

School Council Meeting

January 13, 2016

Members Present

Jenn Ashmore, Chriss Harvey, Ashley Pinksen, Jim Hailes, Richard Rozario, Sandra Hardy

Jenn called meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Robin Moon emailed meeting minutes from previous meeting in November. Add 2016/17 Calendar to agenda for discussion. Correspondence: Learning Team Newsletter and Scholastic Catalogue.

Approved by Chriss, seconded by Jenn

No Student Union Report Representative present

No Treasurer Report

School Trustee Report

- 2016/17 draft school year calendar – looking for feedback
- Advocacy Plan 2016/17
 - focusing on equitable funding for rural education
 - Government support for new K-12 school in Valleyview
- The Board stuck a committee to investigate options for the funding of ground equipment and replacement.

Teacher's Report

- Tour Group is up and running – Calahoo Meats is their current fundraiser. Started doing assignments as part of program. Travelling to Germany, Italy and Switzerland.

Emailed after the meeting...

- Grade 6 are doing a cultural exchange with the grade 6 class in Sturgeon Lake. So far we are just developing relationships through emails. We are hoping to do a class visit one day at their school as well invite them to our school for a visit before the end of the year. We are planning to have a hot lunch for them when they visit and prepare a small gift bag for each student. They have a total of 9 students. The students are very excited to exchange letters and have just completed their first letter to the students.
- the library is hosting a blast from the past in February and throughout the month of Feb there will be activities to do in the library that would have been done years ago. Also they will have items on display during the month.

CHAMP Report

- Friday Night is Blue Art Night in the small gym from 7-9pm
 - Recognize 3rd Monday in January as Blue Monday. Week of activities planned to get over the “blues” and bring awareness to mental health
 - Donation of snacks from Fres Bros
 - Non alcoholic blue martinis
 - Fancy affair
 - Students running the event as well as displaying their artwork
 - Oksana is leading event with the support of Ms Czinkota, Ms Garby and Ms MacNeil.

Principal's Report

- Attached

Old Business

Fundraising Society - read report submitted by Gord

- Made \$600 from bake sale at Christmas Concert
 - Can we possibly do the same at the spring concert?
- Hosting a Valentine's Comedy Night
 - Can students make decorations for event?

Ashley will check with teachers on both and get back to society.

Apple Program - no representative

- Reason for increase in cost from previous meeting discussions is because we are now getting 4 cases of apples instead of 3 each week

Produce Passport

- Beginning next Tuesday for classes K-7

Book Fair Update - read report submitted by Ronica

- December bookfair sold just over \$2500. Got \$350 worth of stuff from fair, some of which went to the kids affected by the fire. Earned \$1200 in credit.
- Our first credit doesn't expire til October of this year so we still have time
- Haven't ordered stuff for the kids from the fire yet as I was waiting for one order. Followed up today and it was left in the school council mailbox. Will get it ordered ASAP
- If we haven't given CHAMPs a \$\$ value of what they can spend, can we decide on that and let them know? Then they can go through and pick out what they want.
- Next bookfair is in mid April

Chriss motioned to give \$500 to CHAMPs from Scholastic, Ashley seconds.

Lunchtime Concerns

- Seems to be resolved - kids are having adequate time to eat their lunches

New Business

- Fundraisers to help with playground
 - can these be distributed in the classes should the fundraising society want to pursue a sales fundraiser. - Richard doesn't see any problem with this
- Ideas on how to get more parents involved in meetings
 - Letter to welcome new parents?
 - Synervoice? Monday before meetings?

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Next Meeting - February 17, 2016 at 7pm in room 44