

**Thorsby Junior/Senior High School
School Council
Parent Teacher Association
Minutes of the Meeting
April 16, 2020**

Present: Kim Chung, Jon Ganton, Kim Engler, Barbie Stratychuk, Barry Rasch, Shawna Ofstie, Samantha Sauer, Sherri Dobko, Shelly Birch, Jackie Knopp, Lorelei Stern
Meeting called to order: 7:02 pm

School Council Minutes

1. Changes or Additions: None
2. Minutes: Jackie Knopp motioned, seconded by Barbie Stratychuk, that the minutes from the March 9, 2020 meeting be adopted. Motion carried
3. Correspondence: COVID communications; Trustee Newsletter
4. SU Report: nothing to report
5. Black Gold Update: COVID19 update: budget implications-there will be cuts, some EA's and support staff will be laid off, honouring transportation contract until the end of the school year. Limited access to Division Office and all playgrounds are closed. Economic Outlook-early childhood development/Pre-K will see some changes. Funding for new high schools, some projects are being pushed through in an effort to try and boost the economy. Electoral Review will be voted upon by June 17. New Humble school closure will have final meeting and vote on April 22. The recommendation is to close the school but Board will have final say. Virtual ASCA meeting April 26.
6. Principal's Report: attached. Staffing meetings coming up. Some recommendations (these are put forth with the ultimate goal of keeping teachers in front of students): losing 2 out of 5 EA's, half time secretary and librarian. There has been a request for voluntary layoff put out but no responses so far. Budget was frozen as of last day of school. Shop-some students are continuing to work on and complete projects. Questions: How are the staff doing/coping? difficult times, adjustments to prep time necessary as planning takes extra long; miss the students; trying to make sure connections are still made; PTA would like to extend a huge thank you to the staff for their work and support!
Who's at the school? Administration was required to be there everyday until last week. That has changed to 3 out of 5 days now. Some staff has specific days they are going in. Teachers are no longer required to be there. Some facilities in the school are shut off. Custodians trying to get summer cleaning done as may be facing lay off.
7. Old Business: a) 2021 Grad information: tabled
8. New Business: a) 2020 Grad information: Is anything being done for the Grads? Should we still purchase glasses? As of right now, Grad has been postponed. There are a couple of options the school is exploring with the grads. One option is to possibly double up with Warburg. Have both schools celebrate their grad on the same weekend with one being Friday and the other Saturday. This would help with costs. The other option is to change the format of Awards Night and have something at that time. Yes, still purchase glasses. Jon suggested having them ready for June and the school can arrange for Grads to come and pick them up.

Meeting adjourned 7:25 pm

PTA Minutes

1. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: shop request; grad mugs
2. Minutes: Jackie Knopp motioned, seconded by Barbie Stratyчук, that the minutes from the March 9, 2020 meeting be adopted. Motion carried
3. Treasurer's Report: No balances available at this time. Shelley will scan and email bank statements to Barbie. There are a couple of invoices outstanding. Barbie will get those cheques written and we will figure out a way to get them signed and invoice paid.
4. Casino Report: nothing to report
5. Fundraising: tabled until next school year. Barry will continue to scout ideas for next year.
6. Old Business
 - a) Invoices: see above. Shop stuff approved prior to COVID shut down was not purchased. PTA agreed that this can be purchased next school year
7. New Business
 - a) Zoom: Kim purchased the enhanced app so that there would not be a time restriction on the meetings. Jackie Knopp motioned, seconded by Barbie Stratyчук, that the PTA pay for the monthly Zoom subscription for 3 months. Motion carried.
8. Next Meeting - do we want to continue to have meetings? everyone agreed its nice to connect with everyone and get any questions answered. Next Meeting May 14, 2020 at 7 pm
9. Meeting adjourned 7:36 pm