

School Council Meeting Minutes:

February 6, 2018

6:30 – 7:30 pm Ardrossan Elementary Library

Attendees: Judy Whetstone (Principal), Helene Hewitt (Assistant Principal), Skip Gordon (Trustee), Kelley Mitchell (School Counsellor), JP Grebenc, Jackie Anderson, Kasia Spiker, Wendy Marty, Lindsey Decker, Darren Wright, Carolyn Vankleek, Cheryl Popik

1. Welcome

- Meeting called to order by JP Grebenc at 6:31 pm

2. Minutes from last meeting

- No corrections noted for January 2017 meeting minutes
- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting by Jackie Anderson; seconded by Cheryl Popik
- Motion carried

3. Board Report (Skip Gordon)

- New school is not quite ready (gym flooring issues as well as other punch list items to complete); move is now planned for the new school year in September, 2018
- Effective February 1, 2018 the CRA benefits process has been moved online and will now include a cost recovery fee of \$25; letters are no longer being mailed
- Organizers for the 2018 Alberta Rural Education Symposium are looking to showcase the talents of rural students. This year's theme: "Building Healthy Rural Communities". Each jurisdiction may submit up to 2 pieces of artwork, which will be on display throughout the conference from March 4-6, 2018.
- Central office is looking for temporary collections of student artwork to display in front reception area; each rotation being 1-2 months long with artwork being returned at the end. Frames will accommodate artwork up to 16 in x 20 in (landscape or portrait). Contact Communication Services with your interest.

4. Chair Report (JP Grebenc)

- No new information to report due to upcoming COSC meeting not being held until Wednesday, February 7th at 7:00 pm

5. Administration Report (Judy Whetstone and Helene Hewitt)

- Carnival has been moved forward to March due to extreme cold; will now coincide with Rendez-vous
- Grade 2 students kicked off the Jump Rope for Heart assembly; activity day is February 28th (Pink Shirt Day). This is an important event for AEL as past fundraising efforts have helped the school receive an AED with funds benefitting the Heart and Stroke Foundation
- Win/Win Day is coming up on February 14th where students encourage kindness by catching one another doing something good
- Grade 4-6 ski trip is planned for February 15th (weather permitting)

- Student Demonstration of Learning: February 21st and 22nd; please bring empties for AEPsA bottle drive. Students will have the opportunity to visit the book fair as well as see a Lego Boost club presentation
- Grade 4 Accountability Pillar surveys have been mailed out; please complete and mail back ASAP
- ECS registration now open; at present there are 32 children registered in English kindergarten and 19 in the French program
- There will be a bilingual presentation of Cinderella (March 9th) presented by the Dufflebag Theatre
- Next CPF meeting is scheduled for March 12th at 6 pm at AJS (open to both elementary and Jr/Sr High parents)

Midpoint Review (Helene Hewitt): this is an opportunity to reflect and take stock of all the events that have happened at our school; a time for staff, students, and care givers to celebrate what we have accomplished half-way through the year, and again at the end of the year

6. AEPsA Fundraising Report (JP Grebenc)

- Majority of topics to be discussed after Parent Council meeting during AEPsA Fundraising Meeting
 - Bottle drive at Student Demo of Learning
 - Parent's Night Out - April 6th
 - Galaxyland Family Night – April 21st

7. CPF Report (Carolyn Vankleek)

- Carnaval delayed until March 22nd due to inclement weather; there was an excellent volunteer turn-out; extra stations were to be added to accommodate available volunteers and to keep them from being idle between stations
- Year-end BBQ still on the table for final end-of-the-year fundraiser
- Darren Wright questioned if there was an excess of volunteers signed up for Carnaval; is there a possibility to organize parents so that if help is no longer needed, certain parents can remove themselves from the list and still fulfill work commitments
- Discussion occurred in regards to the use of 'Sign Up Genius' in order to ease organization for future events; this was unanimously agreed upon as a viable option

8. New Business

- School name change response has been less than favourable in a Facebook discussion (did not elicit a large response in comparison to comments received during past Parent Council meetings); JP giving one more month for feedback and if no real action is seen, subject to be tabled
- Cheryl Popik had a suggestion regarding Student Demonstration of Learning; she asked that the format potentially be swapped to have the SDL earlier in the year and then have PTI later in the year to offer parents the opportunity to discuss learning obstacles with the teacher and still have the opportunity to work on these concerns prior to the release of

report cards. The discussion carried on with the majority of parents agreeing they would like to see more of a combination of SDL with a PTI to offer the opportunity of more discussion with the teacher; discussion currently tabled

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 9:30 – 10:30 am in the library; followed by AEP SA meeting

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Wendy Marty

Seconded: Jackie Anderson at 7:27 pm