



# School Council Minutes

<b>Date</b>	December 18, 2012
<b>In Attendance</b>	Kathy Charchun, Nicole VanLangen, Jeanne White, Jas Schmirler, Daryl Wicks, Richard Gilmour, Tara VanDellen, Karen Linderman, Darla Slovak, Charlene Dunlop

## General Business

<b>Start Time</b>	6:34pm
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additions – none</li> <li>• Approved by Jas    Seconded by Tara</li> </ul>
<b>Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Errors/Omissions - none</li> <li>• Approved by Jeanne    Seconded by Nicole</li> </ul>

## Discussion Items

<b>Instructional &amp; Material Fees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructional supplies &amp; material fees discussion facilitated by Charlene Dunlop.</li> <li>• After much discussion the following question was voted on : <b>AS A SCHOOL COUNCIL DO YOU SUPPORT THE CHARGING OF A FEE TO OFFSET THE STUDENT CONSUMED PORTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS?</b></li> <li>• Voted on by closed ballot, counted by Charlene</li> <li>• Yes: 3      No:4      Abstain: 1</li> <li>• Recommendations made: Try a few years without the instructional fees, make it voluntary.</li> <li>• Complete discussion will be submitted to the trustees for further discussion.</li> </ul>
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<b>Declining Enrolment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following questions regarding declining enrolment were discussed. Feedback will be used by the school board for planning purposes.</li> <li>1) <b>What are your greatest fears about how declining enrollment will impact students, schools and communities?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elimination of options, staffing for specialty areas (band, French, art, etc...)</li> <li>• Reducing to two schools in Claresholm without vision of increasing enrolment in the future</li> <li>• We keep offsetting the cost of education onto parents and communities ie) fundraising, donations, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) <b>What are some things we should sustain in our schools in order to increase achievement in a time of declining enrollment?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong core programming and a focus on academics as a base</li> </ul> </li> <li>3) <b>What are some examples of things we should cease doing altogether in our schools in order to increase achievement in a time of declining enrollment?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building schools without viewing space in the gymnasium for parents (engagement)</li> <li>• Examination of smallest schools remaining open. ie) schools under 75 students</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<p>4) What are some examples of things you feel we could potentially develop in our schools in order to increase achievement in a time of declining enrollment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need some 'extras' in the school – science fairs, spelling bee, crib club, drama production, etc</li> <li>• A focus on partnering with the community to develop shared experiences and facilities (stages, gyms, fine arts center, etc)</li> </ul>
<b>One School One Book</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeanne has approached local groups for books and has enough funds to purchase books and pay one-time fee. The Miraculous Journey of Edward Toulane. Purchase books through Uof L. This program will start in February.</li> </ul>
<b>Trustee Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charlene. Richard Brown presentation on alternative education, by computer one-on-one non academic science &amp; math. Pilot project with personally owned devices. At FP Walshe school starting in February to have high school students using their own laptops and devices for school work. They can access their lesson by downloading barcode on their device. If works will bring out by September. New Board priorities were shared.</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Provide Quality Programming in a Time of Declining Enrollment;</li> <li>2) Collaborate with Municipal Partners to Meet Mutual Needs;</li> <li>3) Enhance First Nation Student Achievement.</li> </ol>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Thompson is no longer our professional librarian and has received an award for 29 years service. A library tech has been hired: Jocelyn Dimm as replacement. Kathy has given update on mental health support, has spoke to Daryl Sequin and he suggested starting on a smaller local level. With changing demographics Melissa and Kathy are meeting with mental health to discuss working with the issues we are facing with mental health in the school system. EC Map funds available through gov't funding. Karen has 4way countdown game to introduce to K-3 ordered online for \$15.00 ordered through Christian Book Distributors. Kathy introducing math centers will use 4 way countdown game.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will discuss Bill Belsey (bullying) at January meeting. Please take time to look over e-mail and program before January meeting. Kathy talk to FCSS about dual funding for program. Conversation on school shooting and how it affects us, and what will be happening in the future. School does have lockdown practice in effect. The school is addressing it when it comes up with individual students.</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	January 15, 2013
<b>Adjournment</b>	• Adjourned by Karen Time – 8:40 pm