

OCTOBER 15, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.

SC Members Present:

Katherine Pickett, Chair
Kayla Sweeney, Treasurer
Vanessa Hingley, Secretary
Amanda Roberts, Officer

Other Attendees:

Ms. Sinclair - Teacher, Grade 4/5
Ms. Campbell - Teacher, Grade 5
Mr. Dipert - Teacher, Music
Destiny B., parent
Melissa Z., parent
Amanda D., parent

School Administration Members Present:

Jackie Root, Principal
Anne-Marie Czember, Assistant Principal

1. Call to Order & Introductions –

- a. Chair, Katherine called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m. Seconded by Secretary, Vanessa. CARRIED.

2. Meeting Minutes & Agenda – Chair, Katherine moved to have the September meeting minutes approved. Seconded by Vanessa. CARRIED. Chair, Katherine moved to have today's agenda approved. Seconded by Vanessa. CARRIED.

3. Teacher Presentation - Grade 5 Team - Ms. Jenny Sinclair & Ms. Cindy Campbell

- Field trips
 - Play at Bert Church - Where have all the buffalo gone? Value of oral traditions in learning about diverse indigenous cultures. Approx. \$16.50/student x 88 students and 9 volunteers - 6 volunteers would be covered (\$1,716 requested to be covered by parent council).
 - Active Living - Awareness of lifetime sports
 - Genesis Place towards the end of the year
 - Bowling (x2)

4. Teacher Presentation - Music - Mr. Joel Dipert

- Focus is on concepts and skills - rhythm, melody, harmony, etc.
- MusicPlay is the program often used. Lots of resources for the curriculum areas for each grade.
- Getting into instruments, notes, classroom instruments, etc.
- Understanding how to keep a beat/rhythm at an early age
- Monthly theme song that all grades will learn to sing and older kids may learn to play on instruments
- Try to incorporate elements and skills into the theme songs and other more modern songs
- Three concerts this year - two Christmas concerts and one spring concert

5. Trustee Report - Fred Burley

- a. **Organizational meeting:** September 24. Re-elected chair, and vice-chair. Fred was appointed to following committees: policy, advocacy, inclement weather and indigenous advisory circle.
- b. **Portables:**
- c. **Ward boundary review:** Vote to take place on Thursday, October 17
- d. **October 3 meeting:** Presentation by A.E. Bowers. Grade 1 and 2s with assistance of grade 9s created a picnic
- e.
- f. **Advocacy areas:** Space for students is still very important. Every student should be fully funded every year. More funding for classroom complexity. Prioritize public education over private and charter schools. More funding for mental health supports for staff and students.
- g. **Rockyview enrollment:** 29,256 students in Rocky View as of September 27
- h. **October 24:** Joint school council/trustee meeting.

6. Principal Points – Jackie Root

- a. **Anne-Marie Czember:** New assistant principal.
- b. **New CDA (Child Development Advisor):** Amanda Brandon - from Edmonton Catholic schools - behaviour specialist. Started getting into classrooms but not working with individuals yet. She will also assist with more fulsome breakfast options once she completes her food safety course.
- c. **Cobbs bread program:** School will get lots of bread once a month. Purchased a bread slicer. Received \$500 towards it but it cost \$800. Request for funds for \$300. Receive approx \$50/month for fruit from the food bank.
 - i. Donations from local businesses? Fundraising? Local churches? Lions' club? Parent donations - if donated through Rockyview website you can get a tax receipt.
 - ii. Looking for volunteers to help slice and package bread once a month.
- d. **New learning assistant:** Starting October 16 to help offset some of the higher needs. Brings up to 7.5 assistants.
- e. **Fall budget has been delayed to the beginning of November.**
- f. **PL Day on Friday:** Literacy and numeracy results from last year. Goal to increase literacy scores by approximately 5% but it started at 58% and stayed there. Numeracy scores went from 25% to 61%. What are the barriers to improvement. How can we engage families and parents more to increase literacy, etc.? Looked at vocabulary building with the EAL specialist, went from 3% to 7% this year, representing 12 different languages.
- g. **PL Day on November 1:** Self-directed. Some will be learning some AI tools for critical thinking.
- h. **Remembrance Day ceremony:** November 8. Open to parents and families.
- i. **Clubs:** Been a really positive addition this year and really loved by kids.
- j. **Staffing matters:** Ms. Ajayi's leave has been extended. Ms. Haag can't stay so interviewing will be happening this week.

- k. **Survey:** 72 responses received. Biggest concern was so many teachers in classrooms.
- l. **Discipline:** Next Hawkey Herald will elaborate on discipline through classroom, office, etc.
- m. **ACP Parent Prayer Group:** Third Tuesday of every month from 8:15 - 9:15am.
- n. **Questions:**
 - i. *What is the best way to support the subs and let them know that parents are available to help?* Reach out to the office and they can give you contact information for the subs.
 - ii. *Literacy - Is there a book fair planned for this year at all?* Mrs. M in the library would coordinate that. Literacy and numeracy committee looking at doing a Read-a-thon. Books can be donated for kids to take, etc. Jackie Root to look into Scholastic.
 - iii. Create lists in Hawkey Herald about needed donations and volunteers, etc.

7. New business

- a. **Decision on request for funding by Mr. Park:** Ms. Root found \$3,500 within historical accounts. Vanessa proposes approval to spend \$3,500 from school council account and an additional \$3,500 from historical funds to cover the school-wide active living program proposed by Mr. Park. All present council vote to approve.
- b. **Decision on Grade 5 request for field trip to Bert Church play:** Katherine proposes to spend up to \$1,800 to cover costs for grade 5 classes to attend play at Bert Church as proposed by Grade 5 team. All present council vote to approve.
- c. **Decision on bread slicer:** Kayla proposes to spend \$300 towards the cost of the bread slicer in support of the breakfast program. All present council vote to approve.
- d. **Change to documentation of council meetings:** First name and last initial for attendees.
- e. **Volunteers:** Healthy Hunger - Little Caesars this Friday. Invite was sent.
- f. **Account balance:** \$7,514.57 currently. \$1,914.57 remaining after above expenditures.
- g. **Photo Re-take Day and Class Photos:** November 19, 2024 - Volunteers needed.
- h. **Healthy Hunger:** All lunches are organized.
- i. **Teacher Snacks:** Katherine to send out request for snacks for conference days.

8. Adjournment

- a. Next school council meeting will take place November 19, 2024 at 6:30pm.
- b. Chair, Katherine adjourns the meeting at 8:02pm. Seconded by Secretary, Vanessa.

Chair Signature

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Secretary Signature	Date
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