



SEVEN PERSONS SCHOOL

School Council Meeting Minutes April 17, 2024

School Council Purpose “ To Enhance Student Learning”

Item	Topic	Discussion	Time (min)	Person
1.0	Call to Order @1833	Meg, Graeme, Myrna, Tara, Marci, Kelsey, Stacey, Ashleigh, Joanne, Catherine, Tanner, Rebecca, Karen, Danielle, Tammy, Krista	1	Danielle
2.0	Review and Approval of March Minutes	Marci approves them, Danielle seconds them.	1	
3.0	Review of Agenda	No additions.	1	
4.0	Report Updates			
4.1	Chair/ Vice Chair	<p>Encouragements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Exhibition of Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students did a great job, good sense of community. -Facebook Posts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Posts have increased which is excellent! -Easter Parties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parties were a hit with all the kids. -Solar Eclipse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Resch’s welding goggles and the solar eclipse was a hit -Lemonade stand course was fabulous -Baby pictures of the teachers is a hit with the kids -Mrs. Starner and the tech design to assist with bus driver appreciation gifts 	2	Danielle
4.1	Teacher report	<p>Brief update on what is happening in your class or academy</p> <p>School update from teachers</p> <p>How can PC support you in your classroom? Are there any other requests for support?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rebecca – She is doing a play with the kids called “It’s a mad house”. It’s about spoiled kids who get together and are fighting over their fathers will. They have their own mic’s and can calibrate the system better. They are working on props this month. Play is June 6. There will be an evening show and morning show. Prop list is super small for the play. Looking for a fancy couch that looks expensive. ● Tanner – Teaches PE, he also does the hockey academy. It is their last on ice day tomorrow. In Gr. 5 he is taking on creative writing. They will start doing track and field prep on Monday. ● Cayley and Rebecca are looking at putting together a field trip Riding on Stone, Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump. Looking for 	5-10	

		<p>parent council to assist with bus funding. Parent Council would allocate \$500.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to rethink how Parent Council funds field trips. i.e., can every year be \$500 but it gets put aside for some years to have more money to spend larger amounts on bigger field trips. Can discuss further at the financial meeting. School division purchased a bus for the Oyen area. Why could the school division not purchase a bus to be shared for all the school districts. 		
4.2	Principal/Vice Principal	<p>Administration update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to Amy, Marci, Tara, for the room refresh, and parent council for funding it • Exhibition of learning went excellent! An hour didn't feel long enough to see all the classrooms. It was more of a community feel, there was lots of visiting and there were always people in the rooms with the kids. • Junior High presentation-RCMP Talks. Online safety session with White Hatter. He shared the things on social media that can get kids in trouble. The White Hatter website has a ton of resources. Catherine will link the website in the newsletter. https://thewhitehatter.ca/ Kids reported that it was important for them to hear the messages. • Junior High city track meet is May 29th. • If anyone knows anyone with a rototiller to do the long jump pits. Marci's dad will do the pits. • Greenhouse-should have 700 plants to sell! There is flowers and vegetables. Joanne will do a poster to market them. They will be sold for \$1 each. They also donate some of them to the Food Bank. • Two Seven Persons students won Rodeo Princess for a day! 	5	Catherine
4.3	Trustee	<p>Prairie Rose School Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attachment (p.6) • EBHS will be doing new courses including Baseball, Equine, STEM/Robotics/Drones, financial management, and musical theater. They are doing the Wonka play. Their fire and rescue academy is going well. 	10	Graeme
5.0	Old Business			
5.1	Event	<p>Teacher Appreciation - Update/ Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff room refresh, they decluttered, found a coffee bar, and reno'd. There was tons of treats delivered also. 	5	Marci
5.2	Event	<p>Council of School Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Could do strategic planning - community development officer (Karen Bluet) available for this. -Team building for a meeting, could that help with volunteers? A way for parents to get to know other parents - May? • They made worm buckets for composting. • They provided insight into running meetings and setting agendas. • Meeting types were discussed. i.e., team building-good to establish relationships, 	10	Danielle

6.0	New Business			
6.1	Track and Field	<p>-May 8th Junior High - are students running a small concession and do they need help with this?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot dogs and smokies will be done. The students are doing a snack concession who are not participating in the event. <p>-May 31st Elementary Track - Who is heading up concession? Gr. 1-3 will pre-order and 4-9 will do concession</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Martens is coordinating the concession 	5	Danielle
6.2	Elections	<p>May Meeting</p> <p>-Description of Roles - see below</p> <p>-A quorum for the Annual General Meeting is eight (8) members of the school community of which seven (7) must be parents of children attending Seven Persons School. The Principal or Vice-Principal must be in attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See bylaws below. Elections will be announced in the newsletter. We are missing having representatives to the classes. Can we ask for reps from the classrooms. This would assist with establishing relationships to garner up volunteers. Could consider doing a welcome package for Gr 1-4 		Danielle
	Upcoming Events	Dance - April 25th, 2024 - Kelsey Haubrich		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers are going slow. 		
		Casino - May 8th and 9th - Tammy Burgevitz		
		Track and Field for Junior High - May 8th morning		
		Track and Field for Elementary - May 31st or June 3rd if rain out		
7.0	Meeting Adjourned	Next Meeting- May 15th at 6:30pm Meeting adjourned at 1923.	1	Danielle

School Community Event Coordinators - Kelsey Haubrich and Ashleigh Murray

Month	Event	Person In Charge 2023-2024
September	Back to School Chili Cook-Off	Marci Sweet
October	School Dance	Kelsey Haubrich
November	Bingo	Danielle Pluth
December	Christmas Market Community Christmas (even years)	
January	Movie Night	Amy Sameshima

March		
April	Teacher Appreciation School Dance	Marcy Sweet and Amy Deck Kelsey Haubrich
May	Track and Field Concession Bus Driver Appreciation	Ashleigh Murray
June		

ARTICLE 9: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

9.01 Chairperson

The Chair of the School Council shall:

- (a) Prepare the agenda for meetings in conjunction with the Principal;
- (b) call and chair meetings of the School Council;
- (c) be responsible for the overall functioning of the School Council;
- (d) prepare and provide the Board annually with a report setting out the activities of the School Council;
- (e) a liaison with the Board;
- (f) represent the School Council at external functions;
- (g) be an ex-officio member of all committees;
- (h) normally serve a maximum of two consecutive terms (each consisting of two (2) years)

9.02 Vice-Chairperson

The Vice-Chair shall:

- (a) assist the Chair and assume the duties of the Chair in his or her absence;
- (b) normally serve a maximum of two consecutive terms (each consisting of two (2) years).

9.03 Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- (a) record and be the custodian of the minutes of the School Council;
- (b) prepare and file correspondence of the School Council;
- (c) prepare and file correspondence of the School Council as required by the Chair;
- (d) normally serve a maximum of two consecutive terms (each consisting of two (2) years).

2. The Council shall consist of a minimum of twelve (12) members to a maximum of eighteen (18) members depending on the interest in a given year. The Council shall be organized in the following manner.

- a minimum of seven (7) parents of students attending the school. At least one (1) shall be a parent who is a member of the Seven Persons School Parent Association (voting member)
- one (1) elected community member preferably without children attending Seven Persons School (voting member)
- three (3) staff members of the School (non-voting members)
- School Board Trustee (non-voting member)

In an attempt to be representative of the School's student population and geography, the following distribution of parents shall be used, if possible:

- one (1) shall be a parent who has a child in kindergarten;
- two (2) shall be parents who have children in grades 1 – 3;
- two (2) shall be parents who have children in grades 4 – 6;
- two (2) shall be parents who have children in grades 7 – 9;
- one (1) shall be a parent who has a child at Seven Persons School and Eagle Butte High School

Of the three (3) staff members:

- one (1) shall be the Principal;
- one (1) shall be the Vice-Principal;
- one (1) shall be a rotating member. At the staff meeting in September teachers to fill this rotating position will be determined by the staff.

Board Highlights April 9 2024

Eagle Butte High School Presentation

Eagle Butte High School administration, which included principal Rocheal Howes and vice principals Greg Elgie and Lyall Loran, provided trustees with an overview of the school and programming options. It was shared that school staff have broken out into groups and, during PD days, brainstorm opportunities to enhance learning under the four PRPS education goals of ignite minds, forge futures, kindle hearts and First Nations Métis Inuit. Some examples shared include an upcoming field trip to Blackfoot Crossing, where Treaty 7 was signed, a new team of Mathletes who are headed to Edmonton to compete in a Math competition, Alumni Day, where the school invited several former students to speak to students about their current careers, a collaboration between the STEM class and Elkwater to use drones to geo map a section of land, and regular Spirit Days and events where students celebrate accomplishments and promote Talon pride. It was also noted that the school is projecting an enrollment increase for the 2024-2025 year from 497 to 550 students. This will be the highest enrollment count for the school since it opened in the 1990s.

Executive Report Highlights

The PRPS Executive team attended the Special Areas Advisory Meeting. The Oyen and area revitalization report was provided at the meeting.

Parkside Jr High School will be hosting an open house on April 11th where the public can come and provide input on the design and layout of the school modernization. The event takes place from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Transportation RFP closes on Friday, April 12th at noon. A public tender opening will take place at the office immediately following.

Finance Update

Finance Controller Candice Hintz provided a fiscal update to the board which represents spending and revenues for 60% of the school year, or 50% of the fiscal year. It was shared that PRPS is expecting revenues to come in \$1,263,606 higher than budgeted, while expenses are expected to increase by \$1,326,513. The difference will be an increased overall deficit of \$62,907 from (\$167,381) to (\$230,288).