



Parent Council Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2017

Meeting Attendees: Joanne MacQuarrie, Karen Murray, Myrna Bushell, Graeme Dennis, Sherry Rissling, Ashleigh Murray, Krista Notenbomer, Kim Vandorp, Kelly Thomson, Danielle Pluth, Tammy Burgevit

Item	Topic	Discussion	Person
1.0	Call to Order: 6:34		Ashleigh M
2.0	Approval of Nov Minutes	Karen made motion to approve minutes, Myrna seconded, all in favour Date of Science Fair changed to March 21, 2017	
3.0	Review of Agenda	-Checks for Kindergarten Parent Council and grad pictures	
4.0	Report Updates		
4.1	Principal/Vice Principal	<p>Sherry shared information from report. Review attached Administrator's report.</p> <p>Thanks to all those who helped with hayrides, went really well</p> <p>Thanks to all those who helped with Christmas Market which raised a good amount of money- \$944.70 and went well</p> <p>PE4CE Projects – Literacy Fair – goal is to get kids excited about reading books and sharing. K-4 is optional. 12:40-1:50 -Old Fashioned Valentines to be made and given out i.e. with lace etc. as opposed to pre-made. -Winterfest TBA</p> <p>Request for Spending: (Possible Playground Money ideas) -Furniture for gathering area, desks, etc. it is a community space -Portable smartboard -Sounds System – wiring upgrading needed, wireless stereo system etc. \$3000 or so. -Literacy Center \$3500 – headphones and CDs etc. for listening centers in classrooms -IPADs purchased for \$1500 – workbook money converted to IPAD use -Security System – completion of Lethbridge - \$15 000.00-\$17 000.00. – Vandalism happening every year taking money out of operational budget. Have on every door, hallway and playground to ensure safety of kids and property. -Fix backstops A committee should be formed to help decide same.</p> <p>Hour Zero -Use of visitor badges – is anyone reminding to use same? -Online quizzes for families – online, prizes can be won for families</p> <p>School Plan -Long version still to be sent out</p> <p>Basketball -Tournament cancelled -Moving Gr. 6 girls to play with boys B2Team</p> <p>Science Fair –Gr. 4-9</p> <p>Swim Lessons – Wednesdays on May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and Friday May 5 time is 1:15-2:15</p>	Sherry R.

		<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Partnership with MHC for Gr. 6-9 – create an Innovate Project – reuse a discarded item for the social cause. Presentation on Jan 25th at 2pm for students. Students can do display innovative project instead of science fair. Half of gym on March 21st can be Science Fair or Innovate Projects. Will offer an option (Jan 31-April 14) for Gr. 7-8 students to work on projects -Partnership with MH New – gr. 2-6 – will participate in Design an Ad Campaign -Raegan Weeks has been sharing a model that she is researching regarding collaborative teams model and more student led opportunities. Looking at new format for 2nd set of interviews. Looking at how can we help parents with helping their children with their education and learning i.e. expanding how parents could help a child with their spelling test etc.- Perhaps a resource or parents handbook etc. Specific hints would be helpful too. Also looking at helping parents to see how child is doing relative to peers. Reagan will be meeting with Seven Persons February 3rd. -School year calendar for next 2 years is approved and on PRSD website. -Children missing 10% of schools days up until this point will be receiving letters to note it can impact child's education. These will be standard automated letters starting next year. -Gr. 6-9 still write PATs for this year. Everyone in province has to write at the same time on the same day. Next year there will be more of a window of when to write the test. This will assist with PAT scores so tests are not always falling on the last day. -Accountability Pillar – spread the word to gr. 4 and 7 parents to return to Alberta Ed. Last year had the best return rate. <p>Upcoming events reviewed.</p> <p>Let Sherry know any ideas for Canada flag day on Feb. 15th. Also it is Canada's 150 year birthday this year...</p> <p>Sherry handed over invoice to Treasurer for Sound Kreations. School paid invoice and Parent Council to reimburse.</p>	
4.2	Chair/Vice Chair	Annual General Meeting for School Councils Association on April 30 th , 2017. Angela Gust may be going, contact her if you are interested.	Ashleigh M
4.3	Trustee	<p>Junior ATB at Irvine School – set up like a real bank. Kids can open an account and put in 50 cents etc. and is actually a real account. Graeme suggested Carol Carlson get in touch with Sherry to explore for Seven Persons. Gr. 4 and up. Kids actually participate in doing of the math etc.</p> <p>Update Superintendent's role and responsibilities. Applications for same will close January 31. Short list and then interviews to follow.</p> <p>Bob Wickens and Christi Dick from Board of Trustees have resigned due to moving out of the district. They will be missed.</p> <p>CUPE agreement has been ratified. 7 people in division are under this agreement.</p> <p>Curriculum review resources – moved \$300 000.00 for restricted funds to go towards resources for new curriculum.</p> <p>Up north – will be having a bi-election for a trustee. Had 8, lost 3 so down to 5 trustees. Only enough for quorum. Still undergoing conversations for the New Brigdon area.</p> <p>FNMI (First Nations Mete Inuit) Coordinator resigned from PRSD</p>	Graeme D.
4.4	Secretary	Nothing to report	Danielle P

5.0	Old Business	Milk Program – hours of support staff secured to begin the program. Sherry will create the letter. Sound Kreation event reviewed – -Very pleased with instructors ability to be inclusive with all children and showcase their strengths. Performances were excellent. -Marking off chairs for students vs. parents seating would be very helpful -Coordinated Christmas props like hats or something could have added to the performance. -Decorating ideas be considered for next time such as having gr. 9 students forming a committee or putting up kids Christmas decorations etc. to add to the event.	
6.0	New Business	-Waiting for Kindergarten checks to be sent -Wondering if junior high class could assist with making a backdrop for K Grad pictures.	Karen M
7.0	Meeting Adjourned:	7:48pm	Ashleigh M

Meeting B: Finance/Fundraising Committee Meeting

Item	Topic	Discussion	Person
1.0	Call to Order: 7:48		Ashleigh M
2.0	Finance Report Update	Motion was made by Karen Murry to nominate Krista Notenbomer to become treasurer. 3 calls for nomination made. Myrna Buscholl moved that nomination cease. Krista to meet with Amanda. Books to be updated. Karen Murray noted a system for paying for hot lunches required. General Account: \$49 643,89 - Playground Fund: \$41 097.97= Available: \$8 545.94 Casino Account: \$21 449.22 Money to be paid out: Sound Kreations, Swim Lessons, Field Trips Next Casino May 2018	Angela/ Tammy B
3.0	Old Proposed Spending		
3.1	Sound Kreation invoice to be paid by parent council.		
4.0	Casino Money	Teacher Priorities: Music budget, Art budget, Literacy resources then the school budget could be diverted to other things. Parent Council Meeting needed to discuss budgeting and spending priorities. Tammy reviewed what casino money could be used for.	Tammy B
5.0	New Spending	Tammy made motion to spend \$3000 on improving the sound system. Myrna seconded. Sherry to let Visions know and they will take 2-3 weeks to get work done.	
6.0	New Revenue		
6.1	Hot Lunch	February 6 th order form for parent council hot lunch will go out. There will be hot lunch March 31, April 28 th and May 26 th .	Karen M
6.2	Movie	Options of Feb. 17 th and March 3 rd being decided on	
7.0	Meeting Adjourned:	8:25pm	

Future Meeting Dates: Feb. 15, 2017, 6:30 pm - March 29, 2017, 6:30 pm - May 3, 2017, 6:30 pm.

Administrator's report for January 18, 2017 Parent Council Meeting

Old business:

1. Thanks to
 - a. PC for bringing in Sound Kreations and for arranging the hayrides (Myrna and all her helpers)
 - b. Tara and all the volunteers/donors for the Christmas Market – raised \$944.70

2. PE4CE updates
 - a. January 27 (Friday) 12:40-1:50 see below– literature fair – note sent home already
 - b. February 10 (Friday) 2:00-3:00 - Old Fashioned Valentines
 - c. Winterfest TBA
 - d. March – TBA – Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart
 - e. March 21 (12:40-3:00)– Science Fair -
 - f. April 7 (2:00-3:00) – Easter Egg Decorating
 - g. May 5 (2:00-3:00)– Photo scavenger hunt
 - h. May 17-19 Track and Field
 - i. June 26 (2:00-3:00) team outdoor games

3. 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. Kindergarten puppets for Animated Literacy program
 - f. Sound system upgrade – see quote – playground \$?
 - g. Security system – using some remaining playground money?
 - h. Backstops – playground \$

4. Hour zero - PRSD goal
 - a. How are visitor badges working?
 - b. On-line quizzes for families

5. School Plan
 - a. Sent long version to core group

6. Extra-curr update
 - a. Basketball
 - tournament – likely cancelled
 - moving some gr 6 girls to play with boys B2 teams (received permission from the JHAA)

7. Science fair presentations – get your child (gr 4-9) thinking about a project; a manual was shared with students on November 16, when they had an introductory presentation

8. Swim lessons (gr 4-5) booked for:
 - a. Wednesdays on May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and Friday May 5 time is 1:15-2:15.

New Business:

1. Partnership with MHC entrepreneurship students for Gr 6-9 students to create an “Innovate Project” to reuse a discarded item for the social cause. Presentation on Jan 25 (2:00) for students. Students can do/display innovate project instead of science fair. Half gym will be science fair and half innovate projects for March 21 Science Fair. Will offer an option (Jan 31-April 14) for gr 7-8 students to work on their projects.
2. 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
3. Exploring new format for 2nd set of interviews – using collaborative teams model and more student led opportunities
4. School year calendar for next 2 years is approved and on PRSD website.
5. New announcement regarding window of administration for PATs – for next year
6. Accountability pillar – spread the word to gr 4 and 7 parents to return to AB ED

Upcoming/recent events:

January 18 – Parent Council meeting

January 20 – Arctic presentation (National Geographic photographer – John Dunn) 12:50-1:50

Jan 20 – K field trip – all K students attend

January 27 – Literature Fair 12:40-1:00 – K-4, 1:00-1:20 gr 4/5 and 5; 1:20-1:40 grade 6 and 7; Parent council hot lunch; dress a favorite book character (for lit fair)

January 30 – deadline to register for ski trip through schoolcash. No late registrations allowed.

February 1 2:00-3:00 Winter Walk

Feb 2 – dress as favorite superhero/villain (follow policy)

February 3 – School improvement day – no school for students

February 6 – Parent Council hot lunch order out through school cash

February 8 –Ski trip – gr 5-9

February 10 – Wear pink to support anti-bullying pink shirt campaign that is normally on Feb 22 (but we are not at school that day)

Feb 15 – National Canada Flag day -ideas

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

March 17 – District Improvement Day – no school for students

March 21 – School Science Fair/Innovate Fair

April 8 – Regional Science Fair – at college

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