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Regrets: Laura McCormick

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – the meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.

Guest Presentations

(Agenda Item 6. The presentations took place first as our presenters were available at the start of our meeting.)

➤ **Tracey Idle, RRDSB Mental Health Leader**

Tracey gave us a brief presentation about mental health in schools. She highlighted the Action Plan and Strategy. She discussed briefly online safety, reducing screen time, safe talk training, activities happening within the schools. She indicated the Board is always looking to engage the community and identify the supports needed or arrange workshops and presentations.

➤ **Robroy Donaldson, RRDSB OYAP Coordinator**

Robroy presented to us briefly on the Xello and Pathways Planning.

The focus is on students in grades 7 – 12.

IPP (Individual Pathway Plan) – starting in grade 7 students are encouraged to start thinking about who they are, what are their opportunities, who do they want to become, and what is their plan to achieve goals.

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2. **Review and approval of agenda** – Becky made a motion to approve the agenda, Krista O. seconded the motion. All were in favour.
3. **Review and approval of Previous Minutes** – Krista A. made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Kim Walter seconded the motion. All were in favour. (One minor correction was noted and adopted.)
4. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest** – no conflicts declared.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes (Old Business/Updates)**
 - **Parent Information Night (potential presenters re: drug information or parents, human trafficking, mental health, and tentative timeline)**

James Woods (GHAC's Mental Health Worker) is willing to come out and is flexible on when. Just give him a date as soon as we are able.
Hannah Ledrew (Mental Health Clinician)

Tracey Idle (RRDSB Mental Health Leader) – option to have her coordinate a Human Trafficking presentation by Jessica Wilson.

It was decided that we would look into dates after Christmas. Anytime between February – April.

Donna will determine if we could use the PIC Grant funds for this Parent Night/Family Night

We will have the evening start at 6pm with supper – ex. Pizza party (Have safe food handling students assist with meal) and School Council organize activities for kids. The idea to have better attendance is to provide supper, activities/care for children and allow parents to focus on the presentations and information sessions offered.

➤ **Hot Lunch Coordinator**

Donna will follow up asap and make sure a posting goes on Board Website.

We do have a community member with some interest. Krista O. will keep us updated on this person.

Discussed having volunteers in New Year look after offering hot lunch one or two days per month. The stipulation would be that someone with the Safe Food Handler Course needs to be in the school. (Donna does have this.)

➤ **Swimming Lessons**

Baudette Pool is the preferred location. Kim Walter hasn't spoken to anyone yet. Donna to confirm grades. We would like to see grades 1 – 4 have opportunity to go as the grade 2 – 4 students have not yet had any swimming lessons. Willing to discuss using fundraising money for those students. Board pays for the grade 1 students.

We will bring this back to our next meeting to determine if we have further confirmation from the Pool and confirmation of bussing. (A large bus should be sufficient to take grade 1 – 4 students.)

➤ **Outdoor Structure/Timeline**

Forms submitted to New Gold for donation funds.

Donna spoke to Travis at the Board regarding building permit, suppliers, possible pre-fab idea.

Board requires everything done to code. This would not be an issue as we will hire a Contractor.

Next Steps: 1. Get prints for project 2. Get Quotes 3. Select Contractor and set date to start build.

Another possible Contractor for project mentioned was Branden Brigham.

➤ **School Cookbook (2023 PRO Grant)**

Looking at shifting grant funds to Parent Information Night/Family Night. Donna to confirm.

➤ **Volleyball Net Installation**

Complete

➤ **Mom's Pantry**

Finalized. Delivery December 6th or 9th. Sold approximately \$9,400.00 worth. Profit to be determined.

➤ **Fundraising Ideas**

Sturgeon Creek Coffee (Kim Walter will look into this)

Fresh from the Farm (Ontario Produce, est. 40% of sales)

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