

Friends of Tomahawk School Society
DRAFT Minutes
December 10, 2014

In attendance: Cindy VanEmber, Brittany Trembley, Desiree Janzen, Donna Goode, Anita Berger, Julie Lemke, Barb Gruber, Christa Nicholson

Desiree called the meeting to order 10:40 am

1. **Adopt Minutes** from meeting of Nov 5, 2014

Upon review of the minutes no errors or omissions were found. Brittany made a motion to adopt the minutes for the Nov 5 meeting. 2nd by Julie. All in favor.

2. **Chair's Report** - none

3. **Treasure's Report** – none

4. **Old Business**

a. Fitness Equipment – Tamara & Brittany have put together an instruction binder outlining rules, maintenance etc.

- *Waivers are still in division office waiting for approval. At this time of year it simply isn't a high priority, but Christa hopes to have things up done for a January start up!*

b. Extravaganza – Report not available yet for tables & kitchen. Gr 9's raise \$1150 for their trip, \$700 was raised for the Sensory Room through a laser cut sign donated by Brad Shepel (BJS Welding). It was a great turn out, many applauded the call to reschedule it from November 27 to December 3 due to the extreme weather.

- *There was some confusion from attendees as to where the bathrooms were and where the eating area was. Comments came in that some of the kids meals were the same size as adult meals.*

c. Sensory Room: It was noted by Tamara that we need to do Thank You in the papers soon for our generous donors. We have had some wonderful cash donations from Servus (Drayton Valley) and the Roberts Family. Donna comment that she would like something on PSD website & facebook about Tomahawk having this room as it is not a common feature but it definitely is something many parents look for so we should promote it on our sites.

- *Ashley & Glenda have a few items they would like to purchase for the Sensory Room. We have asked them to present to us next month what they want to purchase.*

- d. Tomahawk Tummies: Breakfast program is going well, however it has been observed that lunches are another area that some students need help with.

Discussion regarding extending the funds from Tummies to include lunch items for children who need. Staff will really need to pay attention so that the program doesn't get taken advantage of. There may be some funding for that through Health Champions.

Ashley Kendell has donated some supplies to help provide students in need lunches. Discussion regarding have a program where parents can sign up to make an extra lunch or two in one week time slots to help out with that. More discussion will be had in January.

5. New Business

- a. Playground: Committee currently consists of Tamara Weiss, Ashley Kendall, Christa Nicholson, Brittany Trembley & Desiree Janzen. Planning has started with the group, including creative ideas for trucking sand, disposing of the existing sand, and getting equipment donated. They are looking to contact groups that have recently built new playgrounds so they have a clearer idea of the process involved to build, including timelines they can expect.

- *The Committee's next meeting will be in January. Anyone that can help is welcome to attend, or send comments through Christa.*

- b. Raffle/Lottery: Nothing to report

- c. Casino: Our dates are May 3 & 4th. 20 volunteers needed.

- *We will be getting a shift list from Alana so we can start getting help.*

6. On the Horizon

- a. Blog Julie & Tamara are working on it. They are working on getting minutes on the blog.

- *Anita will send them in Word rather than PDF's to see if that works better.*

- b. Gymnasium Expansion Christa's explained that it is her preference is to expand the gym to the East rather than remove the stage, keeping the stage as a tool for fine arts expansion. PSD seemed more in favor of expanding vs removing stage. Waiting on 'Letter of Intent' and cost comparisons from them. Following that we can focus on fundraising efforts if we still support the Expansion.

- c. Kitchen Cabinetry: Barb got a quote to have pantries built and installed in the kitchen. The total cost of the "wish list" of cabinetry is approximately \$8500.00 We will begin discussion on this matter in January.

Meeting adjourned 12:05pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday January 14, 2015 *(following Parent Council)*