

## Senator Gershaw School-January 18,2017

Attendance: Cheryl Lobb, Deanna Riddel, Robin Thacker, Stuart Angle, Scott Angle, Sherri Kambeitz, Joanne Langeweg

1) Meeting called to order at 7pm

2) Agenda approved

3) Minutes approved-Cheryl accepts corrected minutes (3 storage totes not 2), Robin carried.

4) Principal's reports: Welcome back to a new calendar year. December is always a very busy month with high school working to finish up courses, holiday activities, and Christmas concert planning. January continues the finishing up of courses with high school finals beginning, English 30 Part A diploma has already been written. Last day for high school classes is January 20<sup>th</sup>, with the beginning of the second semester on January 30<sup>th</sup>. On January 30<sup>th</sup> CTF rotation courses will switch, along with home-ec and shop courses. Exciting programming opportunities are being taken advantage of by high-school students, we have had four register in the Health Aid Program, we have a few students register in AMA as we are now able to offer it as a 3-credit course and at a discounted price for high-school students. We hope to take advantage of other dual-credit opportunities like our Management 200 offered through SAIT if more high-school students register. For the first time in many years we are going to offer a ski-trip to hidden valley for our grades 4-6 and 7-9. Grades 7-9 go on January 25<sup>th</sup>, while our grades 4-6 are on February 9<sup>th</sup>. We may also offer a ski-trip for our High-School Physed students depended on interest and availability. Allowing our classes to go skiing opens up a new opportunity to explore possible interests. There are a couple of presentations that we have booked for the spring. On March 21<sup>st</sup> Daniel Gervais will be presenting, he is a French-Canadian musician, and one day April 3-5 the Calgary Stampeders will be coming to give a presentation on relationships/domestic violence to our junior high and high school. The stampeders was coordinated by our local FCSS, surrounding schools will be invited and their will also be a community presentation so parents are getting the same information as students.

Continuing our focus on literacy, for Grades 4-8 we will be starting One Book, One School in February "The One and Only Ivan", teachers will be working hard to plan activities around the book. January 27<sup>th</sup> is family literacy day, in the afternoon we will be completing activities revolving around literacy and we encourage parents, siblings, grandparents,etc to come in that afternoon and take part. A letter will be going home with students soon! On this same day our French 5/6 class is doing a winter carnival periods 3 and 4. Parents of students in those grades should have received information regarding that.

Accountability Pillar survey will once again be going out and mailed out to parents starting the week of January 23rd. Again please avoid responses of "do not know" as those produce a negative result on our analysis.

"Naturalize Our School" outside landscaping and greenhouse project has been approved by the School Board. Again we would like any feedback from parents regarding improvements you would make, as well as a letter of support from our School Council. We have already received a grant from Western Financial for \$5000!

Basketball is in full swing, 6 teams are going and big thanks to all the school and community coaches.

From last meetings minutes, Senator Gershaw is now a “We” school, registered for the me to we program.

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> is winter walk day, again parents wishing to join are welcome. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> is SI day and in February our break is the week of Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. Report cards go out on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Senator Gerhsaw School-PAC-November 16, 2016**

1) Called to order at 7:30

2) ATB \$4894.79 Casino \$16003.18

We will need to pay hot lunch purchases, and our portion (\$100) of the Christmas goodie bags, and \$500 to the scholarship. We were also asked to purchase 10 google chrome books at \$250 each (Deanna made motion, Robin carried), and the Daniel Gervais workshop at \$700 (Deanna made motion, Cheryl carried).

6) ½ way day-January 30 = cupcakes

Fundraisers-magazine subscriptions?

Random acts of kindness February 17.

Meeting ended at 8.

Next meeting set for March 15.