



**School Council Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 2019**

**Meeting Attendees:** Graeme Dennis, Joanne MacQuarrie, Natasha Finnie, Tammy Burgevitz, Ashleigh Murray, Sherry Rissling, Danielle Pluth, Jen Dyck, Terri-Lynn Arnal, January Clark, Annita Kristjanson, Julie Smyth, Kara Deering, Marci Sweet, Myrna Bushell, Melissa Waechter, Julie Gogolinski, Amy Deck, Shelly Stenhouse,

Item	Topic	Discussion	Person
1.0	<b>Call to Order: 6:34pm</b>		Ashleigh
2.0	<b>Approval of Sept Minutes</b>	Marcie approved agenda and Shelly second	
3.0	<b>Review of Agenda</b>	Terri-Lynn approved agenda and Shelly second	
4.0	<b>Report Updates</b>		
4.1	Principal/ Vice Principal	<p>See report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Sherry reviewed her list of thanks and notes that she apologizes if she misses anyone</li> <li>-Library Commons – Ashleigh, Marcie and Terry-Lynne would like to be involved in helping plan changes to the space.</li> <li>-November 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday – Powerlunch (staff lunch with superintendent)– need parent volunteers to help supervise (8 -10)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Siblings could join parent volunteers</li> <li>-Sherry will send message out on Messenger</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Gr. 9 student exchange fell through with specific community as they did not have enough interest, we are still on the list and trying for the spring.</li> <li>-School Photos – decided not to do full grade classroom pictures this year as buddy photos and siblings were too popular and ran out of time. Parents noted it wasn't clear the difference between the buddy vs. sibling pictures. Sherry to look into wording on the letter.</li> <li>-Still looking for a boys basketball coach</li> <li>-New options starting Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – students completed a survey to help determine options that would be available. Sherry notes that the District is making option trailers that could bring options right to the school i.e. welding etc. rather than going to the College. Will be more seasonal.</li> <li>-Maker Space – there is a calendar on the Seven Persons webpage noting what days there are openings for scheduling.</li> </ul>	Sherry

		-Fake an Injury day discussed – parent worried if children understand what they were dressing up as and worried about confusion.	
4.2	Chair/Vice Chair	Nothing to report	Ashleigh
4.3	Trustee	See report  - Ralston School – Literacy program -Alberta Education Act has changed, electoral boundary change review starting – currently 8 trustees, will not be 8 the next go around. Minister notes boards will be smaller going forward. Have until Dec 2020. -PRSD is up 1 student overall, first time in 5 years. Due to programming, academy development, numeracy/literacy in place, PAT scores are very good, great teachers -Transportation report – around \$60 000.00 a bus. Average is 30-40min. Posting a deficit of \$88 000.00	Graeme
4.4	Secretary	Nothing to report	Danielle P
4.5	Teacher	Natasha Finnie – new implementation of a self-evaluation tool for children K-Gr 3 to begin learning how to mark their work and help develop higher quality work. This will allow for a common visible (drawing of a cat) marking scheme between classes and help push kids to want to do more than just get by. Will meet children where they are at, what is excellence for that child. Helping put ownership back on students and to be involved in the process. What can you do to make that good work better? – Based off Visible Learning – John Haddy	Natasha Finnie
5.0	<b>Old Business</b>	Myrna nominated Ashleigh Murray for chair, Danielle second. No further nominations put forward. Ashleigh accepted.  Tammy nominated Terri-Lynn Arnal and Anita Kristjanson for vice chair, Jen second. No further nominations put forward. Terri-Lynn and Anita accepted.  Polar Bear Club – Anita to draft a letter to send to Sherry to send home indicating that parents will commit to dress children appropriately so they can go outside no matter what. Sherry notes supervision may be challenging to ensure they do wear what they have to and will have to be in a certain area. Anita to look more into it. Sherry also noted that children Gr. 4-9 have been given the option of sitting in the library over recess reading.  Volunteer Positions – all main organizing positions have been filled	Ashleigh Murray  Anita Kristjanson
6.0	<b>New Business</b>	Concern that there is no garbage in all the new bathrooms, right now only in the end bathroom.	Tammy B.
7.0	<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	7:40 pm	Ashleigh



		<p>Ashleigh noted it would be a good reminder that our fundraisers are mostly if you were going to buy those products anyways, not to feel pressure to send out every fundraiser to everyone you know.</p> <p>Group reviewed Fundraiser options – suggested:          November: Salt          Christmas: Maverick and Happy Hippo          February: Fruit and Veggies          April: Vessey Bulbs - give heads up that it's happening          April: Sausage/Cinnamon buns</p> <p>Suggesting packages go home with the youngest child</p> <p>Terri-Lynn- notes the organization she works with are getting a group from LA The Morris Brother in during the bullying week in November 20<sup>th</sup> afternoon – 40 mile paying and can't come into Cypress County but as a council can request money from Cypress County, will cost around \$1300. 2 sessions – K-Gr. 6 and then 7-9 for example          Myrna made motion to spend the \$1300 Danielle second, motion passed. Terri-Lynn to look into grants to help offset the costs.</p>	Ashleigh
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Meeting Adjourned: 8:31pm</b>		

**Future Meeting Dates:** November 20<sup>th</sup>, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>? – 6:30pm