

Rimbey Elementary School Parent Council Meeting Agenda

January 8, 2019

Attendance: Jodi Bramfield, Kathleen Terry, Ashley Harrowing, Lana Leonhardt, Lori Dancer, Trudy Bratland, Shelagh Hagemann, Angela Bennik, Robyn McIntyre, Michelle Service, Matilda Kleinsaser.

1. Call to Order by Lana at 5:00 pm.
2. Agenda
 - 2.1 Additions
 - 2.2 Adoption of Agenda – Robyn McIntyre adopted the agenda. Lori Dancer seconded the motion. Carried.
3. Minutes from November 6, 2018
 - 3.1 Adoption of minutes was done by Robyn McIntyre and Lori seconded the adoption. Carried.
4. Sheleigh Hagemann is the First Nations Métis and Inuit advocate in Wolf Creek schools. She brings to our school a new perspective to learning. She went through a powerpoint explaining residential schools and we got a glimpse of it's impact. She supports the 735 indigenous students within Wolf Creek Public Schools She supports the staff and board in learning how to implement more indigenous teachings and she supports the parents of indigenous children. She has Elder Effie coming to our school every other week meeting with 2 groups. They have played games, learned about the Powwow and the different dances and she hopes to bring in smudging. We saw the trailer to First Contact and discussed racism. Alberta has committed to truth and reconciliation through 94 calls to action, 12-13 of which are education related. She talked about smudging and showed us some sweetgrass and sage explaining the differences between them. It was very informative!
4. Treasurer's Report – Michelle went over the Treasurer's report which was added to the binder. The Christmas concert raised \$1181.60! Michelle Service moved to adopt the treasurer's report. Robyn McIntyre seconded that. Carried.

Jodi Bramfield suggested we move the Grade 6 Legacy Tree Fund to under Wolf Creek School in order to be able to issue donation receipts. Robyn moved we transfer the 1050.00 to Wolf Creek under the RES Legacy Tree Fund. Michelle Service seconded. Carried.

6. Business Arising from Minutes

- a. Chili Cook-Off 2019 (Application to Town of Rimbey) – Lana and Robyn applied to the town of Rimbey to have a discount on the rental of the Community Center for next year's chili cook off. Need to apply again for next year!
- b. Christmas Concert – Fundraiser Outcome – see treasurer's report.
- c. Outdoor Rink – There has been \$12 463.40 raised! The selling of the front row seats at the concert was a success! They will start working on the rink. First with leveling the ground, securing the boards and adding lighting to the arena. The plan is to put concrete down eventually when the money is raised.

7. New Business –

7.1 – postage reimbursement – Michelle made a motion for Lana Leonhardt to buy stamps for the parent council. Robyn McIntyre seconded it. It was carried.

8. Reports

7.1 Principal's Report –submitted by Jodi Bramfield
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Upcoming Events

- January 9 - Hot Dog Day (grade 2 parent helpers)
- January 11 - Division 2 Ski Trip
- January 15 - 17 - Farm Safety
- January 7 Sacred Teachings: Humility
- January 31 - Division 2 Options: Round 2 (Students will select the week prior)
- February 1 - ECS Online Registration Opens for the 2019-2020 school year
- February 8 - Progress Reports go home

Rocks & Rings - well received by students and staff

Gideon Bibles - 25 students opted in (42%)

Tree Legacy Project

- As School Council Foundation is not able to issue donations, Central Office has set up a Tree Legacy budget in our name in Wolf Creek's account.
 - Rimbey Elementary paid APEX invoice of: \$1987.65
 - RE Donations collected: \$1200.00 (Tax Receipts issued)
-\$787.65 (short)
- School Council collected \$1050.00 from two donations. This money should be transferred to Wolf Creek Public School (RE Legacy Tree Project budget line).
- Motion to have RE responsible for collecting donations and issuing the tax receipts.

Accountability Pillar Survey

- An annual survey by AB Education for parents of students in grades 4, 7 & 10. The survey provides data on quality of education in a school/district.
- Districts and schools use the data to identify areas that need improvement, set priorities for the future, and measure success.
- Grade 4 parents will receive a letter from AB Education shortly informing them of the survey and requesting their participation to complete the survey. New this year: option to complete it online. Parents may still return their survey via mail. In addition to the parents, grade 4 students and all teachers complete the survey.

7.2 School Trustee's Report – submitted by Trudy Bratland.

November 2018

Parent Council Meetings

Since the beginning of the month we have now held two Board Meetings and have gone through the Alberta Education Accountability Pillar results. They are steadily improving and we are very pleased with those results. We are working on our future plans and also the FNMI accountability pillar. We also had a very interesting presentation from Mr. Blood, our Director of transportation regarding cameras on buses.

The audit of last year's books is almost complete and we will have a meeting with the auditors on the 27th of the month.

We have held a Board Retreat for the first time in a number of years and our agenda was full of topics that we have not had the time to discuss - particularly about some of the issues and celebrations in the division. We discussed trends in enrollments, small High School programming, Outreach Schools and our vision for the future.

The Board met with members of our ATA local as is our practise at the beginning of the school year. We discussed the Retirement and Recognition banquet that will be held in October next year, the new curriculum for K to 4 studies, the proposed hiring of a Communications Officer for the district.

I attended the Bluffton Remembrance Day Service - the students did a very good job.

I have just returned from the Alberta School Boards Association Fall General Meeting in Edmonton where 450 Trustees gathered to discuss policy, professional development and the new ASBA website that contains a lot of information and online professional development opportunities.

On November 27 we met to go over and approve the Audited Financial Statements and Three Year Plan for submission to the Government prior to November 30th.

December Notes...

In December we held one meeting and discussed the calendar, Bright Futures Academy and set dates for our Salary Compensation review and lunch with the Lacombe Christian School. We cancelled our December 20 and January 10 meetings, approved the Radio campaign and electronic Christmas card.

I had the opportunity to attend three Christmas dinners and one concert in December and am looking forward to a great 2019.

9. Adjournment at 5:54pm.

Next meeting will be held February 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.