

Senator Gershaw School-March 15,2017

Attendance: Cheryl Lobb, Deanna Riddel, Robin Thacker, Stuart Angle, Scott Angle, Sherri Kambeitz, Roline Vanderhaar, Dwayne McKay, Jennica Phillips, Yvonne Kuiper, Jo-Anne Oosterhuis, and Joanne Langeweg

1) Meeting called to order at 7pm

2) Agenda approved

3) Minutes approved- Roline accepts minutes, Jo-Anne carried.

4) Principal's reports: Since our last meeting students have written diplomas and are now well into their second semester. From a programming perspective we have currently 7 students taking advantage of our dual credit opportunities in both Health Care and Management. Students are enjoying the opportunity and moving very well through the courses. We also well into our third term of our CTF rotation, again I have only received positives regarding this program. Grade 11 play is definitely in full force and currently around 80-90% sold out. A change in not having the supper on Friday seemed to have increased the sales on that day as Friday has few tickets left. Based on the brief practices I have watched it should be a fantastic show again this year! Graduation is beginning to get organized, students have gotten their grad portraits and we will continue to organize this event for May 18/19. Our Grades 4-6 did their ski trip, again students loved the experience and very positive responses from parents as well. In early February we received the Chromebooks, and our teachers have really embraced what students can work on collaboratively through Microsoft 365. Most times in the common area students have the Chromebooks out, and recently SGS received a wireless upgrade which increased the infrastructure required for the Chromebooks. (These were part of a pilot program, no cost for us) "One School, One Book" kicked off on March 1st with the "One and Only Ivan". The response from students has been excellent so far and we will continue to plan school wide activities around Ivan's story.

Attached is a letter to parents/guardians regarding Bill 1: An act to reduce school fees. Neither Senator Gershaw School or Bow Island Elementary have instructional fees this year, should be a non-issue.

Today our ATM machine finally got up and running, it was a long process for our IT department to get that working with the full security required. Sports at SGS, boys made provincials, they left today. Badminton is in full swing with players from Grades 6-12. Junior High has had their first tournaments and have been very successful thus far. Our first home tournament is this weekend for Grades 6-9.

Upcoming next week we have Daniel Gervais coming Tuesday, March 21st. He will also be doing workshops with our Grades 4-6. Green Certificate testing is next week Wednesday and Thursday. Our Outdoor Landscaping project will begin to take form in the coming weeks as we continue to focus our planning to get exactly what we are looking for. April 7th report cards will be going out with our second round of parent teacher interviews in the following week Tuesday, April 11th.

Finally, a big thank you to PAC members who brought cupcakes for the half-way there day, and lunch for the Random Acts of Kindness week. It was very much appreciated by all staff.

Gx dance studio group dance lessons. 12 sessions for \$1000. Can be for grades 1-12. Deanna made motion to spend up to \$1000. Yvonne seconds.

History of the prairies-decided to keep as a one day event. Otherwise added costs arise for hotels..Look into option of having our own tepee.

Internet safety-Safety city city does Jr. high courses and courses for parents. Possibility of doing a parents information evening.

Accident simulation-the fire department is wanting to do an accident simulation at the intersection in front of school. This would be for grades 7-12 to witness. The students would be watching not participating in the event. Would also have to opportunity to talk about this event. Unsure at to a date for this event yet.

Stuart Angle: 3 new trustees have been elected. Capital plan has been passed, which is the same as last year. Budget was reviewed. Represent prairie rose at rural ag caucus. Council of school councils is March 28, 2017.

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1) Called to order at 8

2) ATB \$3870.39 Casino \$16003.18

We will need to pay hot lunch purchases, and our portion (\$100) of the Christmas goodie bags.

6) Casino is coming up. May 5 and 6. Please help out with this! Brings \$\$\$ to our school!!

Request for sr. basketball uniforms. \$220 per player (getting 2 sets per player) Cost of \$8000. Voted. Carried.

Meeting ended at 8:30.

Next meeting set for May 10,2017.