

## **School Council Minutes - November 23, 2021**

**Attendance:** M. Jones, D. Smithson, L. Andary, C. Pizzey, E. Heavin, D. Wolfe,, L. Turner, S. Reinhart, K. Hemstreet, L. Turner, L. Fleming, N. Baker, K. McNabb, J. Gingras, P. Morningstar, J. Mero, E. Hillier

### **Welcome and Additions**

**Adoption of Agenda.** D. Smithson motioned. None objected. Carried.

### **Trustee Report - Nicole Buchanan, new liaison to DCE**

- Learning gaps following the last 20 months - \$1M set aside for mental health and learning supports to address those gaps.

### **School Report**

- Book Fair - haven't had one in two years. Usually make about \$2000. Despite virtual conferences, we typically have a good turnout with bookfair. Kids to make wish list after going through book fair on Tuesday and bring home to share. Then parents can send money to school on Wednesday, Dec 8 if they want to fulfill their wish list. Parents will have the opportunity to go through the book fair themselves on Thursday, Dec 9 in the multi-purpose room from 1-7pm.
- December parent/teacher interviews will be virtual.
- Learning Loss program - grade 2s and 3s assessed and identified those that have fallen behind and getting targeted support. We'll hire a person (maybe 1 ½) to address and provide ½ hour each of numeracy and literacy for these students. Proposal awaiting funding approval.
- LLI - prevention program. 6 people are literacy specialists in district. One of them, Kim Johnson (former teacher at our school) just finished working with our first group, and we're seeing great results. Our Learning Assistance Teacher (LAT) is now full time. WE have a strong program in place. There are also others helping out with this program.

### **Chair Report**

- CAC - new building on Red Deer Poly land. 3 floors - AHS on the first floor to help children being released from hospital. 24/7 building. Mental health and addiction treatment for youth to use space on 2nd floor. 3rd floor is the CAC among others. A building and organization that is sustainable and not reliant on government funding. Youth in Central Alberta will hugely benefit. Hopeful to be in ground March 15, 2022 and opening its doors one year later.

### **Old Business**

- Raffle - 1500 booklets out, 500 left. Tickets due in by Dec 7 and draw on Dec 14 on video (Christmas video filmed and link to be sent). Teresa Durette is doing a phenomenal job.

## **New Business**

- **Spring concert in place of December concert.**
- **Christmas Festivities** - special week of days prior to break (PJ, cookie, sweater)
- **Support for the CAC** - typically do a gift card tree with donations from parents. Cam Pizzey proposes gift cards collected could be donated to the CAC. It goes towards a lot of different areas and places.
- Christmas Bureau - bin out for collection of new toys
- Clothing drive (new or used) for winter items - coats, hats, gloves, snow pants, boots, socks (school is organizing). Will clarify if it's just for children or also adults.  
Announcement tomorrow

**Adjournment @ 7:40pm.** Danette S. motioned to adjourn. Carlee seconded. Carried.

## **Parents for Don Campbell Society**

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**Adoption and Approval of Agenda. As above**

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Gave \$5K to Cam for classroom fund and \$15K? for teacher fund.
- \$1K cheque needed for GH Dawe
- Annual return never been done. Needed audit. Done by the Central Office. Will be mailed away.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Fundraising.**
- **Hot Lunch - E. Hillier** needs help taking over. Receipts to go to treasurer for this past month.

## **Old Business**

- **Clothing Drive** - school is organizing.
- **Donation of Funds** - \$1K to GH Dawe.

## **New Business**

- **Donation of Funds** - Donation to CAC gift card tree. Mark will know by the 10th what is needed. If a gift card tree needs to be supplemented. Parents will donate up to \$1K. If not, money can go towards another school in need. Motion by D. Smithson. Seconded by L. Turner. Carried

- **Staff Appreciation** - Parents want to provide lunch for staff in December Ukrainian and Mucho Burrito choice is occurring on conference day. Also, a January lunch. L Andary motioned and D. Smithson seconded. Carried

**Adjournment @8:01pm** Motioned by D. Smithson. Seconded by E Hillier Carried.

**Next Meeting:** January, date TBA