

School Council Minutes

Date	Tuesday, October 16, 2012
In Attendance	Karen Linderman, Charlene Dunlop, Nicole VanLangen, Kathy Charchun Richard Gilmour, DebHeitman, Jas Schmirler, Darryl Wicks, Jeanne White
General Business	
Start Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:40
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved by Deb Heitman. Seconded by Nicole Van Langen
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Errors/Omissions - none Approved by Darryl . Seconded by Jas
Discussion Items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norms were developed to guide our work. They will be reviewed and presented for further discussion at the next meeting. Jeanne will send an email to all parents prior to 1 week before the meeting to invite them to submit items for the agenda and to welcome them to the meeting. Richard Gilmour, Social Worker, presented a website entitled "Inclusive Education Tool" that is helpful to school and parents. The school is currently using this website and also encourage families to take a look. http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/ieptLibrary/index.html Nicole shared some of the local agencies/resources within our region. Discussion regarding protocol or procedures when children are in need of services. The school has contacted Alberta Mental Health to try to get a counselor in the school on a regular basis but have been denied. There is a need for this service. Nicole & Jeanne will write a letter to Alberta Mental Health in support of this service for the school. There was a discussion about finding ways to inform both school and parents about some of the disabilities of children in our school. Jas will talk to Natalie Toone about an Autism presentation for parents. Kathy will contact her to present to staff and perhaps students. Nicole will investigate a program entitled, "Kids Have Stress Too"
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bullying: future topic for Parent Council (Jan./Feb.) Karen will contact Carmelle Steel regarding Bill Belsey, a speaker on bullying; possibility of organizing joint meetings with elementary and high school councils. Kathy will follow up.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAT Results – PAT results are fairly consistent with last few years. There was lots of discussion about math results – although they are fairly consistent, there is concern. Kathy explained the item analysis that grade 3 & 6 teachers are completing to address areas of need. Parents asked how they could support their children. Kathy will talk to teachers about how parents can support their children in math. Karen & Kathy will talk about how to promote math enthusiasm in the school
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trustee report – Charlene – reported on process for creating a profile for hiring a new superintendent. Information will be gathered from parents, students, school employees and community members by answering 2 questions. Jeanne & Kathy will get information out to parents.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future School Council Calendar – tabled to November
Adjournment	
Next Meeting	Tuesday, November 20 6:30
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjourned by Deb. Time – 9:00