

# Rimbey Elementary School Parent Council Meeting Agenda

September 10, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Lana Leonhardt, Mandy Klein, Trudy Bratland, Kathleen terry, Michelle Service, Robyn McIntyre, Matilda Kleinsasser, and Jodi Bramfield.

1. Call to Order: 5:11 p.m. by Lana Leonhardt
2. Agenda
  - 2.1 Additions: 6.2 Picture Day
  - 2.2 Adoption of Agenda: Michelle S. adopted the agenda with the addition. Seconded by Robyn M. All are in favor. Carried.
3. Minutes from May 14, 2019
  - 3.1 Adoption of minutes: Michelle S. adopted the minutes as presented. Robyn M. seconded. All are in favor. Carried.
4. Treasurer's Report: Michelle S. presented the treasurer's report for the months ending May, June, July and August 2019. The opening and closing balance as of August 31, 2019 was **\$25,737.81**. Michelle S. motioned to accept the reports as presented. Matilda K. seconded. All are in favor. Carried.
5. Business Arising from Minutes
  - 5.1 Chili Cook-Off: We currently have 12 pots entered into our fundraiser. We have also had generous donations given to us for prizes and to use in our concession. The new owners of the Rimbey Motor Inn offered to make us treats that we could sell for extra profit at our concession. We made the decision that we would pass on that offer at this time, as the chili and other concession items are filling enough. We will, however, suggest to the Rimbey Motor Inn that they are more than welcome to donate baked goods to our bake sales if they so please to do.

- 5.2 Educational Assistant/Staff Appreciation Luncheon: We organized a wrap bar for the staff to enjoy in June and it was well received.
- 5.3 Bus Driver Appreciation: In June, we had baked goods, such as scones, and we gave out coffee and other beverages to the Bus Drivers to show our appreciation. This was very well received.

## 6. New Business

- 6.1 Yearbooks: We are just waiting for some more photos from the teachers to be sent in to help us complete the books.
- 6.2 Picture Day: Michael's Studio will be coming to RES to do photos from September 30 – October 3. We lined up helpers for each day to help the days run smoothly. We will also put a poll on The Parent Council page on Facebook to see if parents prefer Michael's to Life Touch for future pictures.

## 7. Reports

### 7.1 Principal's Report

#### **Principal Report - September 10, 2019**

##### **Enrollment**

*Sept. 2013 = 355 students*

*Sept. 2014 = 384 students*

*Sept. 2015 = 416 students*

*Sept. 2016 = 415 students    Bright Futures Play Academy = 39 students*

*Sept. 2017 = 421 students    Bright Futures Play Academy = 38 students (Total students = 459 students)*

*Sept. 2018 = 408 students    Bright Futures Play Academy = 21 students*

***Sept. 2019 = 379 students    Bright Futures Play Academy = 13 (Total students = 392)***

- Projected 403 students, down 24 students which impacts class configurations.
- Projected 53 kindergarten students with actual enrollment at 38.
  - Central Office bases this on a 3 year average.
  - This results in necessary changes to kinder class & programming

##### **Class sizes are within the recommended guidelines**

Kinders = 18-20/class

Grade 1s = 20/class

Grade 2s = 17-18/class

Grade 3s = 20 - 21/class

Grade 4s = 21/class

Grade 5s = 23/class

Grade 6s = 30/class AM and 20/class in the PM

**New Staff:**

Mr. Longard - physical education teacher

Miss Nissen - grade 3 teacher

Mrs. Walters - librarian

Mrs. Weatherald - former inclusion coach returning to the classroom in the afternoon

**Upcoming Events**

- Thursday, September 12 – Chili Cook Off
- Thursday, September 26
  - Terry Fox Run (12:14 – 1:52) - donations online & Toonies for Terry
- Thursday, September 26
  - Deadline for parents to sign up for P/T Interviews
- Monday, Sept. 30 - Orange Shirt day
- Friday, September 14 & 28 - Professional Development Days
- September 30 - October 3 - School Pictures
- October 2 & 3 – Parent/Teacher Interviews
  - ECS extra P/T Day on Oct. 4

**School's Professional Development Focus**

- Continuing to focus on examining best practices in numeracy & literacy - what it looks like in the classroom with a range of abilities and learners.
- Revisiting our literacy beliefs
- Teacher's Professional Learning Teams:
  - Brene Brown, Dare to Lead
  - Jimmy Casa, Culturize: Every Student. Every Day. Whatever it Takes

**Div 2 Options well received by students.**

Percussion	21
Ukuleles	26
Singing	9
Recorders	24
<b>Total music: 80</b>	
Coding	23
Art	21
Rec-Ed	21
French	22
STEM	21

### **Request to hand out Gideon Bibles**

- Does the school council support the Gideon's visit to our grade 5 classes? During the visit, the Gideon's:
  - Distributing a Gideon Bible: New American Standard Version Youth Testament Bible
  - Spending a few minutes talking about the Youth Testament Bible
- If school council supports the Gideon visit - grade 5 parents will receive an "Opting In" permission form explaining the purpose of the visit and asking parents to opt in to receive a Bible from the Gideon's. – Council in support.

## **7.2 School Trustee's Report**

Since we last met, I had the pleasure of attending the Outreach School Graduation, Trustees have had information presented to us regarding our Capital Plan and during the summer had a special meeting to change it to accommodate planning changes in Blackfalds. We also discussed transportation needs in the district. The Trustees attend the Alberta School Boards' and Public School Board Association of Alberta Spring General meetings May 31 to June 3. We held our usual two Board meetings in June and some were somewhat stalled in our deliberations due to not having any budget news from the government.

On June 14<sup>th</sup> there was a celebration hosted by the City of Lacombe honoring Steven Schultz, a teacher at the Lacombe Composite High School who was the recipient of an Exceptional Teaching Award by the Federal Government. Trustees and Central office staff toured the Lacombe schools with the Minister of Education and then we all attended the celebration.

During the summer I participated in three teleconferences regarding the regulations around the new School Act hosted by Alberta Education. Our first Board meeting was held on September 5<sup>th</sup>. We had a presentation from the Lacombe School Resource officers, discussed the Retirement and Recognition Banquet, set dates for committee meetings, and talked about meeting with our Municipal counterparts. That evening the Board was invited to attend the Rimbey Jr./Sr. High School modernization and renaming ceremony which was a great tribute to Dale Ewanchuk.

9. Adjournment: 6:03 p.m.

Next meeting will be held October 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.