

Duclos-HEB Foundation (Duclos Sub-committee) Meeting Agenda - November 30, 2021

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order/Sign in: 7: 36 p.m.
2. Minutes from October 26, 2021 meeting Amended the motion; Melanie would like to move to approve the minutes as they read; Sarah seconded
3. Duclos HEB SGF (Duclos Sub-committee) - Melanie moved to approve the financial report; Lindsay seconded
 - a. Casino Account - \$3,800.88
 - b. Duclos Account - \$7,547.87
4. Functional Business
 - a. President position Melanie has started working in the Library at HEB so it is an employee which is a conflict of interest and she must step down as president; Sarah is acting president until a new president steps up
5. Funding Opportunities
 - a. Bus driver appreciation
 - i. Email Motion done, split 3 ways now with BCHS
 - ii. Gift cards ordered through HEB Fundraiser, into Duclos thank you cards, will be distributed December 1 after school at both schools want to hand them out soon, but the weather is not cooperating - will hand out on Thursday, Dec 2nd
 - b. Teacher Appreciation - November 24
 - i. Lakeland Grill delivered supper to the school on the 24, motion was done by email
 - ii. Another appreciation day in the new year/spring?
 - c. Muffin Mornings
 - i. Update? no price was given yet; SYSCO is set up, Duclos is waiting for the shipment
 - d. Kinosoo Bussing being set up right now; bussing prices will be similar to what it has been; \$4000-\$5000; 2 buses \$1276 per day; 4 days needed; happening in January, starting on the 12th
 - i. Melanie Motion to spend \$5000 from the Duclos account to pay for the bussing fees for Ski Trips in January; Sarah seconded the motion; All in favour; passed
 - e. Rocks and Rings tabled until next month
 - f. Grade 4 Year End Trip tabled
 - g. Sports Day Lunch tabled
 - h. Other?
6. Fundraisers
 - a. Online Auction - started sending letters out, picking up donations Auction on facebook, provided that comments are always visible in real time; 17 confirmed as picked up!
 - b. Mabels Labels - \$7.20
 - c. Bottle Depot -
 - d. Smencils - motion needs to be amended will be ordered; aim for Valentines
 - e. Love of Art - Will talk to Shutterbee and confirm
 - f. Make it Sow - online this year
 - g. Calendar -
7. Adjournment Melanie Moved to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

Fundraiser Schedule

- End of February Make It Sow

- April (Mom's Day Prep) Love of Art

DUCLOS School Council Meeting Agenda - November 30, 2021

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:32 p.m.
2. Sign in: Sarah Severn, Melanie Eide, Danica King, Lindsay Clausen, Shawna Dunlop, Wanda Carlin, Matt Richter, Jody Centazzo, JoDee Conrad, Melanie Driedger
3. Minutes from the October 26, 2021 meeting Moved by Sarah S to approve; seconded by Melanie E; all in favour, passed
4. Transportation - Matt Richter 15 years in the role as director of transportation. Have not seen this lack of drivers in his time quite like this crisis. October 2nd we "hit the wall" and had to chop up routes in BV, CL and LLB, but especially in BV. There is a bus driver shortage everywhere for a multitude of reasons: don't want to pass on sickness, mandatory vaccination, SERB, MELT training makes getting the school bus license more difficult regarding the expense and time commitment. However, having the MELT training in place, there has been positive results in the driver competency.
 Costs in transportation have increased and insurance prices have soared 400% increase in less than 2 years; NLPS is in a consortium for insurance to help alleviate. Contractors MUST comply with paying high insurance fees or the insurance companies will not insure our division for anything
 Bus runs may only pay \$35000 and the contractors have to pay \$6600 of that for insurance fees
 Advertising for employees who would be hired by the division and receive benefits, etc has not even helped bring drivers to employment.
 Bus drivers alleviate a lot of traffic on the road since there are less vehicles required to deliver children
 Q: Partners with other school divisions? A: Since the divisions have split, it would be logistically difficult to get coordinated - the divisions would need the same calendar. The whole division (all the towns) would need to get on board. There would still be a driver shortage and the premiums would still be high
 Q: Inclement weather will more often cause buses to not run? A: Insurance has reminded us to watch the weather and to heed weather warnings. We don't want to take chances; drivers can make the decision also based on their runs and discretion
 Q: Duclos Facebook Page updated with this information? A: Class 2 licensing through the MELT program is excellent and needed for drivers with little to no experience with large machines; maybe PR through Nicole Garner?
 Advocation: Please pass the word! Driving school available through NLPS and AB Transportation 53.5 hours; not charging the \$5000 course fees with the expectation that they will drive for 2 years (this is rare for most divisions)
 Next Steps: Parents Advocate with our MLAs for funding as the funding has not followed the cost. When NLPS gets funding from AB Ed, Transportation does not receive a share
 Free bussing for in town was costing our division millions of dollars and that money came out of learning
 KEY MESSAGE for MLA - We need government assistance! Readdress the funding formula; Readdress the lack of drivers; Large bus contractors are no longer providing drivers, we need the "Moms and Pops" drivers;
 Field Trips may suffer if we cannot find drivers.
5. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant
 - a. \$500 for School Council not Parent Council. The difference is that a PAC is a registered fundraising society and School Councils are not registered. The use of these funds is decided by

the School Council members Discussion about using it for a parent engagement night regarding bussing issues; Common key message for parents to use and let them create a letter to their MLA regarding bussing; Deadline is the end of the school year

6. Principal Report

- a. [Good News](#) Jody C shared the Good News that was shared with Division Office; Teddy Bear Parade, Picnic and Field Trip to BCHS; Students doing announcements in the morning; Book Fair raised almost \$7000; Hansel & Gretel presentation thanks to School Council; Remembrance Day Art
- b. Christmas Concert Virtually this year- Pre-recording “A Grinchy Christmas” then put on our YouTube channel; telling a story with singing in it; includes all staff and students
- c. Field trips/volunteering Volunteers for Field Trips or in school are allowed - need a criminal record check that is kept on file at the school; all COVID regulations still apply such as masking, sanitizing, etc.; Parents will be given a list of duties and safety procedures.

7. School Council Contact Information Consent Form Members sign this every year; no information yet

8. Some coming school events:

- December 2 - Bears for Buddies
- December 9 - Dress as a character from the Grinch Who Stole Christmas
- December 10 - Wear Christmas colors
- January 7 - Backwards Day
- January - Farm Safety Presentations virtual

9. Topics to be considered for the next meeting to be emailed to chair one week in advance of the next meeting

10. Next Meeting: January 25th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment