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 School Council November 8th, 2018
AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Upcoming events
 - Remembrance Day Ceremony
 - Orlando Bowen @ Chinook www.orlandobowen.com
 - Report cards
 - Scholastic Book Fair
 - Fringe Festival
3. Recent event feedback
 - Halloween dance
4. Skate Park Vision
5. Literacy and Numeracy time
6. School Council Operating Procedures

Next Meeting – January 31, 2019

Terry Hagel

Minutes:

Remembrance Day Ceremony:
 Friday, Nov. 9th at 10:40,
 parents welcome.

Nov. 20th - Orlando Bowen
 presentation at Chinook.
 Motivational speaker with a
 motivational speaker.
 Encouraging westside
 community building. Students
 will be bussed there and back.

Following the presentation,
 SJF staff are looking at
 developing our character ed
 program to define what it
 means to be a Fairbairn
 Falcon. Student involvement
 will be key.

Report Cards - part of the
 middle school pilot. No official
 report card will be issued.
 Instead, marks will be current
 by a certain date and teachers
 will have communicated any
 concerns, or celebrations, with
 parents. With access to
 PowerSchool, access to « real
 time » marks and comments

are available 24/7, negates the need for traditional report cards.

Parent comments centered on the change to our approach in life skills such as moving away from significant summarize evaluations, lack of failure, lack of due dates.

Bill responded with an explanation of the impact of formative vs. Summarize assessments and their alignment with changes in education.

Discussion around the shift between elementary and middle school and the change from rubrics to percentages

Fringe Festival - March 12th

We want to share skills that kids have developed within our building. Arts, science, CTF, etc.
 Performances, displays, and activities, and presentations around the school as groups are toured by student leaders. Kid created and allows them to share and show off their specialties.

Scholastic Book fair - delivery on the 5th of December and will run the following week. We need volunteers to help set up, man, and take down. Jenn Griffioen will be calling volunteers.
Claire Humphries, Lana.

Feed-back for the Halloween Dance - Friday for 1/2 a day of dress up, two opportunities to wear costumes, huge buy in.

-over all, kids had fun, lots of grade 8s on their phones, parents loved having the video to watch on YouTube, awesome,

Skate Park Vision - we are still in limbo but we are not letting our kids on it during the school day. Working with executive council to ensure that we have our liability covered. Safety concerns and how to ensure kids don't get hurt are currently the main hold up. Draft of student/parent contract shared with parents. Overall feedback was positive as it puts the responsibility where it belongs, which is on the kids and parents.

School Council Operating Procedures - draft of document shared for review and feedback.

Communication - not too much, monthly calendar?, upcoming events are being shared via email, emails are duplicated via school messenger, appreciate strong subject line, feeling that those who want to be informed can be informed, can we avoid requiring the buy-in for school council information?, feeling informed, would appreciate monthly calendar, can we move the homework pages to the front page.

District Council - bringing in guest speakers at the beginning of each meeting. Speakers list will be attached.

Literacy and Numeracy - students buying in, grade 8 kid who didn't like it now is. Students and teachers are seeing the positive impact.

December's 6th meeting - will share more budget information as well as construction update.