

Fox Creek School Council Meeting Minutes

Sept 17/14

Members Present – Jenn Ashmore, Sarah DeCiccio, Amber Luciak, Tamara Czinkota, Wendy Reiger, Sandra Hardy, Lara Stadnyk, Kerri Desautels, Debbie Kirkland, Missy MacRae, Diane Ahn, Kim Kennedy, Kerrienne Pasula, Chriss Harvey, Richard Rosario

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

June meeting minutes were approved by Kerri, seconded by Lara

Agenda was approved by Diane, seconded by Debbie

Students Union Report

- no representative yet – elected today

Treasurer's Report

- Bank balance is \$8977.83 – no outstanding bills
- Wendy will draft letter for bank to change signing
- Cost of apples for last year (Dec-June) was \$4778.86

Trustee Report

- No report

Teacher Report

- No teacher representative yet – at meeting on PD Day will ask for teachers to sign up

CHAMP Report

- Programs start tomorrow
- Elementary – 68 referrals
- Jr/Sr High Community Helpers – had 6 last year...5 more students this year
- Oksana is now a Mental Health First Aid Administrator
 - Looking to expand this through to division and community
- TimberRidge donated a cereal dispenser and cereal for students to use
- Exciting programs planned for this year

Principal's Report

- Introduction
 - Everyone has been very welcoming
 - Been in all classrooms already
 - Plan to earn place in school – likes to work with kids and staff
- Enrollment – 374 students (ended last year with 353 students)
- Depending on budget, may look to add another teacher to staff
- 2 new teachers this year
 - Sheldon King (Social)
 - Jessica MacNeil (LA/English)
- Dual Credit Courses
 - Means that high school and college credits are earned at the same time

- Welding (through Northern Lakes College) – 6 students enrolled
- Power Engineering (through NAIT) – 6 students enrolled
- Possible future courses Administrative Professional & Healthcare
- Effective Sept 2015 AB Ed change maximum enrollment age of education to 21
- Industrial Arts class collected 400 batteries raising approx. \$4000 through Interstate Batteries out of Edmonton. They provided a BBQ for grades 7-12 when they came to pick up the batteries.
- Grade 5's are participating in 'Playground Pals' where they partner up with kids in younger grades during recess on the playground.
- Champions in the Classroom
 - Approx. 5 students chosen to participate
 - Olympic Athletes stream video for students about once/month
 - In June they will attend a celebration in Whitecourt to meet athletes
- Terry Fox Week
 - September 22-26
 - 5km run on Sept 26
- Les Boucheron is coming Oct 14-17 to do workshops with grades 4-6
- ATCO Theatre Safety is coming the week of Oct 20 to do presentations for grades 1-3
- There are co-ed Flag Football teams for grade 6, grade 7, grade 8/9
- Video message from Superintendent – new division branding
 - www.ngps.ca
 - Old website redirects to new website
- School calendars were printed with wrong info
- School fees – not optional within our division
 - Are there ways to get a better response in payment?
 - Email invoice? Monthly invoice? Next year do fees with registration?
- Operating with new computer system – Powerschool
 - Capabilities include student database, parent portal, attendance, homework
 - Possible to have fees alert on parent's portal?
 - Electronic transfers possible for field trip costs/sports fees/school fees, etc
 - Staff/teachers are all still in the learning process of program – just released Aug 20 – please be patient
- Individual teachers also choose to use homework/communication apps

Old Business

- Playground for grades 4-6
 - Including tarmac and track
 - There are companies ready to donate to project
 - Previous society was not renewed
 - No conflict of interest to be on society board and school council
 - Will get paperwork to reinstate society
 - Stumbling blocks – playground schematics/drawings to do proposal
- Painting small gym
 - Completing in new year?
- Sidewalks are completed
- Key fobs issued for staff
 - Elementary doors on timers – if not working please let office know

New Business

- Apples for Kids
 - Donations received
 - Anonymous \$2000
 - FCSS Grant \$1000
 - Community Night \$353.07
 - Shell \$2000 (should receive in the next month)
 - Brandon – case match – also looking at fundraiser at tills in new year
 - Scouts donated baskets
 - Staff Survey for feedback
 - Confirmed that staff are all aware that apples are for everyone...with no limits
- Shell
 - Has donation program to use for scholarships
 - \$5000/year – can apply for 3 years at a time
 - Waiting for paperwork to confirm all of the details
- Healthy Breakfast Program Presentation
 - Sarah DeCiccio pitched proposal for program – Usana Nutrimeal Shake Smoothies
 - Cost is approx. \$3/shake
 - Proposed pilot project with 25 students that sign up and pay for own shakes to determine success. Cost for pilot is \$10/week for 7 weeks, 3 days/week. If pilot is successful would hopefully have full program funded through donations.
 - Diane motioned to allow pilot program as proposed in conjunction with school, Lara seconded
 - Sarah and Richard will work out further details/parent consent/etc
- Volunteers
 - Still need Popcorn Lead
 - Chriss volunteered as Fundraising Co-ordinator
 - Will send letter home to parents for volunteer interest
- Bookfair – Oct 8 & 9
- Dismissal Times
 - 50+ parents in elementary boot room
 - Look at possibility of staggering dismissal times for youngest classes
 - Richard will investigate problem and solutions

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Next meeting October 15, 2014