

Senator Gershaw School-School Council Meeting-September 20,2017

Attendance: Deanna Riddell, Karla Porteous, Tina Lane, Dwayne McKay, Leesa Veilleux, Kim Mitchell, Kelly Nelson, Karla Hofmann, Sherri Kambeitz, Scott Angle, Stuart Angle, Jo-Anne Oosterhuis, Joanne Langeweg.

Call to order @ 7:05

Minutes: Grade 10 field trip actual cost came in at \$592.09 instead of \$501.90. Deanna made a motion to cover the difference, Karla P. seconded. Approval of minutes-Karla P. and Tina

Principal's Report: With starting classes after the long weekend this year we really hit the ground running. We welcomed new staff members Mrs. Ali Vos teaching mostly grades 8-12 English, Mrs. Lana Johnson taking over for Home Economics, Mrs. Melanie Meyer taking over half-time grade 5, and a new housekeeper Agatha Theicrobe. We had a very good spirit week, with different dress-up days everyday culminating with a very well attended pancake breakfast. Already our grade 9 students have gone to the PARTY program, and our first outdoor ed field trip is on Monday September 25th going to Elkwater and we combined that with another field trip for our Junior High to Taber for swimming and bowling. Terry Fox run is September 28th @ 1:00pm, all parents are invited to join. Our first hot lunch was this last Thursday where we did Taco Bar, which was a huge success and increase in number purchased (almost double). I discussed at the end of last year putting in video surveillance, and I know a few parents discussed this with me last year. With the increase in our outside facilities and the quality of the inside, combined with the amount this school is used, we went ahead and put in 13 cameras throughout the school. Down all hallways, common areas, and the main areas outside. All the cameras meet the criteria of our video surveillance administrative policy. The purpose is to have a better view of what is going on both outside and inside our building both during and after school hours. Another improved way to communicate will be through School Messenger, we will be getting a newsletter out to all parents in exactly how this is done as we have had a few hiccups with the program early on. We will continue to be working on our outside landscaping project, creating a berm, basketball pad, and eventually a greenhouse. Another major project that will need to be addressed at this school is our outside track. It has become overgrown with weeds and I will be getting quotes for different options to refinish it, but more importantly fixing the drainage issues prior to that refinish.

New programs for this year, we are now a "We" school, the purpose of the program is to challenges young people to identify the local and global issues that spark their passion and empowers them with the tools to take action. Within this program there is a We Day which is November 1st and our school has 18 tickets to send students. Student Council members will have the opportunity to go as well as some parent chaperones. Every year there are a number of motivational speakers and music acts to entertain and encourage our students. AMA can be offered for high-school students at a \$100 discounted rate and 3 credits. I am taking sign-ups now and will organize clearer early next week. We have started a BIAP day program for students that regular programming is not working for them to complete high-school. We currently have 7 students signed up and going forward in it. We are continuing to offer Health Care Aid with continual intake and Management 200 through SAIT in the second semester only.

In sports, volleyball is going strong. We have six volleyball teams, with home tournaments this weekend Jr. A (September 22/23) and next weekend (Sept. 29/30) the senior teams host. We had golf zones on Monday at Crowsnest Pass and we sent both a girls and a boys' team. The girls team won the zone

banner and will be heading to golf provincials in Edmonton on September 25th and 26th. Cross-country zones will be October 11th for both our Jr and Sr. High in Medicine Hat.

Mr. Stuart Angle- Director of rural caucus, Giving feedback to AB education. Talking with transportation boards as to the formula that calculates bus costs. Elections are running. Will be serving another year as board chair. Council of school councils is October 24.

New business: -Nominations Deanna Riddel chairperson, Joanne Langeweg secretary. Robin Thacker as vice or treasurer. Therefore we need **one more person to step up into the role of vice or treasurer!**

-grad scholarship, should it be revised. This past year was only one applicant. This is tabled to gather some more information.

-coupon book fundraiser-starts tomorrow and will run until October 11th. \$10 of every book sale goes to the school. Deanna made motion to once again reward the top selling class with a pizza party, at the cost of \$100. Tina seconds.

-drug and alcohol awareness-part of health class or extra? PARTY program is in place for grade 9. It is part of class as well, but always have eye open for good presenters. Vaping is treated the same as alcohol and tobacco at school. A presentation needs to be done well to keep the kids attention. Possibility of a connection with FCSS-Kim will look into. Is a parent information night of interest? STI is also part of the grade 9 program.

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Call to order at 8:10

Treasures report: Casino account \$19350 and PAC \$3000 with a \$500 donation from cenovus)

Old business-provincials raffle wasn't fully filed upon completion. PAC requests any future raffle be done with PAC follow up as to not hinder our casino licence.

Hot Lunch will run the same as last year.

Request from home ec and concession for a vitamix blender. (side note concession money made goes into our sports program) Deanna made motion to spend \$550 from casino funds for this blender, Karla seconds.

Request from sports teams to update medical kits. Six needed at \$25 each. Karla H. made motion to spend \$150 on medical kits, Jo-Anne O seconds.

Request for fuel purchase for volunteer drivers for the field trip for WE day in Calgary. Tina made motion to purchase \$400 in fuel for 4 vehicles, Karla P seconds. Pac requested fuel receipts for our records.

Request for a purchase of a teepee. Would be used for history of the prairie day (previously one was rented or borrowed). Cost is \$2053.81 for the canvas only. Deanna made motion to submit to casino for approval, purchase thru casino if approved. If not approved tabled for future discussion. Tina seconds.

Fundraiser ideas for next school year- with discussion, decided it is not needed at the moment.

Next meeting if November 22. Meeting adjourned at 8:35