

Senator Gershaw School-September 21, 2016

Attendance: Jennica Phillips, Deenna Nelson, Cheryl Lobb, Sherri Kambeitz, Deanna Riddell, Jo-Anne Oosterhuis, Stuart Angle, Dwayne McKay, Carly Gibson, Karla Porteous, Robin Thacker, Annemarie Jonker, Scott Angle, Joanne Langeweg

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7pm.
- 2) Agenda approved
- 3) Minutes approved by Annemarie and Jo-Anne.
- 4) No business from minutes
- 5) Reports: Principal's

New Staff- Natalie Dunlop – Grade 5

- Dwayne McKay – VP
- Roline Vanderhaar – Educational Assistant
- Jeryn Andersen – Educational Assistant

Programming

- PE 10 – moved to a five credit course
- CTF in all non-core classes Grades 4-9
 - Changes made to JH CTF courses – quarterly system cycle between Art, French, Outdoor Education, Digital Publishing. Only positive response so far!
 - Outdoor Education landscaping plan, possible greenhouse
- Reduced computers to 2 from 4 classes a week to continue to teach computer basics, other 2 classes been created for students to keep up with course requirements and student-directed interests.
- Dual credit options in both Introduction to Business through SAIT and Health Aid Program through Medicine Hat College. Other courses are available through Lakeland College as well.

Literacy/Goals

- Goal setting - school staff are developing goals for school, will hopefully be presented to PAC in November.
- Focus on literacy, use of purchased literacy resources.
- Fountas and Pinnell benchmarking will continue to be used to assess reading levels.
- School will be developing a literacy school plan.
- Divisional Wellness Goal

FNMI

- Possible change of terminology to Indigenous.
- Orange shirt day on Sept. 29th (paired with Terry Fox)
 - Safe and caring – focus on reconciliation.
- Set date for History of the Prairies – May 24/25

Closed Campus

- Bus students in Grades 4-9 are not allowed to leave campus during school hours unless a note is provided by parents. Town students may go home for lunch.

Hour Zero

- Goal is to educate parents, specifically regarding terminology of “lockdown vs. hold and secure”
- Lockdown – threat is inside the building
- Hold and Secure – threat is outside the building

School Fees

- Removed textbook rental fee.
- Increased PE fee by \$10 to cover the many experiences PE students receive.

Spirit Week/Pancake Breakfast

- Another excellent event, big thank you to student council and staff Karen Byam and Lori Sereda.

PARTY Program

- Grade 9's went on September 8th for another eye-opening experience.

Agendas/Coupon Books

- Agenda's have been handed out – Thank You PAC
- This is the last week of sales, hope to get all books in or books back by September 30th.
- Pizza party for elementary class, JH class who sells the most.

Sports

- 6 Volleyball teams this year
- Already hosted 2 invitational tournaments – Sr. Girls, JH all teams
- Next hosted tournament is 1A Boys and Girls Provincials, November 23-25
 - o Thank You Andy Phillips and all staff and parents on the committee for organization of this event.
- Sr. Golf team qualified for provincials! Team goes to Medicine Hat September 26/27th.
- October 5th cross-country running zones in Cardston.

Terry Fox Run – September 29th.

Construction ...still:

- Sign wired over summer, learning software and product capabilities.
- Wiring and light installation for storage building is now complete.
 - o Thank you to Unity Electric for completing wiring for both the sign and storage building, a portion of which was donated!
- Painted lines in parking lot for added student safety.
- Possibility of adding an ATM in the commons area.

Communication

- School Messenger, Website, Facebook/Twitter, Digital sign, Powerschool
- Parent letter regarding how to access Powerschool grades will be sent home in the near future.

On the Radar:

- Continue to look for scheduling opportunities for fine arts such as music and drama in our Junior High and Senior High Classes.
- Track – refinishing of track surface is required
 - o Gopher holes continues to be a problem, could we develop a working group of parents, equipment, and dirt to fill in gopher holes?

Board: Stuart Angle re-elected. October 25 is council of school councils.

7) Hot Lunch- idea to have every grade take a hot lunch, parents from those grades to assist. Trying our best to be gluten free friendly.

8) Fees go out in October because higher grades option fees need to be figured out.

Sports camps?-They are on the radar again.

Rachel's challenge-What happened to this- replaced with pink shirt day.

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1) Called to order at 7:40

2) ATB \$500 subtract agendas of \$344

Casino \$17600 subtract last year's field trips

3) Casino-scholarships

-Due diligence to above and beyond with credits?

-Author request \$800 for workshop. October 21st. All in favor.

4) No old business

5) No correspondence

6) Elections President Deanna Riddell, Vice Robin Thacker, Treasurer Cheryl Lobb, Secretary Joanne Langeweg.

Class reps: 4 Patty Rooks, 5 Helen Kim, 6 Erna Varekamp, 7 Tara Lockhart, 8 ??Please??, 9 Deenna Nelson, 10 Jo-Anne Oosterhuis, 11 Marlana Beauchamp, 12 Sibbelina Vanderwel

Hot Lunch: Carla Hofmann, Maria Yates

7) Deanna got a volunteer appreciation from Cenovus for \$500 and \$500 for last year.

Fundraiser ideas: little ceasars, magazine sales.

8) Meeting ended at 8:10. Next meeting November 16.

