

## Senator Gershaw School Council-May 30,2018

Attendance: Deanna Riddell, Robin Thacker, Sherri Kambeitz, Leesa Veilleux, Kim Mitchell, Kelli Nelson, Jo-Anne Oosterhuis, Stuart Angle, Patty Rooks, Dwayne McKay, Tara Lockhart, Scott Angle, Danielle Gruninger, and Joanne Langeweg.

Called to order at 7:06pm. Consideration of agenda. Error in minutes regarding grade 10 field trip request, not requesting \$2500 as they are fundraising as well. Their request will be presented with the other grades later on in the meeting. Approval of amended minutes-Kim and Danielle.

Principals Report: A lot of things have happened at SGS since our last school council meeting. Grad came and went, One Book One School finished up today with the Kahoot winners going to the Pleasant View Lodge today to work with seniors as that was a theme in the book. Does anyone have any feedback about the choice for One School One Book this year? Whether the activities or the type of book chosen? (*Gr. 4-9, good reviews*) Sports are finishing up with slow-pitch final tournament tomorrow and track and field provincials this weekend. We have 6 students who qualified for track and field provincials as well as many top finishers in junior high track zones. The ELA Part A of achievement tests have been written.

Coming up in the next month: The greenhouse should be completed this month, there have been a few delays – putting in a natural gas line, adding a cement pad for a level base, delivery and construction in general. I am looking forward to the possibilities of its use next school year. Last day of classes for Junior and Senior high will be on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Grade 6 achievement tests will be the week of June 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Grade 9 achievement tests will be from June 19<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>, and Diploma's are as posted on our website, with the first one being June 14<sup>th</sup>. Awards we are looking at having a joint awards for elementary and JH/SH beginning at 12:00, should be ending by 1:45pm (June 28). June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm is our Grade 10 orientation, and on June 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9-10am our Grade 3's will come over for Grade 4 orientation. History of the Prairies is on June 8<sup>th</sup>, come on our if you are interested on what is going on that day.

Changes looking to be made next year are as follows:

- Grade 10's are looking at being semestered
- Mr. Ressler's Social will not be rehired but redistributed through the school due to class sizes. (Can go over financial numbers)
- A nine period bell schedule has been developed and is attached, will work with all of our VC.
- New course for HS: Entrepreneurial studies through the development of a Prairie Rose store.
- High School dual credit options are improved:
  - o First year welding through MHC
  - o Business course
  - o EA Certificate
  - o Continuation of Health Care Aid Certificate
- Before and After school program at BIE – Would likely include students for Grades 4-6 who are interested. Will be staffing soon, if you know anyone!
- FYI Prairie Rose is hosting a Google Summit at Senator Gershaw on August 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>, 300ish teachers from across Southern Alberta will be in attendance.
- We are hosting volleyball provincials in 2019 volleyball season, both boys and girls.

Accountability Pillar: Senator Gershaw results on what was completed through survey by parents, students, and staff were excellent again! Dropout rate, high school completion rate, diploma exam

participation rate and Rutherford scholarship eligibility rate were all declined. This is largely due to our alternative programs. Currently about 40% of our high school numbers are alternative evening/day programs where students do not progress through the courses traditionally. This will naturally effect those categories of our accountability pillar.

Stuart Angle: Future plans for a prairie rose school store -held in the maintenance shop by division office in Dunmore. Will also house outreach school and before/aftercare program. The budget is expecting a small deficit again (with no cuts happening. Last year this cost was absorbed) Transportation survey happening, please take the time to fill out.

PAC called to order at 8:10.

Treasurers report: PAC \$6045.78 Casino \$16506.52

PAC expenses: \$23 registry-certificate of incorporation \$50 for tech soup (bookkeeping program) Robin made motion to be reimbursed these. Danielle seconds.

Casino expenses: \$150 for the purchase of first aid kits. Next casino will be in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of this year.

Scholarship: Deanna made a motion to include an expiration date to the letter. Lisa seconds.

Correspondence: Amanda Kielstra gave resignation as pac vice-president. Jennica Phillips also gave resignation as casino rep.

Casino rep.: Erna Varekamp and Tara Lockhart agreed to have their names up for the role. Tara Lockhart is the new casino representative.

Fundraisers: 1) Jack Links and Santa's helper ideas were shown. 2) SGS has requested the coupon books go back to the school. All in favor to return this to the school.

Field trips: How should request be made? Should we have a \$ value per class or \$ value per student? After discussion, Deanna made a motion for up to \$25 per student with the option of additional funds if requested. (presented to pac for voting) The trips will have to meet our casino requirements. Tara seconds. All in favor.

Request of funds: cart and tv for commons area and gym. We can get a cart from division office. Would like a smart TV (65"). Cost is \$1000-1500. Jo-Anne made motion to spend up to \$1500. Kim seconds.

Mr. Ressler and Mrs. Hopkins are retiring this year. Deanna made motion to pitch in on presents. \$200 for Mr. Ressler (iPad) and \$50 for Mrs. Hopkins (jewelry). Kim seconds.

Future requests for casino funds: greenhouse supplies, track tent.

Next meeting is September 19. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

After the meeting Casino dates were looked up. Our next shift is **November 3+4**.