



**Parent Council Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2017**

Meeting Attendees: Joanne MacQuarrie, Karen Murray, Graeme Dennis, Sherry Rissling, Ashleigh Murray, Krista Notenbomer, Danielle Pluth, Tammy Burgevitz, Angela, Julie Smythe, Tanya Ellis

Item	Topic	Discussion	Person
1.0	Call to Order: 6:36pm		Ashleigh M
2.0	Approval of Jan Minutes	Sherry changed date of previous minutes, along with deleting out the admin report and updating next meeting dates. Karen approved minutes and Krista second.	
3.0	Review of Agenda		
4.0	Report Updates		
4.1	Principal/Vice Principal	Sherry shared information from report. Review attached Administrator's report. Swim lesson date changed Junior ATB being explored Student Interviews – exploring being further student led. Gr. 1-6 still have small meetings. March 22 and 23 rd Safer Spaces training – looking at student training and parent training Security quote received – around \$28 000.00. Planning a beef jerky fundraiser. Possible grant money to be explored. Continue to have an outstanding \$6135.00 in fees for extra-curricular. Sherry is following up with same. Winterfest may be postponed due to messy conditions. Science Fair – trying to encourage as many children to participate. If not in this, then to participate in the Innovate Project. Gr 4-9. Gr.4 has been optional.	Sherry R.
4.2	Chair/Vice Chair	\$50 was paid to Alberta School Council Association to come and help train our counsel i.e role of parent counsel. Plan to hold perhaps on March 29 th , the same night as regular parent council night if there is a small agenda. Sherry noted she could possibly have a meal brought in by a caterer and cover it under school budget for PD. RSVP would be required. Annual General Meeting for School Councils Association on April 30 th , 2017. Angela Gust may be going, contact her if you are interested.	Angela Gust
4.3	Trustee	Meeting with Minister of Education – transportation, school fees, schools, new schools, additions for schools, Mennonite culture, New Brigden, Electoral Boundaries for Trustee – these will stay the same for the next four years. GP Government Policy 12 and 14 were carried. Board Trustee Chair Honorarium increased to reflect his extra duties. CTS presentation from Parkside – looking to add electrical and welding. Culinary could also be an option. Modules being done through the Medicine Hat College. This might be an option for Seven Persons School.	Graeme D.

		Voting stations for the by-election are in New Brigden, Oyen and Acadia Valley. 2 positions will be filled. Position in Redcliff has been filled.	
4.4	Secretary	Danielle questioned if minutes will be shared. Ashleigh to look into having them put on the website.	Danielle P
5.0	Old Business	Nothing to cover	
6.0	New Business	Time Table – wondering if this has been successful (change from 40 minutes to 30 minute). Sherry will be speaking to teachers to see their viewpoint and then parents will be able to contribute. Grad Dates – wondering what date this will be so the hall can be booked.	Tanya Ellis Tammy B
7.0	Meeting Adjourned:	7:24pm	Ashleigh M

Meeting B: Finance/Fundraising Committee Meeting

Item	Topic	Discussion	Person
1.0	Call to Order: 7:24		Ashleigh M
2.0	Finance Report Update	Total as of December 21, 2016: \$48 203 Playground funds - \$38 135.00 General \$10 067.00 Casino Funds: \$19 979.00 Krista notes that having a bank card with the account number would enable her to access the account online. Tanya made a motion for Krista to go ahead and get an account card. Julie second. For signing authority for the General Account: Chair – Tammy, Vice Chair – Angela and Ashleigh, Treasurer – Krista, Hot Lunch – Karen For signing authority for Casino Account: Chair – Tammy and Vice – Krista	Krista N
3.0	Old Proposed Spending	Covered in Finance Meeting Reviewed in 5.0 Dance- was great, grade nines didn't attend	Tammy B
4.0	Casino Money	\$16 240.17 deposited into the casino fund -Tanya made motion for \$3000 to be spent on the sound system upgrade. Tammy to see if casino funding can be used for sound system upgrade -Sound Kreations to be paid out -Swimming lessons/bussing to be paid out	Tammy B
5.0	Finance Meeting Reviewed	Tammy held a separate meeting to review financial requests and the excess playground funds. See meeting minutes of same. Questions of literacy programs reviewed regarding past funding provided by parent council. Sherry noted that the AR program is no longer being used. Sherry notes moving towards reflective reading is the goal, a handout or education for same to be provided to help parents help kids pick the just right book.	Tammy B

		<p>Jody suggested excess playground money be used for resurfacing the track and redoing the basketball hoops. Tanya suggested the track club have a look at it to suggest what to do. Jodi wanted it mentioned to keep gravel on playground not on the pavement as it wrecks the pavement</p> <p>Costs for the sign and line drawing to still come out of funds.</p> <p>Joanne suggested the painting of lines for pickle ball. Shed to store netting required for same.</p> <p>Swimming was discussed – is it still meeting the needs of what original intent was. The changed format is looking more at children being comfortable in the water vs. specifics of swim strokes.</p>	
6.0	New Spending	<p>Tanya Ellis suggested a banner be put up in the gym for Sage Watson to recognize her achievements. Ashleigh to contact Eagle Butte to see what type of protocol they have in place for same.</p> <p>Bussing costs have increased as Ron Bussing no longer operating and Southlands now to be used. Sherri and Joanne to look into quotes for bussing</p> <p>New sound system quote is \$5700, we have a motion to pay \$3000 for sound system. Tanya made a motion to use \$3000 from casino account to help pay for sound system</p> <p>Ribbon cutting for playground maybe on track and field day.</p> <p>Maybe do 2 movie nights or a bingo night or game night. Tanya organized bingo night last time and would offer advice. Outdoor movie night is another option</p> <p>Teacher appreciation- March 31, Julie, Krista and Ashleigh will organize. Lesley Jackson, Jodi Meyer, Jennifer Gechter volunteered to help out on signup sheet. There is spaghetti hot lunch that day that can be incorporated.</p> <p>Bus Driver Appreciation- April 7th. Tanya will look after gift for each bus driver. The drivers usually stay after they drop the kids off in the morning, kids make cards parent council provides snacks and a gift. There are 11 bus drivers. Leslie Jackson, Ashley Jackson, Michelle Isaak and Julie Smyth volunteered to help on the signup sheet. Ashleigh will talk to Michelle about organizing the snacks.</p>	
7.0	New Revenue		
7.1	Hot Lunch	There will be hot lunch March 31, April 28 th and May 26 th .	Karen M
7.2	Movie	Movie night- Shelley Stenhouse will take over, date to come	
7.3		Talked about using bingos as fundraising, too much work not enough money	
7.0	Meeting Adjourned: 8:45pm		

Commented [DP1]:

Future Meeting Dates: 6:00 pm (possibly if education from Parent Council Association)- March 29, 2017, 6:30 pm - May 3, 2017, 6:30 pm.

Administrator's report for February 15, 2017 Parent Council Meeting

Old business:

1. PE4CE updates
 - a. January 27 (Friday) 12:40-1:50 great involvement
 - b. Winterfest – Feb 17 from 12:40-3:00
 - c. March 21 (12:40-3:00)– Science Fair/Innovate showcase –
 - d. March 23– Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart 2:00-3:00
 - e. April 7 (2:00-3:00) – Easter Egg Decorating
 - f. May 5 (2:00-3:00)– Photo scavenger hunt
 - g. May 17 or 19 Track and Field
 - h. June 26 (2:00-3:00) team outdoor games
2. Request for spending:
 - a. Furniture – gathering area, desks, etc. – playground \$?
 - b. Portable smartboard
 - c. Literacy – listening centre materials
 - d. Mini ipads for literacy centre
 - e. Sound system upgrade – cost more than anticipated – \$5734.03
 - f. Security system – using some remaining playground money? – quote – see camera placement
 - g. Backstops – playground \$
 - h. Repair holes in track and refill the sand pits
3. School Plan
 - a. Sent long version to core group
4. Extra-curr update –next year will require parent volunteers for supervision if students are waiting at the school for a late practice or game.
5. Science fair presentations – gr 6-9 students also have the option of doing an Innovate Project (based on presentation that we had from MHC entrepreneur students on Jan 25. Half the gym on March 21 will be traditional science fair projects and half will be Innovate projects (see last month's minutes for more details)
6. Partnership with MH News – Design an Ad Campaign – students can earn money for their class and the class with the most ads purchased will win a giant sub
7. Swim lessons (gr 4-5) booked for:
 - a. Wednesdays on May 3, 10, 17, 31 and Friday May 5 and May 26 time is 1:15-2:15.

New Business:

1. New options – Innovate and Journalism

2. Booked presentation for our students:
 - a. ALIS Learning Clicks for JH
3. Will be offering Junior ATB – allowing gr 4-6 students to open an ATB branch in our school. Students will be hired for various positions and will run the branch like a real branch, with a CEO/board of directors etc. This program will be supported through a mentorship with local ATB staff.
4. Exploring new format for 2nd set of interviews – using collaborative teams model and more student led opportunities. Still working on what this will look like.
5. Safer Spaces training – had a parent/staff session last spring; planning on offering student session
6. Security system – see quote.
7. Extra-curr: need a badminton coach. Improved processes including letter of content to try out, outlining associated costs.
8. Unpaid fees – still have \$6,135 owing. Unpaid fees will affect students’ ability to participate in extra-curricular or co-curricular events, unless arrangements are made with Mrs. Risling.

Upcoming/recent events:

February 17 – Winterfest school wide activity – 12:40-3:00 pm

February 20-24 – no school for students due to Family Day, days in lieu for PTIs and Teacher’s convention

March 16 – report cards for K-9

March 17 – District Improvement Day – no school for students

March 21 – School Science Fair/Innovate Fair

March 22 and 23- 4:00-7:00 Student led conferences

March 23 – Jump rope and hoops for heart 2:00-3:00

May 24 – Cypress County Public Works for gr 4 and 5 students

March 29 – K registration and parent council meeting

March 31 – Parent council hot lunch

April 7 – PE4CE activity Easter Egg decorating

April 8 – Regional Science Fair – at college

April 28 – Parent council hot lunch

May 3 – Parent council meeting

May 12 – Muffins with mom (Division 1)

Swim lessons for gr 4-5 in May – see above

May 17 or 19 Track day