

School Council Meeting

2018-01-16

930-1030 am Ardrossan Elementary Library

Attendees :

1. Welcome
 - Meeting called to order by JP Grebenc at 9:32
 - Intro of members
2. Motion to accept meeting minutes from November 7/2017 made by Ady Arbuckle
 - 2nd by Shelly, motion carried
3. Board Report by Skip Gordon (School Trustee)
 - Board approved Calendars for the next 2 school years at Dec 21 meeting
 - Students will start after Labour day and still retain 1 week fall break
 - One exception noted was the 2020 school year Labour day Falls Sept 7, so students will return before labour day but still in September.
 - Dec 19 Board members and senior administration met with Strathcona county Council and Elk Island Catholic schools to discuss Municipal Development plans, school sites, school zones and background information about both school divisions
 - Pre enrolment process to start for 2018 calendar year. Boundary exempt process to be replaced with online process. EIPS families will pre enrol children for the following year or select a non designate school they wish to attend. Approval to be determined by space available. Pre enrolment to take place March 1 to 15 2018
 - Board held a retreat in Vegreville Jan 11/12 2018 to focus on the vision and direction of the recently elected Board
4. Chair Report by JP Grebenc
 - GSA approved at October meeting
 - Discussion about changes to PD days, restructuring the profession development process
 - JP handed out the Parent Info Session topics for 2018 (see handout)
 - JP and Skip discussed High School Redesign process and issues with the Flex Time and recommendations from Superintendent. SI agrees with redesign but for such to run properly requires the work of school admin teachers and students to determine how to use Flex Time appropriately. Helene gave an example of the "Math Flex Time" at a School in Calgary.
5. Administration Report by Judy Whetstone / Helene

- Gr 4 Presenters Ashley and Eden discussed past and upcoming events happening with in Ardrossan Elementary (Christmas Concerts, P.E. Zumba and Rocks and Rings, Running Club, Jump rope for heart, Carnival)
 - Helene discussed Results review meeting had Nov 18/2017 with group of schools at SCE. Discussed the positives in school
 - Grade 6 exams had increase in PAT scores
 - 100% students wrote exams, 0% failure in English
 - Results indicate Literary push effective, Acceptable levels , increased, Excellence levels increased
 - Makers space successful
 - Class Initiative fund – Money for healthy initiatives
 - One example is the French teachers being able to meet entirely as a team to discuss plans for measurement of literacy among students in French.
 - JP asked what is next focus post Literacy focus
 - Helene suggested Numeracy , but focus comes from district wide decision
 - Accountability Pillar Overall Summary handout circulated, emphasis on grade 4parent involvement on surveys
 - Update given by Judy and Helene in regards to working with central office to coordinate moving into new school space. Elk Island School District to receive Keys in January (tentative) then will coordinate with all involved to ensure the school safe to occupy before moving in
 - No definite date available at this time
 - Move to new school will have NO changes to current buses or parking for the remainder of this school year
 - Discussion had about the possibility of waiting until new school year in September
6. AESPA report JP Grebenc
- Parent Social April 6/2018 tickets available on eventbrite or Ady has paper tickets available
 - Galaxyland April 21/2018 ticket sales went well during Christmas concerts tickets also available on eventbrite.
 - Paypal account set up for receiving money
 - Ticket sales will continue at Parent Teacher Interviews, Galaxyland Tickets will be available in office after Parent Teacher Interviews for purchase
 - Bottle drive planned for Parent Teacher interviews. Suggestion made that kids write the date inside their own Agendas. Plan to also make bottle drive semi annual during parent teacher interviews
 - Vania questioned current money allocation for the funds. Plan to discuss during AEPSA meeting following this Council mtg
7. CPF update (Info received from Connie Hamelin)
- Carnival coming up Feb 2/ 2018

- Volunteer forms sent home in agendas Jan 15/16
 - Still require entertainment for event
 - Confirmed Bon Homme and back ups
 - Request from CPF for funds for sleigh ride. (Discussion to be had at Fundraising meeting)
8. Other business presented by JP Grebenc
- JP presented concerns with Name changes at Dec mtg and has yet to receive a reply.
 - Skip informed group that No change in name to be done by school board. New name is Ardrossan Elementary School
 - Group discussion about next steps for name change. Emails can be sent to School trustees explaining our concerns with dropping all French aspects of name
 - Fees update
 - Parents do not like provincial government dictating what we can and can not charge for on fees
 - Currently having to go to provincial level for all fee approval
 - Parents and administration need flexibility so they can add, subtract and make changes to fees
 - School board to follow up
9. Next meeting
- 6 Feb/18 at Ardrossan Elementary School
10. Adjournment
- Vania Lloyd motioned to adjourn
 - Seconded Ady Arbuckle
 - Meeting ended 1045 am