



School Council & Fundraising Association

School Council Minutes

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April 18, 2023

6:30 pm

Location: School Library

Attendance: Shannon Kornago, Sunita Sas, Amanda Joblinski, Tracy Lakusta, Amita Kohli, Charlene Cook, Lara Lemieux, Robyn Fagaransanu, Tawana McLeod, Georgina Ball, Heather Petruk

Call to Order

Shannon Kornago called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm followed by a Treaty Acknowledgement.

Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda for April 18, 2023 as presented by Charlene Cook. Seconded by Lara Lemieux. Motion carried.

Previous Minutes

Motion to accept the previous minutes (March 16/23) as presented by Lara Lemieux. Seconded by Amita Kohli. Motion carried.

Principal's Report and School Update

Sunita Sas reported about the current ongoings of the school.

- Thank you to School Council and parents for a successful book fair. Feedback from parents supports having a book fair during the Celebration of Learning.
- Thank you to the volunteers for the work that is going towards Healthy Hunger lunches.
- The grade 6 made a thank you card for the funds (\$200) that went towards a Royal Glenora field trip. The junior high has also allocated their funds to a junior high field trip,
- Parents can let teachers or the office know if they are interested in volunteering. See this info in the last family update.
- Welcome to new staff that is covering leaves in the school and covering in the office area.

- Pre-enrollment reminders have been going out to ensure that accurate planning for next year can occur. This has closed and the school is planning using these numbers. There are openings in K and 3 at this point other than students that are in the primary catchment area.
- April 17 to 21 is HLAT writing tasks from prompts for all grade 1 to 9 students. These are marked collaboratively to help teachers benchmark assessments and match level of assessment across classes and schools in the division. These are marked as teams on the April 28 PD day to ensure fair assessment across classes using the division exemplars.
- Feedback from parents was supportive around the Celebration of Learning event.
- There is a parent session available April 25 called 'Cyber World: What Happens When You Press Send' and has been shared on SchoolZone. It is from the Saffron Center through a virtual meeting link.
- Multi-cultural day is being organized on May 19, 10:15am-1:30pm.
- Grade 4 and 5 spring concert is upcoming May 18 with three options for times to attend. There is an option being considered to add Grades 1-3 students with a singing performance at the outdoor carnival.
- Parents are now able to enter attendance through SchoolZone and are encouraged to do so.

Upcoming Dates

These dates take the school through to spring break and will be in the parent update as well.

April 27 Div. 1 and 2 showcase, Healthy Hunger

April 28 - PD Day

May 1-12 - CAT 4 division gr. 4-9 numeracy & literacy assessments

May 3 - Hats on for Mental Health

May 6 - Gr. 6 handball tournament at ESS (AM)

May 8 - gr. 6-9 track and field

May 12 - interim reports & Healthy Hunger

May 15 - grade 9 LA (writing) PAT (Part A)

May 17 - grade 6 LA (writing) PAT (Part A)

May 17 - Red Deer Music Festival - grade 7

May 18 - Gr. 4 and 5 spring concert (10:30 am, 2 and 6 pm)

May 22-24 - no school

May 26 - Grade 8/9 Band Festival in Red Deer

May 29 - Camp Warwa grade 7, Provincial Election (gym closed)

May 30-June 1 - Gr. 9 Pioneer Ranch Camp

*division calendar has other holidays and non-instructional days

New Business

Parent Sessions

Charlene Cook has reached out to a speaker from the Child Institute for Psychology for prices and a list of topics. A half day event is \$2100 plus GST and travel and there are a wide range of topics that are relevant to our parents. Charlene suggests that we consider this for the end of September. Tawana McLeod suggests November and a Saturday morning with a ticketed event with breakfast and babysitting available. The majority agree that September would be preferable. There is a \$500 subsidy that is available to go towards this. **Charlene Cook will look further into the length of time for a half day and how many topics can be covered as well as the ability to live stream.**

Spring Clean Up

Charlene Cook suggested that we organize a school yard clean up. Sunita Sas reported that there are times that the students do clean ups and will continue to do that bi-weekly through to the end of the year.

Staff Appreciation

Georgina shared

Snacks

Heather is May.

Adjournment

Shannon Kornago adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.

Future Meetings

The next meeting is May 25th, 2023 in the school library at 6:30pm.



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Call to Order

Amita Kohli called the meeting to order at 7:28 pm.

Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Georgina Ball. Seconded by Lara Lemieux. Motion carried.

Previous Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting (March 16, 23) as presented by Lara Lemieux. Seconded by Charlene Cook. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Lara Lemieux reported that the general account has approximately \$12000. The casino account has approximately \$76000.

Completed Fundraising Update

- Healthy Hunger - Charlene Cook reported that there have been two more with others added for families to order. This is going well.
- Scholastic Book Fair: -Georgina Ball reported that over \$11000 was sold with a large number of books ordered and delivered to teachers at the last staff meeting. Total rewards are around \$5700 with \$2000 remaining from last year. Teachers will be able to look through the rewards catalog. October 16-19, 2023 and March 18-22, 2024 have both been booked for the book fair next year. It went well but it was very difficult to find enough volunteers. Ideas were shared about how to advertise for more volunteers.

Upcoming Fundraisers

- Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch Program - Charlene Cook reported there are upcoming hot lunches from new vendors. These have been advertised. Charlene Cook is booking 2 of Tim's, Pita Pit, and Pasta Pantry for the remainder of the school year. June 1 and 16 will be the last two dates.
- Spring Concert and Carnival - Amanda and Shannon met and there is a list of activities that are being considered and confirmed as well as a plan for the layout. Thoughts were shared for the next committee meeting. **A date for the next meeting will be sent out by Amanda Joblinski and Shannon Kornago.**
- Spring Plant Sale and Bottle Drive - Plant sale is going as planned. Charlene Cook has booked with the Windermere bottle depot for June 2 from 11am to 6pm. **Advertising for this will need to occur alongside plant pick up and general advertising.**
- Write-On Stationery - **Sunita Sas reported that teachers will confirm lists by May 1.**
- Gift Cards Fundraiser - Shannon Kornago reported that this is labor intensive and it has been canceled.

New Business

- Heritage Confections - Charlene Cook found out that this is selling kettle popcorn. This company had reached out to offer this as a fundraiser. Tawana shared that Davidson Orchard was a good apple fundraiser. These will be tabled until the fall.
- Sports Tent - Shannon Kornago reported that the cost of these has gone up. A number of members shared that they have seen more portable versions. If this is less than the \$1500 allotted, some PE equipment will be repurposed for recess and new equipment will be purchased with the balance. Motion by Shannon Kornago to give the PE department \$3000 over the next two years from AGLC funds for needed equipment. **Shannon Kornago will look into this further for the May meeting and will liaison with the PE department..**
- Board Insurance - Insurance is needed to be completed. It is a requirement under the Societies Act. **Tawana McLeod has sent the information to Amita Kohli to take care of the insurance.**

Adjournment

Amita Kohli adjourned at 8:53pm.

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