



School Council Minutes

Date	October 18, 2011
In Attendance	Deb Heitman, Amanda Zimmer, Lisa Perry, Charlene Dunlop, Janet O'Brien, Tania Smeltzer, Tara VanDellen, Kathy Charchun

General Business

Start Time	7:09pm. Tara too fast!!
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions – attendance taking. • Approved by Tara . Seconded by Deb.
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Errors/Omissions - • Approved by Tania. Seconded by Deb.

Discussion Items

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates of Meeting 3rd Tuesday-at 7pm. Keep the same with fundraising society starting at 5:45pm till 7pm.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee report: Charlene. Had meeting and same Board Chairs as last year. Had teacher retirement discussion. (Teacher retire in Jan. so easier on planning for future year) Touring sites of WCCHS on 25th. Enrollment is as of Sept 30th projected 3450.5. actual is 3616.00. Minister of Education injected \$865,000 into budget for our division. (School council would like this money to go directly back into the school budget and classrooms.) Approved the IMR block funding across the division. West Meadows- structure cable upgrade done before summer, replacing sidewalk. LRSD PAT's results grade 3s at provincial levels, grade 6 acceptable in 3 levels, new math- slightly below provincial average (across the division) SWAT- with staff (presentation about Jamie Vulmer- trying to help all the kids) Want to get into community to support school and get the communities outlook for school, want community to value education. Board meeting has been changed to 2 meetings a month. (travelling on one)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did you know section in the local press about doing a section that the school can share tidbits of info with the community. Can put hotdog sales, little newspaper?? Stuff that we can tell the community to make them feel more involved with the school. Trying to make parents feel more welcome in the schools. Volleyball games, swimming, book sales, field trips, whatever is happening at the school.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principals report- Don Olsen retires as of Dec. Jeff Perry will replace him. Ellie Elliot and Stephen Harris will remain with LRSD until June 2013 and December 2012, respectively. Grade 6 volleyball begins Oct 19th Jolene Becker/ Barb Norgard coaches. Friday Let's play program 1:30-3:30pm in the gym. Let other people know because there is still lots of room. Kelly Spanke runs the program can register at any time at FCSS office. Safety patrol has started. Grade Fours have started golf program and it is going really well. Focus areas: staff continue with assessments and interventions with less staff. Teaching staff is trying to prioritize and maybe new funding will help. EBS and learning support program and family liason program, learning pyramid work and mess together with fewer people. Need to find a way to respond to reading in Gr 4-6. Teachers are working on new reporting system with a parent viewer to see

	updates on child's grades etc. (Pinnacle System) Preschool PUF funded students have a program through the playschool this year. Happy with that move.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question raised about meeting the needs of children who excel or struggle. What process do we put in place? What do we do for programming?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deb Heitman spoke about an outreach high school student who helps in the classroom, and getting helpers from outside our normal community school group.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calendar planning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa read objectives from school council procedures. Deb talked about creative ways to bring more people to the meetings. Door Prizes, personal invitation, food, movie and popcorn. Janet thinks it is a good step to have the meetings on the same night. Deb wants to help gather ideas to try to get more parents involvement. Tania thinks for next month we should invite people to come. Next month on the council newsletter write that it is bring a friend night and cheesecake dessert.. Lisa & Tara have offered to make cheesecake for the next meeting. Ideas: Jan- white elephant gift exchange??
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda create a survey monkey about Concert on Dec 21st to decide whether or not to have a day concert or evening concert. Wondering about only have one performance. Will put on newsletter link to survey question. • Lisa talked about something for kids at Christmas. Fundraising society has limited budget this year, so we will see and maybe do hot chocolate again. Lisa also talked about shoe boxes and how to make it more eventful. Shoe boxes are already done here thought brought up about having community come and help coordinate with other groups to make it one big event. Deb will look into talking with the grade 3 teachers to see what they think and Baptist Church to coordinate possibly. • Lisa talked about teacher appreciation in February. Including bus drivers in a snack or lunch for Friday or coffee and snack in the morning. Big Hit is the day of supervision. New ideas are different lunch menus. Staff about 30 people. • Janet presented an idea about teacher appreciation. Writing appreciation notes to teachers from the students for that week in February. Tabled until Dec meeting. • Tania Smeltzer wondered about attendance procedures. Kathy informed us about our new electronic system to record attendance and it is a work in progress, but a system is in place to inform parents about any child who is absent and hasn't informed the school.
Adjournment	
Next Meeting	November 15 th 7pm.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourned by Lisa . Time -8:40pm. Good job Lisa on your first meeting!!! 😊