

Senator Gershaw School-May 10,2017

Attendance: Cheryl Lobb, Scott Angle, Dwayne McKay, Robin Thacker, Sherri Kambeitz, Deanna Riddel, Ingrid Dekker, and Joanne Langeweg.

1) Meeting called to order at 7pm

2) Agenda approved

3) Minutes approved- Deanna accepts minutes, Robin carried. (With the verification of dance lessons to be paid from casino funds)

4) Principal's reports: Thank you to PAC for providing funding for the opportunity for our students to enjoy break dancing. Seemed fairly well received by students, and our new basketball uniforms have been ordered, we should hopefully get those into SGS by the end of May. Just before Easter Break we finished One Book, One School with the "One and Only Ivan". As this was our first time at this event, I know there are some tweaks that will need to be made. Any suggestions for improvement for future years?

As you can see from our May calendar this has and will continue to be a very active month for SGS students. We have already had our grades 9's and 10's attend an economics for success day at Medicine Hat College for students to better understand the economics of independence. We have had our mock disaster, which went as smooth as possible with the support of many community organizations. During this time our Grade 4-6 went on a field trip to the leisure centre and bowling. Any feedback regarding the mock disaster, what was yours or your child's reactions?

We are already into Provincial Achievement Tests as the Grade 9 Part A LA was yesterday and Grade 6 LA Part A is tomorrow. Weather dependent we are hoping to break ground on our outdoor landscaping project next week. Planning has proven to be a challenge to adhere to all guidelines with respect to our dry creek bed, however a plan has been implemented and we hope to start work on it. Graduation excitement is building as we have our SGS grad next week May 18/19th. We have our last SI day on May 23rd and Mr. Schiebelbein has been working hard on History of the Prairies for May 24th.

Over the past few weeks we have had many student successes. A Grade 4 student won a STEAM award for \$250 towards science for the classroom or school. Two students recently came back from badminton provincials this past weekend. Two students are off to Alberta Skills Competition in Edmonton as they received first and second in the regional competition in carpentry. Lastly, one grade 11 students was selected to go on a trip to Vimy Ridge for one week over the summer. This was one of only 15 spots given out across Canada, which sounds like an excellent experience.

Looking towards programming for next year a couple important possible programming changes. First High School Redesign is an Alberta initiative that has been in existence since 2013. For high school programming it "Moving Forward with High School Redesign is a province-wide initiative focused on three outcomes: engaged students, high levels of achievement and quality teaching.

It's about redesigning high school to be more student-centred and responsive" (Alberta Education). Takes out the time requirement per credit, instead is more learning objective focused to determine course credits. To assist in high school redesign most schools put the addition of a flexible period, within our context this would likely have to include junior high. This flexible time would be very structured, especially for grades 7-10, then possibly slowly become more student driven. We currently have 2 periods designed in JH for flexibility and have received good feedback on teachers from that. Any comment on these 2 periods from parents, notice a change?

Another aspect I would like feedback on for next year programming is our CTF rotating options between French, Art, Outdoor Education, and Digital Publishing. Parent perspective, suggestions for improvement?

Lastly looking toward agenda's for next year. Are there thoughts for JH students to receive the same agenda's as our Grades 4-6?

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1) Called to order at 7:37

2) ATB \$2796.37 Casino \$15304.78. Casino invoices are dance, uniforms and author visit. Cheryl mentioned an audit needs to be done.

Cheryl made a motion to have all present PAC members as signing officers on the casino and general PAC accounts: Deanna Riddel, Cheryl Lobb, Joanne Langeweg and Robin Thacker. Robin seconds. All in favour.

6) Casino went well. Thanks to all the volunteers! Was great to have people to spare!!

Requests for field trips: Grade 4 \$350 Galt and U of L, Grade 5 \$75 Writing on Stone, Grade 6 \$400 Medicine hat airport, Grade 10 \$501.90 Social trip. Deanna made motion to grant requests, Robin seconds.

Agendas to be purchased, 65 at \$345. Ideas for future casino: surveillance system, portable smart board, and greenhouse supplies.

Next school year starts September 5. First PAC will be September 20.

Meeting ended at 8:10