

Senator Gershaw School-November 16,2016

Attendance: Deanna Riddell, Robin Thacker, Cheryl Lobb, Karla Hoffman, Karla Porteous, Sherri Kambeitz, Scott Angle, Stuart Angle, Dwayne McKay, Joanne Langeweg

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7pm
- 2) Agenda approved
- 3) Minutes approved by Karla and Karla.
- 4) Principal's reports:

There is a lot that happens at Senator Gershaw School between parent council meetings. School events included: Terry Fox Run/Orange Shirt day, Halloween, report cards/parent teacher interviews, Remembrance Day Ceremony, a Jr. /Sr. high dance, and Pink anti-bullying day. We had two presentations: Quest Theatre presentation for Grades K-6 entitled "Shoes of Sand", and an Author Visit from Marty Chan for all grades. Both presentations were engaging and inspiring, I only received positive responses from students and teachers. Welcome student teacher Steven Brown who will be working with Mrs. Kambeitz in Grade 4 from November 15 to Christmas.

I presented dual credit opportunities to high school students today as well as a new software program called myblueprint.ca. We will once again be looking at bringing the AMA driving course to SGS for grades 9-12, I presented that to students today as well with interested students to get back to me ASAP. We switched our classes in our JH CTF rotation, this CTF rotation has been a very smooth transition for students, and a lot of the feedback I have received is students are enjoying the courses they are in and the movement in those classes. With the outdoor education outside naturalization plan if we have a parent that is more strongly interested in the project we will be beginning to apply for grants and would appreciate to have a parent representative for the project.

We have had a number of SI days since our last meeting. A large amount of what we have been working on is highlighted in our 3-year plan and 2-pager. From our discussions we established a purpose statement and a major focus for our school.

Purpose Statement: The purpose of education at Senator Gershaw School is to develop engaged citizens with the foundations of critical thinking and life-long learning.

Major Focus: Senator Gershaw School will focus on student mental and physical wellness in an effort to decrease anxiety, social, and physical concerns while ensuring that every student has a positive relationship with at least one adult in the school.

We continue to focus on literacy across all grade levels and subject areas. Language teachers have been a part of a professional development opportunity hosted at Senator Gershaw School working with Dr. Johanna Leeuw to create division wide writing assessments.

Curriculum design continues, there is a survey looking for input from all stakeholders: parents, teachers, and administrators. Information on the survey is attached.

Provincial volleyball tournament is next week. We thank all the support we have received from parents, players, and community stakeholders, it will be an excellent event. Due to the number

of student volunteers school classes will be effected next Thursday and Friday. We will be changing the bus route for those two days where all SGS and Burdett students will be picked up and dropped off at BIE to allow us to use the bus lane for additional parking. I believe this will be a fantastic event to really show off our modernized facilities and small town hospitality.

Large upcoming events in November/December

Nov. 22 – PAC Hot Lunch

Dec 15 - Turkey lunch

Nov. 24-26 – Volleyball Provincials @ SGS

Dec 20 – Possible Hay Ride

Dec. 1 – Begin Joy of Giving Campaign

Dec 22 – Concert @630

-Me to we program was brought up, will be looked into.

-Accountability pillar summary-parent involvement was orange. Questions that were answered with “I don’t know” brings the numbers down. School loves to see parent involvement, ie. Naturalization plan, track,..Ask where you can be of service.

Board: November 29 will see financial statements. Brian Andjelic announced retirement.

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1) Called to order at 7:45

2) ATB \$4894.79 Casino \$16373.18

Coupon books \$1131.80 profit, hot lunch input \$2869.25 (will need to pay hot lunch expenses from this)

PAC needs some sort of storage option, Cheryl made motion to purchase two filing totes for approx.\$60. Passed by Karla and Karla.

6) Hot lunch is going good.

Thank you to Lori Sereda for organizing the coupon books!

Author visit went great-Thanks Dwayne for the great idea!

Quest theatre-1/2 payment from Gershaw, BIE to pay other half. Deanna made motion to pay the \$370 from casino. Seconded by Robin.

Meeting ended at 8. Next meeting set for January 18.