

Minutes of Eleanor Hall School Council Meeting - October 26th, 2016

Call to order at 7:03pm

1. Introductions from all in attendance.

Kristina Doblanko, Janette Ringuette, Cindy Hnatiuk, Shawna Wieler, Michelle Rigney, Jacqueline, Shank, Carrie Ruch, Shauna Nyal, Mark Thiesen, David Garbutt, Nadine Marchand, Dale Erickson, Jantea Vander Velde, Lori Borduzak, Angela Jury, Verna Nyal, Tara Thue, Jill Rauscher, Melissa Hittinger, Celina deZoete.

2. Approval of agenda from Lori, seconded by Carrie

3. Approval of minutes

a) Michelle Rigney approved minutes seconded by Jaquie Shank

4. Old Business

A. Introductions of executive members and their positions

5. New Business

a. Christmas Store- Lori explained about the Christmas store. It's for the students to shop for friends and family and Jr. High do all the wrapping. It gets set up on the foyer usually and then kids get to shop. Will look for more volunteers at a later date as no one has said they can commit yet.

It was said that in the past the school paid for all the supplies, and they broke even last year.

b) Suggestions Box- Lori and Jantea talked to admin and are in agreeance on a suggestion box. They are going to put the box by the school council board. They said good or bad they will discuss all. There will be another small talk about it before a for sure decision will be made. Will be brought to next meeting.

c) Volunteer Questionnaire Survey Results- Lori made a sheet to have the parents have the opportunity and volunteer. So Lori got back 3 she said out of 130 families in the school. Some from people already in attendance. Mark had made a suggestion saying what if there were categories, and Lori said she could have slated those on there but... There was discussion about all the different things we need them for, terry fox, pancake days, Jantea said trying other people.

Michelle suggested sending things out sooner maybe bring it out of the council world a bit.

Lori said she didn't turn away anyone from volunteering at the terry fox run this year.

Nadine suggested trying each grade parents doing a hot lunch and then rotating each class. Gives a chance for new parents to come in without major commitment in the long run.

d) School wear- Team school wear Carrie has been looking into. Just looking at different options, like ordering online. 3 options, embroidery den in Barrhead. They have great products but are not online and need minimum orders as well.

Priceline??

Entripy- she showed a \$25 hoodie. Everything is set up and there was no minimum and can be open all year round. You not stuck to just stuck with same colours. This company does just screening not embroidery. Carrie said she can show some samples online after the meeting. Seems to be a lot of good feedback on this company. No setup fee. Sounds like there is a general consensus to go with this last company.

e) Awards Night- We seen this Diligent award around, she says that we might be the only school that does 4 and 5 honors, what do other schools do?

Admin says they can bring to the teachers. Div 1 says criteria for each award. She says some students who have a B might only be there as they are still learning how to do things. How to study and how to do things.

Mark says there is no % assessment up to grade 6 so it is kind good with the education assessment policy part. He respects the honors, but a problem with rewarding honors from grade 4-6.

Parent brought up her daughter did good gr4 but was a hair away in 5 and 6 then got it again in 7.

Another parent said knowing about in 4-6 made them strive harder to get in Jr. High.

Lori said we suggested separating the chore grades in the past year.

Maybe doing the certificates that everyone gets with all their stickers doing that in a ceremony.

Shauna said at St.Mary they get a plaque for 80% and trophies for 90% in Jr. High

Melissa H. says not to take away from anyone.

David is going back to the diligent awards. He wants to know so who is going to make the decision. There are parents, staff, community members, council here, but who actually makes the choice as to how to move forward from this.

Mark broke down the process and how long it took to do their policy.

Jantea says she grew up in another country and there were no awards. You didn't have comparison until 15 or 16 years old.

Mark says the kids get more from the day to day achievements then the end of the year certificate. Tara in agreeance.

David says who is making the decision. We just need to know who is making the decision.

Parent said last year there was a survey brought to the students for CTS options, but bring about the option to them again. Make up a survey for them to tell you how they feel or what they want to do. What Nadine wants to do, is discuss with admin, and then make a decision after some time and thought.

David reminds us we are just advisory, but the decision is up to admin.

No honors in Elementary at St.Mary they just do citizen and something else...? (Ask her what that was...)

f) Guest Speakers David Garbutt and Mark Thiesen- School Council Purpose - David handed out to all in attendance the new school council resource guide. This is available online at the Alberta School Council website.

They made point about first 5.

School council is legislative. This is a guide. He points out that this a good turnout for a school council.

There are the biggest stake holders

We need to decide who is going to make the decision on what to advise.

He points out that 95% of decisions is the admin, and they come to us with their items to discuss, and then they can ask us our advice how we feel, or which way to go.

David went through the guide though the first 5 items on there and explained what is good to advise openly and what is behind closed doors with admin.

He explained the chain of command essentially.

Lastly, responsibility of School Council and Admin, we are all here for our kids.

He said if we can just talk and figure our process out a little better. How we go about determining and how we are going to discuss a topic.

David Suggests that whomever puts up a concern in the suggestion box, that a name goes on it so you know who to follow up with. But the people need to know who is going to be reading them to know that it is an open system of communication basically.

6. Enhancement Society Update- Casino last spring, just wrapped up Fundscrip yesterday. Pizza days had one already, more to come, and Taco in a bag in Jan. have been getting requests from teachers for trips already. Shauna is going to have a meeting with admin on how funds will be used as typically funds were used for big items for the school so they can decide how funds should be used, or what funds are needed for.. So money has been given for a few trips so far. Hockey Hookie trip Gr. 1-3, trip to Citadel Theater for Gr. 6-9.

7.Admin Update

a) there was a handout. AP-60-20 these are asking Canadians to get better at building an understanding on how we have affected the FNMI. We are trying to come out of the dark stages of the past and trying to honor and respect the historical significance and contributions of the FNMI. We are in Treaty 6, swan hills is treaty 8. They are opening the board meetings with passage at the bottom of the handout. This is the step that division is taking to take a step forward for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

Their AP went to their elder on the board.

Admin Report

PHPS has taken on something with the range radio station. EHS days is on Wednesdays. Teacher's submit student names as to who they believe would be good candidates. And there is a link on the range website so parents can check it out there for a little more information.

Admin went over the school emergency procedures and what the protocols are for parents to follow when a situation arises. Admin says that if there are any questions on any of this, there is some information available online, but please do not hesitate to contact or come into the school.

Students numbers are up to 239 students as of September 30th 2016.

And staffing has Mr. Albert Perreault as the new full time grade 6 teacher, and Mrs. Megan Boulanger as the second grade 4 teacher, and Kent Johnson as the new Junior High grade 8 homeroom teacher/ Math/ Phys. Ed. teacher. Also the new Office Financial Support, Renne Moscaluk. They are also pleased to welcome on a new teacher replacing Nadine while she is on her Maternity leave, Dellanie Waters. She will take over starting next week.

8. PHPS Trustee Report-

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Trustee Report

- The Board held their organizational meeting in August and voted in Jennifer Tuininga as Chair and Sheri Watson as Vice Chair.
- Our Superintendent Colleen Symyrozum-Watt is also holding another important position this year. She is the President of the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS). With this position CASS will be giving PHPS \$1500.00 to put towards a scholarship for one of our students for the 2017/2018 school year. The Board will be discussing the criteria for what the scholarship will look like.
- Trustees Tuininga and Watson did a presentation on behalf of PHPS at the Canadian School Boards Association Congress in Winnipeg from July 7-9. The presentation was called "Into the Eye of the Storm: Community Engagement about Changing School Boundaries – Lessons Learned". Trustee Lefebvre also attended the conference in Winnipeg and all three gained a national perspective re: School Boards and their trustees.
- The Board of trustees enjoyed having lunch with Minister Eggen and his wife in the beginning of September and had a wonderful discussion about Pembina Hills Public Schools. The Board is also meeting Minister Eggen at the Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC) Edmonton campus on October 27th to discuss the importance of ADLC.
- Each year our board goes through a self-evaluation process to determine if we are, indeed, doing our jobs as trustees. A summary of that report and the priorities we set for this year are available on the PHPS website.
- In our October 12th Board meeting the Board suspend authorization of international field trips to all of Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia for two full school years, until August 2018, at which time the conditions for travel will be reviewed again. Trips to locations in North America, Central America, South America, and Australia will continue to be considered based on the criteria set in Administrative Procedure 60-03.
- In October the Board attended the Public School Board Association of Alberta (PSBAA) Fall General Meeting in which congratulations was given to Kevin Berger of the Westlock News. He won the Special Contribution to Public School Education Award: Media
- The Board will also be attending the Alberta School Board Association Fall general meeting in November.

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9. Next meeting date- Nov. 23 7:00pm

10. Adjournment- 9:00 pm