

École Élémentaire
ARDR  **SSAN**
Elementary School

School Council
October 13, 2015

Attendees: Judy Whetstone (principal), Helene Hewitt (assistant principal), JP Grebenc, Terri Ann Trohubiak, Amy Provencal, Skip Gordon (Trustee), Amy Robertson, Richard Wharmby, Sasha Marks, Jennifer Marker, Lisa Fortin

1. Welcome & Thank You for Attending

- Meeting Called to order at 10:45am

2. Minutes From Last Meeting

-School council minutes were tabled until we were able to get copies.

4. Chair Report

-There was a big meeting with all the chairs in the school district.

In regards to renovations, Super Intendent Mark Lagorie has mentioned that the schools finishing time for the new school has been delayed by 3 months, but the demolition will still start in December.

5. Administration Report

-Parents empowering parents.

-Focus is on parents dealing with a child that has addictions.

-No cost to this program and it's a great program.

-This program is to make us aware and answer questions such as "how do we prevent drug use."

-The elementary has the "Dare" program in place. It has been suggested that "Parents Empowering Parents" could come in to explain what they do and if we would want to implement it.

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4. Administration Report cont.

-Every meeting the chair will have something to share on what could help the bigger picture.

-Cyber World
Protecting against cyber bullying
Nov 3 – 7:00pm-9:00pm
Open to anyone

-Traffic safety
Discussed safety in the past and how effective and safe is the traffic.
Would love ideas or comments on what could help or increase positive traffic safety. As well as any negative results seen.

5. Student Report

-Delany Jones from Mrs. Coates grade 5 class reports.
-Terry Fox run was a success, lots of work from the students and raised over \$10,000.
-Reading week was a success and the students enjoyed reading with the football players who came from the High School.
-November 25, 2015 – Grade 5 showing their talents for the assembly.

6. Minutes Approval

-Lisa Fortin made a motion to accept the minutes of last meeting and Terry Ann – 2nd the motion.
-There was a change in the minutes. Next week meeting time was wrong and needs to be revised. Minutes were accepted with revised minutes.
-minutes were passed.

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7. Administration Report

- Dawn Quigg came in to teach the children how to wash their hands. Learning health and wellness. Sparkle Soap was a pleasant surprise for the kids.
- Reading week – There were 70 parents that came in to attend reading at lunch.
- Saffron Group – only 10 families came in to participate. There was info in the newsletter so parents had access to some of the information that was shared. Would like to have more families involved.
- Visioning Themes – There is a form made up from all the parent's ideas and comments. This is a good baseline for what is important to us for the next 3 years. It is also posted on the website and the school would love some input.
- District education plan - Template to submit to E.I.P.S and will be handed in. making sure we are moving forward in a positive manner.
- 3 goals
- Priority 1
- Excellent start to learning, enhance high quality education, find effective stake holders, promoters, partnerships and groups. What does our students need to be successful?
- Priority 2
- Focusing on wellbeing,
- Quality infrastructure to all
- A culture of excellence
- Priority 3
- Having outside groups participate.
- There are 536 students
- ATB is a great success with the kids. Every second week ATB is open for the kids
- New report card system: Letter went home on Friday for permission to review report cards online. Parents can get a hard copy if needed. The report can be accessed through parent portal and viewed online by parents.

8. School Trustee Report

- Met for the first time with our 3 MLA's . They were surprised to see ¼ in HS in French.
- Discuss P.A.T. and diploma results
- Officially 16,866 in attendance in E.I.P.S.
- New school has been delayed up to a year. September 2018 finish completion.
- Demolition still on for November

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9. CPF Report

- Looking for more board member's
- Budget & finances look good
- Funded grade 9 Quebec trip in the amount of \$800.00.

10. Other Business

- Chair had been talking with CPF and purposes that we try to amalgamate groups.
- 133 – 80 families. How to get more volunteers?
- French Group/Parent group to work together.
- JP makes a motion to discuss ideas and how to join forces between the groups.
- Jennifer seconds the motion.
- Discuss more communication & coordinate planning between parent committee, hot lunch, and CPF group.
- It was brought to the board's attention that kids were going to the High School for hot lunch. The issue is that kids cannot leave our school for a safety issue.
- Teachers leaving is not an issue for safety.
- Grade 6 go across 1/month with their teachers. Should make sure the grade 6 doesn't go on hot lunch day, so parents don't pay twice.

11. Next meeting

- November 17 6:30pm-7:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 12:02pm