

Rimbey Elementary School Parent Council Meeting Agenda

March 5, 2019

In attendance: Jodi Bramfield, Lana Leonhardt, Matilda Kleinsasser, Kathleen Terry, Marilyn Weatherald, Michelle Service, Robyn McIntyre.

1. Called to Order at 5:02 p.m. by Chairperson Lana Leonhardt
2. Agenda
 - 2.1 Additions - none
 - 2.2 Adoption of Agenda by Michelle S., seconded by Matilda K.
3. Minutes from February 12, 2019
 - 3.1 Adoption of minutes – adopted by Robyn M., seconded by Michelle S.
4. Treasurer’s Report – Presented by treasurer Michelle Service. Opening balance of \$29,357.42, expenses were \$559.66 (for Hot Lunch), income of \$1.11 (credit Interest). Balance of **\$28,798.87** for Feb. 28/19. Michelle S. moved that the report be adopted as presented. Robyn M. seconded. Robyn M. motioned that it be recognized that Dawn Service informally audits R.E.S. Council books from last year. Matilda K. seconded.
5. Business Arising from Minutes - None
6. New Business
 - 6.1 Inclement Weather Decisions – Message from Jayson Lovell. All in attendance watched the Presentation from Jayson Lovell, which discussed the AP 132: Closure of Schools Due to Inclement Weather. The AP 132 guides decisions for school closure, due to inclement weather. With safety of students as the primary concern, the Superintendent and Transportation Manager make a joint decision, between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., on school closure and cancelling buses. AP 132 has been followed for decades, and is applied consistently using Environment Canada conditions, and a network of contacts. Buses are

cancelled and schools are closed when ambient air temperature is -40°C , air temperature between -30°C and -40°C AND wind-chill factors in excess of -40°C , dangerous road conditions and/or poor visibility, and buses may be cancelled, and schools remain open if conditions (such as fog or freezing rain) are expected to improve. Schools are closed when buses are cancelled because WCPS also believe conditions are not safe for students to be traveling to school. Closing schools through extreme weather conditions ensures WCPS' is doing everything possible to keep students safe. It is not feasible to close one school and leave others in the same community open, as weather impacts a region, and families could have students in more than one school. Safety must remain a priority.

- As a group, we completed a survey for feedback through a Google Form.

6.2 School Crosswalk –Our council in conjunction with RJSH council and Wolf Creek's senior administration team sent a letter to the Town of Rimbey about the need to install crosswalk lights at 52nd Street and 52nd Avenue. These lights are to enhance the safety of students and pedestrians as it is such a busy street and visibility can be poor. The Town is under the impression that Wolf Creek is responsible, but it was voiced that IS the Towns responsibility. Unfortunately, our letter did not get brought up at the last town council meeting. Jodi had said Jacey might go and voice our needs to the Town in person.

7. Reports

7.1 Principal's Report

Upcoming

- March 6 & 7 Portfolio Walks
 - 3:30 - 5:00 Parent Meetings
 - 5:00 - 7:00 Open House
- March 14 - 15 Teachers' Convention
- March 18 - 22 Spring Break
- April 4 & 5 Traumatic System Response Training with Kevin Cameron
 - Teams from all WC schools
 - Already have Threat Assessment Training

- Traumatic System Response is training to respond in ways to reduce the impact of trauma
1. Letter sent to Town of Rimbey Council members regarding installation of crossing lights at 52 Ave and 52 Street.
 - No response to date.
 2. School trying out Lifetouch Fundraising Opportunity (Kathleen)
 - Lifetouch has offered us the opportunity to have them take spring photos of our students. There is no expectation that parents purchase the pictures. The great thing about this is that for every student photographed (not pictures purchased) we get \$2.00 given to the school. This would mean that if all of our students had their photo taken we would make \$800. If we take them up on this by Friday we would get another \$300.
 3. Inclement Weather - School Closure
 - Quick facts regarding AP 132
 - Presentation and Survey - to provide feedback about the inclement weather procedure to superintendent.

7.2 School Trustee's Report

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On March 3, 4 and 5th I attended the Rural Education Symposium and found the Keynote Speakers very interesting - their topics were about education in Rural Alberta and the Enhance learning Model collaboration between Wolf Creek and Clearview School divisions was highlighted, along with success stories from other School Divisions.

March 7th was the first Board Meeting of the month and we discussed inclusion, the Four Seasons of Reconciliation, our budget priorities, approved our Edwin Parr nomination (Kolt Bell) and our Capital plan.

On March 8 there was a session for Educational Assistants and I was the Board Rep. It was interesting to hear of their concerns and learn of the changes to the payroll system with respect to their pensions.

March 11 we met to discuss applications from employee groups and deferred them until we have more information regarding the budget for the division. We also discussed our Advocacy Plan and how we will roll it out - providing information to our Parent Councils (April 9th) and our municipalities.

9. Adjournment at 6:06 p.m. by Lana Leonhardt

Next meeting will be held April 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.