

School Council Minutes

Wednesday, December 5th, 2018

1. Call to Order – Anna called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. Introductions – Lesley Craig (Board Trustee), Lynn Vanderveen (Grade 5 teacher), Brandy Kolosky, Stacy Quinn, Anna Schulte, Hanna Shostak, Kristina Black (Principal)
3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (Nov. 7, 2018)
 - Lynn moved, Anna seconded. The Minutes of November 7, 2018 are approved.
4. Approval of Agenda
 - Brandy moved, Anna seconded. The Agenda of December 5, 2018 is approved.
5. Principal's Report – Kristina Black (see attached)
6. Board Member Report – Lesley Craig
 - Christmas card contest – There were around 200 entries. A Grade 6 student from Ecole Montrose was the winner. 2nd place went to a Grade 5 student from Riverstone. 3rd place was awarded to a Grade 5 student from Isabel Campbell. The 1st prize winner has their artwork become the cover of the District Christmas card the year and wins \$100.
 - Prime Minister's Award for teachers – This award honours exemplary teachers and early childhood educators who are preparing youth for a digital and innovation-based economy. Nominations are due January 14, 2019.
 - Upcoming info sessions put on by AHS
 - ADHD info session – Dec. 12th and Jan. 16th, 6:30 p.m. at St. Catherine's School
 - Parenting Anxious Children – Feb. 7th, 6:30 p.m. at Whispering Ridge School
 - Teen Vaping – March 20th, 6:30 p.m. at the GPPSD Board Office
 - Education Foundation grants were awarded at the last meeting. Avondale may benefit from the \$3000 allocated to the music program

for newer instruments. Watch for Education Foundation Week coming in February and support so that we can continue to support our schools!

- New Initiatives from the Board
 - Online registrations for new students will be starting next school year. This will save admin and their assistants time.
 - Meetings will take place directly between trustees and high school students to gather their feedback and info. The first one will be with Charles Spencer at Dec. 13th over the lunch hour. Meetings with students at The Comp and The Bridge will take place in the new year.
 - There will be a donation from the Board of \$200 to each school to help with planned Christmas activities.
 - Classroom Supervisors – Due to a shortage of substitute teachers, we are implementing a procedure to be able to use non-certificated staff to supervise in our classrooms when a sub cannot be found.
 - There has been an approved change to AP260 regarding the requirement for students to have all recommended vaccinations before travelling on international field trips (this applies mostly to high school students).

7. Updates:

a) Munch a Lunch

- a. Kristina will find out how much the yearly membership is and will report back. The cost of the Munch-a-Lunch is \$300 for the year. We have made \$104.50 profit with three lunches.
- b. The parents present were in support of the program so far and how it's going.
- c. Kristina will advertise that people can order online and select Pay Later. They can then bring their money into the school to be applied to their order.

b) Turkey Dinner

- a. The school needs volunteers to help setup, serve, and cleanup the dinner on December 12th.
- b. Kristina asked that the School Council give some money toward the Turkey Dinner. The Council was in support. Anna asked that we find out how much money is in the School Council bank account

first. Naomi was not present to verify at the time.

8. New Business:

a) Parent engagement

a. Survey for parents

- i. Lesley shared that she has heard from other schools that it helps if we send out information asking for specific supports (e.g. volunteers for the Turkey Dinner next week)
- ii. DTPS sent out a survey regarding involvement with their School Council
 1. Can we send out a form asking for support from our parent community for specific events?
 2. Brandy will work one up.

b. Facebook

- i. Kristina will ask Mohammed if he can come and talk to our School Council about Facebook. Brandy will go to another session offered by Mohammed if it works with her schedule.
- ii. Is anyone interested in running the Facebook page? We could put out a request to our parent community.

b) Fire in our community

- a. The school will be accepting donations for two families who were impacted by a fire in our community this week.

c) Christmas hampers

- a. Check with Helping Hands of Grande Prairie and Stocking Stuffer Elves

d) Anna will talk to someone at the Care Centre about us going to spend some time with the senior citizens.

9. Questions

a) Gravel – Kristina will contact Sandy

b) Movie night

c) Thank you to Cobs, Canadian Tire and the Grande Prairie Firefighters Association – Grade 5V did Thank You cards for Cobs and Canadian Tire. We still need to thank the Grande Prairie Firefighters Association and Paquins for their generous donations.

10. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment – Anna adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.