



**School Council Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2019**

**Meeting Attendees:** Graeme Dennis, Joanne MacQuarrie, Karen Murray, Tammy Burgevitz, Ashleigh Murray, Sherry Rissling, Danielle Pluth, Angela Guest, Terri-Lynn Arnal, January Clark, Annita Kristjanson, Krista Notenbomer, Julie Smyth, Kara Deering, Marci Sweet, Myrna Bushell, Karen Dion, Jen Dyck, Melissa Waechter

Item	Topic	Discussion	Person
1.0	<b>Call to Order: 6:40pm</b>		Christy
2.0	<b>Approval of Apr Minutes</b>	Angela approved agenda and Karen second	
3.0	<b>Review of Agenda</b>	Julie approved agenda and Karen second	
4.0	<b>Report Updates</b>		
4.1	Principal/ Vice Principal	<p>See report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Spirit Days coming up – parents welcome</li> <li>-Sherry notes only 2 parents followed up regarding class lists noting this is fewer than usual so perhaps the new process of releasing lists in June was helpful.</li> <li>-Mrs. Copeland is taking some students (gr. 4-6) leadership team to attend HASS on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> and they will inform recess practices.</li> <li>-Parent volunteer to help with learning commons – library environment Ashleigh and Terri-Lynn note they would be interested</li> <li>-November 20<sup>th</sup> – 7 parent volunteers from 11:40-12:30 for supervision while staff meet with the Superintendent. Would council like to cater?</li> <li>-Accountability Pillar results – 5% to 20% higher than provincial averages in all areas – thanks to staff, students and parents.</li> <li>-School Review data from survey results should be on the website               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Strategies for priorities of a) Learning Commons b) School Climate c) School Leadership d) School Communications</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Building student and parent handbook online – let Sherry know if you think of something that should be added</li> <li>-No longer have the DREAMS program at SPS, so Family School Liaison time has been decreased to 2 days a week and Elaine Terry is covering for Carla Stern for 6 months.</li> <li>-Student numbers projected at 245 students and ended up at 240 students but additional K children so resulted in difference of 2.</li> </ul>	Sherry

		<p>-Upcoming events and dates reviewed</p> <p>Joanne – notes coming up with new hot lunch ideas is challenging, she notes Subway prices are going up and \$5 was a break even.</p> <p>Karen Dion – shared her Uganda trip this summer leading professional development for teachers. Gr. 1 class last year sold slime and Karen was able to purchased 180 books through Scholastic – Giraffe’s C an’t Dance. Karen taught lessons they could use around that book. They were so amazed that children from here helped to raise the money. 80 teachers per week came through training. Some teachers have 90-110 students with only a tree to sit under or limited tables/chairs to fit students. One of the challenges was dusty dark classroom that they were cleaning the walls with cow dung. Reflecting on our classrooms here, we have so much that they couldn’t dream of. As well, within the community there, no support from parents, sent with no food, no school supplies sent, and school is looked down upon. Families may have 15 children and only send a few to school. It was challenging to come up with realistic solutions in their circumstances. Limited training for teachers as girls rarely go beyond gr. 5, if they made it to gr. 7 that was something to celebrate. Menstruation often keeps them from school. Karen is hoping to show her class from last year the pictures from her trip.</p> <p><b>Facebook</b> – Sherry notes that she is beginning to use Facebook more often but still not a lot of parents following, hoping to increase this.</p>	
4.2	Chair/Vice Chair	Nothing to report	Ashleigh
4.3	Trustee	<p>See report</p> <p>-PRSD able to meet with Minister of Education – good discussion on rural connectivity as can be challenging for children to get onto internet for homework etc.</p> <p>-Still haven’t heard anything regarding budget. Down only 1 student for PRSD, had thought could be down 35</p> <p>-Reviewed cardboard calendar and booklet PRSD has done – feedback asked for same.</p> <p>-Met with Medicine Hat College discussing their 10 year vision – talked about ensuring students have good counselling for careers to choose courses needed more accurately.</p>	Graeme
4.4	Secretary	Nothing to report	Danielle P
5.0	<b>Old Business</b>	-No old business	
6.0	<b>New Business</b>	<p>-We have 20 parents at tonight’s meeting, Foremost only has 19!</p> <p><b>New Chair</b></p>	Ashleigh Murray

		<p>-Christi Martens has had to step down as Chair and a new chair is needed.          -Could possibly leave it open for a month or Ashleigh could take it on with a vice Chair to help – she would be ok with chairing and minutes but would like to divide activities such as updating Facebook posts, monthly newsletter note, attending council of council meetings.          -Discussion regarding monthly newsletter perhaps just a standard note – see minutes on website etc.          -Decided let’s advertise for a month – run meetings, minutes, oversee everything – checking in on volunteers for events etc.</p> <p><b>Polar Bear Club</b> – Annita notes her sister-in-law in Saskatoon’s school has a signup sheet for parents committing to send proper clothing to go outside no matter what – shorten recess if needed etc.          -Sherry noted that supervision would be challenging. For current inside recess they walked around the school and supervision teachers monitored at the corners. She noted she would look further into this.</p> <p><b>Conference Calls:</b> Krista would like to know opinions if video conferencing is worth exploring and if participation would improve as perhaps some parents can’t come due to childcare restrictions etc. Terri-Lynne notes it works well through Zoom for her work.</p> <p>In addition, Ashleigh wondered if babysitting available would help participation, some parents noted that meetings are maybe too late – Karen suggested asking at the K council meeting to see if that would be appealing.</p> <p><b>Volunteer Update</b> – Ashleigh brought the volunteer sheet to the school breakfast and all organizing positions have been filled up except track and field</p> <p><b>Seven Persons Clothing</b> – some parents would like the logo to go back to previous style but Sherry noted the feedback from students didn’t like it. Also there is very limited selection for younger kids. Sherry will follow up with staff regarding the possibility of changing the logo in the middle of the year.</p> <p><b>Dance</b> – report card deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup> so staff really busy the week before.</p> <p><b>Facebook</b> – Seven Persons School, Seven Persons School Council  <b>What’s Ap</b> – Parents group</p>	<p>Annita</p> <p>Krista</p>
<p>7.0</p>	<p><b>Meeting Adjourned:</b></p>	<p>7:49 pm</p>	<p>Ashleigh</p>

**Meeting B: Finance/Fundraising Committee Meeting**

Item	Topic	Discussion	Person
1.0	<b>Call to Order: 7:49pm</b>		Tammy
2.0	<b>Finance Report Update</b>	<p>Krista reviewed the financial statements.</p> <p>-Net loss – but purpose is to raise money and give back to the school. -All playground funds have been used now towards sound system -Next casino is in March and funds have to last up to 18 months</p> <p>-Planned to raise \$10 000 to help the sound system fundraising, currently at around \$8000, need push for \$2000 more</p>	Krista
3.0	<b>Old Spending</b>	<p>Sound system is up and working – Ashleigh wondered if it can be used for a movie night, Ashleigh would like it checked out as Shelly would like to do a movie night this fall.</p> <p>Previous \$5500 given to school – Tammy asked what specific things it was used for, Sherry notes RAZ kids, Kindergarten requests, science and art materials. Score clock will be purchased and it is coming out of Red Deer. Sherry also purchased 4 basic 1<sup>st</sup> aide kits.</p>	Karen
4.0	<b>New Money</b>	<p><b>Oliver Labels</b> – made \$198.06 – Annita noted it was easy to use and limited advertising needed – did go home in report cards. 18 orders and we get 20%. The account is ongoing so we can continue to promote it all year.</p> <p><b>Fundraiser ideas</b> – if anyone wants to do a fundraiser, they are free to bring that forward. Ashleigh suggested a bar-b-q before the dance. Cinnamon buns, beef jerky, cookie dough, bath salts etc. discussed. Vessy Bulbs was a really good fundraiser.</p> <p><b>Farewell supper</b> – made \$4300 and Myrna is willing to look after it again next year.</p> <p><b>Hot lunch</b> – Karen notes that dessert is noted on hot lunch however no one specified for it, she will talk to Mrs. Copeland to see if her group can help make dessert for some of the meals.</p> <p><b>Casino March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup></b> – Tammy will be looking for volunteers to sign up by December to get forms submitted by Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>Annita</p> <p>Tammy</p> <p>Myrna</p> <p>Karen</p> <p>Tammy</p>
5.0	<b>New Spending</b>	<p><b>Teacher Wish list needed</b></p> <p><b>Ongoing wish list:</b> Sherry notes projector in the gym is needed to finish off that project as well as a committee will be formed for the Learning Commons – reconfiguring the library etc.</p>	Tammy
7.0	<b>Meeting Adjourned: 8:21pm</b>		

**Future Meeting Dates:** Wednesday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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

