

Annie L. Gaetz School Council Meeting Minutes

April 2022



In Attendance - Larry Hartel, Deanne Good, Cathy Peacocke, Jackie Pinsent, Tania Smith, Erin Quintilio, Danielle Woods, Samantha Vockeroth, Janelle Spady

Call meeting to order at
approve the agenda – 6:01 pm

Introductions

make a motion that we accept the April 2022 meeting minutes – Tania makes a motion to accept

Grade 5 team

- Samantha –
 - o Fatty Legs – Inuit Girl sent to residential school – true story – class set \$359.60 – 26 copies
 - o Feminine products - \$37.09
 - o 178.20 – restock art supplies – pencil crayons, markers
 - o Kent: \$200-\$300 for restocking non-fiction library books
- Great fieldtrips coming up – Ellis Bird Farm, Visit to a PowWow, walking tour
- Grade 6 orientation is happening and the kids are so excited!

Cathy Peacocke

- In April board reviewed initial draft of the 3-year Education plan
 - o Will be approved next month
 - o Comprehensive student census will be done in all grades – division will compile data to see how students see themselves represented in the larger school concept
- Board approved budget for upcoming school year \$123 mill, 125 500,000 expenditures – drawing down 4 million
- Moving to school division in Pines – Alternative School (was previously in old movie theatre
- Recognizing Pride week in June – flag raised – May 31 at 4:00 pm
- \$500 grant – a lot of schools are asking about spending this
- Board of Directors – elections happened, one position wasn't filled –
 - o President and Vice President got in by acclimation

Chair Report

- Booked Jo(e) Media for Sept 21 with the \$500 grant – 90 minutes
 - West Park has him coming for an upcoming event if someone wants to see
 - In budget line – deposited right to schools line – can be direct payment from Leona – need to pay this year
- New furniture for the support room (3 chairs, table and stools) –
 - Use casino fund for new furniture for support room - \$3020
- School photographer – do we want to use them again? Everyone agrees YES – Deanne to book
- New Phys Ed Equipment
 - Deanne: did up a quote and pooled the teachers – request for a couple of curling sets (only gives 8 rocks) – would like a couple more sets so they can do as a class
 - Playground balls –
 - \$600 for both
- Book Fair – Josie to look at calendar, Danielle to book
 - Need to end earlier on last night
 - Book on October 4, 5, 6 – arrive the 3rd

Treasurer Report

- Tania: swimming and food truck – Leona will pay, then Tania to cut check for swimming and food truck

Danielle – question about consent form – will teachers back to us regarding parent helper for fieldtrips

- Just email teacher if you don't hear from them

Principal Report

- Introduction of new admin team - Principal Mrs Good!! Congratulations!!
 - VP - Lisa Peters
 - Teacher changes - hiring for a new music teacher - Mrs Veldtkamp will only be working at one school instead of 2 - 2 interviews this week
 - Mrs Kuziak - got her dream position - French Immersion Kindergarten teacher - as a result there will be changes:
 - Mrs Wendt will teach Grade 3
 - Split moves up to Grade $3\frac{3}{4}$
 - Mrs Strain will go down to teach Grade 2
 - EA: went from 7 to 5 this year - Mrs Boettcher got a teaching job in the States, Mrs Iatrou is retiring
 - Kindergarten - have written up new program - Arts in Motion - waiting to see if Dance Magic teacher will accept proposal - will be all day kindergarten, half school, half Arts in Motion - or morning only or afternoon only - qualified instructor will come to school
 - Dance, art, literacy based program
 - \$800/month, \$400/month with subsidy
 - Larry has been talking about full day kindergarten for years - very excited about this program - definitely a draw

- 2 or 3 schools will offer kindercare
- Larry would love for this to be a K-3 school with the new programs coming up - increase classes to 3 classes per grade
- 18 and 19 enrolled in both classes for Kinder so far - usually pick up 6 in Sept.
- Education Plan -
 - Taking to staff on Friday
 - Shares survey results - citizenship went up
 - Well above province
 - Access to supports and services - 91 (province is 82)
 - Parental involvement - 86 (province at 79)
- Schools to have intervention through support teams
 - Throughlines: Collaborative Response Model - Deanne and Carla brought to school - for kiddos struggling in any way
 - Looking at data to figure out how to provide support for kids
 - Collaborative response focuses on middle zone - learning team focuses on higher needs that are struggling
 - Meet multiple times a year and breaks it up into categories - solution focused - how can we best help the kids - behavior, literacy, numeracy
 - Only 2 schools in the district were using it
 - Teachers are able to help each other out and teachers can provide insight for helping the teachers and the kids - Think Tank
 - Learning days - focus at some time on Collaborative learning
 - Access to Learning Team - for top needs kiddos
 - Continue with targeted strategies towards literacy and numeracy
 - Board to continue to help support with learning loss - in the process of hiring 2/3 of an EA 😊
 - Program has been super helpful to a lot of kids
- Continue with math blocks and support learners
- There will be changes in the LA and Math curriculums
- Benchmarking will continue - province has brought in other testing done for Gr 1-3 - done in early Sept. - will inform and build data to see which kids need learning loss, intervention, etc.
- Continue to keep adding arts into subject area
- MIPI - for grades 2-5
- Have to come up with as a staff - a vision on how this new curriculum will fit.
- Literacy Lead - Sherry 2 (SJ2) is pumped about some of the focus with the new curriculum - great new resources for LA
- Math curriculum - new curriculum is pretty much what everyone is already doing
- Financial Literacy put in Phys Ed program - district will be moving into Math
 - Junior Achievement are amazing! Grade 4
- Will be developing curriculum as they go forward - training happening in chunks
- Equity Pillar - Each learning and work environment within Red Deer Public Schools will be inclusive, respectful
 - District looking at ways to improve inclusion based on survey

- First Nations, Metis, and Inuit - will have to wait and see what happens with curriculum
- End of Oct- will have identified all of the students that would benefit from additional teacher supports based on data collection
- Success and Completion - looking at long term to make sure you are meeting the needs of all students and make sure they graduate Grade 12. Foundation is laid here.

- Last 3 days and first 2 days of next year will be working on PD to the new curriculum
- Teachers have been going down for PD and learning
- How to develop lesson plans to meet the needs of the students
- Staff have been able to join lesson plan groups - using Bright Spaces to take over Google classroom - lesson plan bank! Will be lots of good resources
- District brought in 6 core values - Respectful, Curious, Responsible, Collaborative, Resilient, and Healthy

- Cathy enjoyed hearing this presentation information at this level in the school council meeting - ALG has been very successful with its achievements

- Pride Week - Board has approved -
 - Within policy - basically says “Pride in yourself and who you are as a person.”
 - Builds as grade level gets higher - lessons develop
 - Focus on the pride part of the pride week - why am I proud of myself, as they get older “do I understand my sexuality”, etc
 - Will be looking at lessons and activities over the next few weeks - sidewalk chalk of what I’m proud of
 - Had group last year to come forward and start GSA, Sometimes called Rainbow Club - had a group come forward to start last year - had about 12 kiddos join - worked with Vicki
 - If a person or parent comes forward asking for GSA, the Principal has to oblige

Committees

Hot Lunch - Going back to the old way next year but will order through healthy hunger – Charged \$4.50 per \$100 – they can do dances through there too – great opportunity there

- They mail cheque to school

City Wide -

Social – Jackie: Dance – connected with EA DJ Chris – he is good for June 16th (Wed), 6-8 pm

- Advertise as a Grade 5 Farewell Dance –
 - Larry: Will be having an afternoon sock hop so all the kids get to dance – June 23
- Have photobooth set up – where parents use their phones to take pics – Have some Gr 7’s run it
- Snacks? No snacks, too messy – possibly hand out to take home, mini water bottles
- Formal? No – Come as you are
- Leona will help with invite – Jackie to send to her –
- Google form for RSVP
- Cost? Chris charges \$150 for first hour, \$100 for the second - \$250
- Treat bags, photo booth, etc.- approve money for this
- Put name on farewell treat bag

- Healthy Hunger – Josie to look into - \$10 – Jackie to send a writeup
- Glow sticks for everyone, theme something to do with GLOW – wear your clothes that glow
- Make a couple of posters
- Announce June 1st at the latest – Jackie to do by end of next week

Fundraising -

Casino -

Snack Shack -

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

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Call to order at 7:31 pm
approved the agenda. Danielle approves

Fundraising – Deanne brought up Card Project to teachers – they thought it was a great project – Christmas cards

- Kiddos do an art project – the pictures are uploaded and parents can purchase cards or notepads, etc with their kids pics – Josie to talk to Jennifer, she is the lead

240-250 kids right now for next year

- Bulk supplies – you can go in and edit list so you don't have to keep purchasing what you already have – Erin taking care of

Jessica: \$1040 from Snack Shack on Wednesdays!

- Anonymous donor donated money to provide 10-12 kids ice cream who don't get it
- Grade 5's have been a huge help

Tania: Smoothies are going great too! Kiddos are loving it!

Correspondence -

New Business -

Approved money for covering 4 kids in grade 5 who can not afford to pay for their farewell lunch
Virtually approved \$200 for Kinder FMNI unit for June and \$100 for extra incentives

Support room furniture \$

- Makes a motion to approve

Gym Equipment \$

- - \$360 for Novel Study – Grade 5 – Danielle makes a motion, Jackie seconds, everyone votes yes
 - \$38 for Feminine Hygiene: Jackie makes a motion, Danielle seconds – everyone votes yes
 - Art supplies - \$185 – Janelle makes a motion, Danielle seconds – everyone votes yes
 - \$525.52 for Swimming – Jackie makes a motion, Danielle seconds, everyone votes yes
 - \$2599 from Casino for furniture \$676.20, \$1767.00 curling – Tania makes a motion, Danielle seconds, all vote yes
 - \$353.12 for chequing for shipping – Janelle makes a motion, Jackie seconds, all vote yes
 - \$500 for Dance from chequing – Tania makes a motion, Janelle seconds, everyone votes yes
 - o Jackie to submit receipts to Tania

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm

Next meeting: See you next year!