



School Council Minutes

Date	November 15, 2011
In Attendance	Michelle Watt, Tania Smeltzer, Kathy Charchun, Tara VanDellen, Lisa Perry, Kelly Hall, Don Mackin, Darryl Wicks, Amanda Zimmer.

General Business

Start Time	7:07
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions – to be determined. • Approved by Tania. Seconded by Amanda
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Errors/Omissions - • Approved by Tania. Seconded by Amanda

Discussion Items

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational procedure review: Kathy recommended that a sub committee write a vision and msson statement for the procedures. Lisa, Kathy and Tara will draft proposals for school council. No major objections to the rest of the procedures.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee report: Oct 25th-1 meeting a month. ATA, ASBA, & Alberta Ed work towards long term funding plan for teachers salary. Local boards will still negotiate for other funding. \$864,000 extra for schools. Feb 13th election for 1 spot. Talked about early dismissal Fridays, talked about teacher sharing to offer more courses for high school (working well). A questionnaire will be coming out to School councils and student councils. Nov 8th meeting: 3 yr planning, policies bulletin. 8 resolutions- 4 yr terms school board members/ playgrounds could have funding support from government. Regional student council started, trustees excited about that. Talked about technology specs (Evergreen program- 4 year cycle) as students and parents want the same technology that is at school or bring their own. Next year our school will be eligible for the new technology with new computers, printers etc.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principals Report: Judy VanAmerongen (Town councillor) will sit on school council. Division PD day was very well done. Budget: \$82,000 received. \$51,000 deficit was paid off, increased staff- Kindergarten teacher- mornings, increased TA time- moved one from ½ time to full time, added one more half time. Hired one more full time for Gr. 6, increased secretary time to add Mrs. Clay for the rest of the year.. PAT results: looked at divisional results. Gr 3 88% LA acceptable- are above division and province. Level of excellence well above province and division. Math: 85% above both division and province. Gr. 6 LA 84% acceptable just in the middle of division and province. Math: 68% acceptable level, province: 73%, division: 69%. With results they will look at programming to see where they can change. Science acceptable level were above province and division. Social: 75% acceptable level above province & division. Ruth Lindquist, Cheryl Sundquist will be our schools PR people to go into the community and inform the public and promote things we do and our programs. They identified 8 groups that they can go to. Darryl Seguin has written letters to community groups to be added to their agendas to allow time to promote our school planning. Two people from Town came to talk to students

	in Grades 4 - 7 about the Kin Park.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Press Tidbits: community engagement piece into the paper. Space is being offered to school staff, kids, to put in tidbits to allow community to see into what they are doing in the school. Kathy will bring back to staff to see if anyone is interested. Can put in what the staff has done at their PD days, can put in hours of instruction, etc.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Concert results: Amanda did the survey online: Question: One Evening performance or two day concerts. Results: 50/50. Most parents concerned about space. Kids divided. Lots of reasons for day or night. Christmas Concert committee met and wondered about having the concert here, but would have to have 2 performances. Easier for teachers to have kids in rooms and set up and take down here. Kathy recommends we move it back here, with two day performances. 112 students said 2 day performances and 82 students said one evening performance. There will be 2 performances during the day in the WMES gymnasium.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paving the walkway: The school division and town is looking at it. They need to make sure about drainage. Can put gravel there right now and Kathy will check with Mike.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$100.00 from LRSD school board. We can decide what to do with it. Some ideas: hot chocolate, candy canes, goody bags. Tania made a motion to use the \$100.00 for candy canes to be given by teachers on the concert day from parents council. (320 students). Michelle Watt will purchase candy canes and Amanda Zimmer will make labels. Amanda Zimmer seconded that motion.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting in December.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 students teachers in the school until Christmas.
Adjournment	
Next Meeting	January 17 th - 7pm. Feb meeting 15 th - 7pm.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjourned by Lisa. Time-8:40pm.