

**Thorsby Junior/Senior High School
School Council
Parent Teacher Association
Minutes of the Meeting
September 24, 2020**

Present: Kim Chung, Jon Ganton, Kim Engler, Barbie Stratychuk, Shawna Ofstie, Samantha Sauer, Meaghan Janssen, Jonah Feil, Sherri Dobko, Lorelei Stern
Meeting called to order: 7 pm

School Council Minutes

1. Changes or Additions: none
2. Minutes: Sherri Dobko motioned, seconded by Meaghan Janssen, that the minutes from the June 11, 2020 meeting be adopted. Motion carried
Jonah – request for reimbursement of money spent on equipment purchased to aid in social distancing activities. \$967. Questions: If not taking funds out of physical education budget where does the money come from? If we aren't able to reimburse him, it will come out of that budget. The budget is typically \$1500. Johan also requested funds to purchase more jerseys – these jerseys are reversible and can be used for more than one sport. It would cost about \$3000 for 40 jerseys.
3. Correspondence: none
4. SU Report: no SU at this point
5. Black Gold Update: zero cases of COVID in Black Gold schools, everyone seems to be coping really well, kids and teachers happy to be back in school, \$4.2 million in additional aid coming to the Board. Celebration of the Arts postponed but are thinking of trying to have something connected with the 25th anniversary celebration. Advocacy letter being worked on. Virtual council of school councils coming in October. Shawna will email report.
6. Principal's Report: attached. Questions: How much is usually budgeted for an in-school student per year? \$6000-7000. \$150 is given for distant learning student. Would a virtual Student's Union be possible? Logistics tough, space an issue. Monday updates helpful? Yes. Distance Learning only have core subjects- number of students participating was larger than expected. Hopefully more will be available in the future. If distant education students return to the school, is budget transferred back to school?
yes
Shawna extended a thank you to staff – school doing a great job adjusting. Jon thankful for extra 4 days. The equipment for shop that was approved last year still needed? Yes.
7. New Business
 - a. Questions answered above
 - b. Sports: If athletics return to schools, will distant learning students be able to participate? Yes, but need to be aware of exposure. Shawna will ask Board when athletics might return to schools – was under the impression it wouldn't be until January
 - c. February Re-integration: why early? For preparation if the students come back. How is everything going with COVID? Jon

indicated it's going well; quiet as less traffic in the hallways; things seem "normal" other than the masks. Chrome book ratio is pretty good but asking for one more cart; some students bringing their own devices; changing for gym going ok; how many students dropped Thorsby entirely? Only about 4, have some new students as well.

- d. Grad: Is there someone to connect with parents? Teachers are Mrs. Van Steenis; Ms. Gramlich and Ms. Wolgamuth, probably best to contact Shelly if any questions as Kim has a lot on her plate right now; community sign is the grads if they want it; Tara Coles running some fundraisers right now; approximately \$6000 in the account right now.

Europe trip: what's happening with fundraising monies? At this point being returned to students in equal shares; the refunds will be a bit yet as trying to get some things straightened out with contracts and cancellation issues, Black Gold lawyers are looking into this.

Year books available and how will distant learning students get them? Not available yet and will have scheduled pick up times.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 pm

PTA Minutes

1. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: none
2. Minutes: Sherri Dobko motioned, seconded by Meaghan Janssen, that the minutes from the June 11, 2020 meeting be adopted. Motion carried
3. Treasurer's Report: a) General Account: \$7697.37 as of September 1
b) Casino Account: \$9022.87 as of September 1
c) Annual Return: 2019 just needs signatures; 19-20 started
d) estimated budget presented
e) Auditors: Sherri Dobko agreed, will ask Lorelei McLeod and Shelly Birch. Kim Chung motioned, seconded by Barbie Stratychuk, that the PTA appoint Sherri Dobko audit the financials for the PTA and we will ask Lorelei McLeod or Shelly Birch to be the second auditor. Motion carried.
4. Casino Report: not sure if we have received any communication regarding casinos; wondering whether we will get an extension for spending deadline.
5. Fundraising: possible virtual fundraisers? Should we do any with the economy where it is?
6. Old Business: Zoom: Kim Chung motioned, seconded by Sherri Dobko, that the PTA purchase zoom as long as we need it this year, \$20 per month. The account will be set up under PTA so everyone has access. Motion carried.
7. New Business: Teacher requests: Barbie Stratychuk motioned, seconded by

Meaghan Janssen, that the PTA reimburse the school for gym equipment purchased in the amount of \$967 and purchase drum sticks in the amount of \$568 for the Band program. Motion carried.

Jon reminded Kim that President report is due.

8. Next Meeting - October 20, 2020 at 7 pm - AGM; advertise in Target 2 weeks prior; 1/4 page ad

9. Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm