to any funds that may pass or if the AGLC will be extending those deadlines. Once casinos do resume, Ross Glen will be further down the list so we must be conscious of that and prioritize our spending for maximum student support and impact.

4.4 This is the last School Council meeting for the 2019-2020 School Year. Any other things that come up can be dealt with virtually if necessary. Jackie Johnson thanked the Council on behalf of the staff for helping the kids, providing wonderful opportunities and consistently supporting staff. Elizabeth thanked the members of Council for a great year of working together to support the school community.

5. ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment motion by Megan at 737pm