

# Rimbey Elementary School Parent Council Meeting Agenda

October 8, 2019

Attendance: Jodi Bramfield, Matilda Kleinsasser, Lana Leonhardt, Trudy Bratland, Janelle Lundgard, Robyn McIntyre, Mandy Klein, Charmaine Bjornson, Candace Bauer.

1. Call to Order: 5:01 p.m. by Chairperson Lana Leonhardt.
2. Agenda
  - 2.1 Additions – No additions
  - 2.2 Adoption of Agenda – Robyn M. motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Matilda K. All are in favor. Carried.
3. Minutes from September 10, 2019
  - 3.1 Adoption of minutes – Robyn M. motioned to adopt the minutes as presented. Janelle L. seconded. All are in favor. Carried.
4. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Michelle Service was unable to attend the meeting, so she sent some information for us via email.

“ Good afternoon.

I stopped in at the school this morning and the September statement was still not there. So there is no new Treasurer's report. I think the chili money is still not deposited as per Lana this morning when we were texting so I am not sure what else would be different. I spoke to Lana and let her know that I may not make the meeting as Annie has an appointment in Sylvan and I don't want her on the roads by herself. I hope to make it back by 5 but no guarantees.

For your updated information....

I heard from the Government of Alberta regarding the Annual Return. They called to tell me it was incomplete - which I already knew but also which doesn't make sense as they have all the paperwork. I then scanned them the information she asked for. She said it wasn't complete. So I recopied everything they have and have mailed it directly to this same lady last week. I hope they now get it sorted. (I had mentioned this at the last meeting).

Hopefully see you at 5. ”

5. Business Arising from Minutes
  - 5.1 Chili Cook-Off – We had another successful chili cook-off this year. We had 11 entries: EckRim Agencies, Midwest Propane,

GO Travel, Rimbey Gymnastics Club, Rimbey Hospital Acute Care, Cutting Corner, Rimbey AG Society, CanAlta Hotel, R.E.S., ATB Financial, and Rachel Dietz. We had several generous donations: Subway provided napkins and juice boxes, an anonymous donation for the wooden spoons, the Klein Family provided the cheese slices, waters, and wieners. Bonavista Energy Corp. donated the flyers, buns, 60 burgers, and a package of wieners. Scratchin' The Surface donated one of the trophies. We had to purchase one trophy, "silver" spoons (for honorable mention), and ended up having to run to co-op during the event to get more burgers, wieners, buns, and pop. We sold 90 burgers, 90 hot dogs, 64 water, 40 juice boxes, 228 pop, and roughly 300 bowls of chili.

There is \$2413.75 in the cashbox to deposit. \$285.35 was the expenses payable to Lana L., \$150 cheque to Rimbey Historical Society for pavilion rental, and \$300 was the float. We profited **\$1678.40**, which is up over \$300 from last year!

- 5.2 Facebook Poll – We put up a poll on Facebook to get some feedback of which photo company parents preferred to do students photos. Three categories were voted on in the poll. Michaels Studio received 43 votes, Life Touch received 9 votes, and No Preference (I like both) received 9 votes.
- 5.3 Yearbooks – There is a proof circulating the staff to be approved before all orders are printed out.

## 6. New Business

6.1 Honorarium for Hailey Benedict – Lana L. had been approached by Mrs. Tisdale to ask if the Parent Council would accept her request for an honorarium for Miss Benedict. Robyn M. moved to ratify the decision made by the executives to offer the honorarium of \$250 payable to Hailey Benedict. Matilda K. seconded. All are in favor. - Hailey is a 17-year-old Grade 12 Alberta student who is a singer/songwriter that came to perform and speak to students on October 4. She has done some work with Dove Be You self esteem project, and can be found on YouTube.

## 7. Reports

### 7.1 Principal's Report

#### **Principal Report - School Council Meeting October 8, 2019**

Thank you so much for supporting Mrs. Tisdale and covering the honorarium for Hailey Benedict on Friday. She was very well received by our staff and students - it was like having a rock star visit our school! She was such a positive role model for our students - many of our students were inspired to go back to class and write their own song.

#### **Upcoming**

- October 11 - Professional Development Day
  - School wide meetings to discuss appropriate next steps for students reading below grade level.
  - Organizing intervention groups
  - Speech (SLP) at the school to meet with teachers regarding programming
  - FNMI PD with our school's rep
- October 15 - Ks & 1s to Town Library for a storyteller/Elder Effie Visit
- October 17 - Gideon Visit
- October 23 - 24 - Jodi attending Legal Issues for System Administrators (ATA sponsored training for administrators)

#### **Trauma Informed Leadership**

The goal of LISA 2019 is to create a school environment where everyone feels safe and supported and staff understand how trauma affects behaviour and emotions. Join us for Trauma-Informed Leadership and learn how to implement a trauma-informed care approach at the organizational and school level. When leaders understand how trauma affects the brain and the lives of students and their staff, they can avoid unknowingly causing people to feel unsafe or distressed as no two individuals experience a similar adverse event in the same way. "Traumatic experiences change a person and can create turmoil within a person and in their life. This is especially true if events and/or conditions happen in childhood." (Alberta Health Services) "Trauma-informed practice creates a school environment where every student feels safe and supported and where staff understand how trauma affects behaviour and emotions." (Alberta Education) Further, in the 2019 ATA Research study on Alberta School Leadership, respondents identified trauma and mental health (long-term impact, impact on student learning, teacher wellness) as a key area to be reviewed to support school leadership in Alberta. Trauma informed leadership requires an awareness and consideration of the extent and impact of trauma in people's lives. (*ATA Website*)

- November 6 - Picture Retakes
- November 7 - School Remembrance Day Program

#### **Items:**

1. School Council is up and running (representatives from grade 3 - 6)
2. Emergency Response Plans - can be found on RE Website - left side: Emergency Response Plan.
  - To date we have practiced: Fire Drill, Lock Down & Hold and Secure

## 7.2 School Trustee's Report

Parent Council October 2019

On September 16 most Board members met with representatives of our ATA Local for a "meet and greet" hosted by the Local. On the 17th the High School had their AGM. September 19th was a Board Meeting and an Audit Committee meeting. We are looking for another member - there is an ad in the paper.

I attended the Rimbey Sr. High School Graduation on September 21. It is always an excellent event and the staff of the school work very hard to make it a memorable evening for their Grads. The Rimbey High School has the highest percentage of grads for the division due to the staff's efforts.

The first meeting of Zone 4 - Central Alberta School Boards was held in Ponoka on September 23.

September 26 I attended the Assembly for the 40th Terry Fox Run at the Bluffton School.

September 27 I attended the 90th Anniversary of the Brick Learning Centre School in Ponoka.

The Minister will tour the Brick Learning Centre with the Board on October 3rd and have a short meeting with us after the tour.

Future Plans - Retirement and Recognition banquet on October 10th.

Meeting with Town and County Councils starting October 8th.

Fall General Meetings - ASBA and PSBAA in October and November.

October 1st and 2nd I spent in Ponoka as a part of the Local Bargaining committee. On October 3rd our Board meeting was delayed as we met at the Brick Learning Centre in Ponoka to accompany the Minister of Education on a tour of the building. We then convened at Central Office to spend some time discussing education and the challenges we face in Wolf Creek. Transportation, Inclusion, Blackfalds schools and the lack of a budget were our main points.

October 8th two Ponoka County Trustees (including myself) met with the Ponoka County Council to have a general discussion regarding our roles and how we might work together for the benefit of all, especially during what might be tighter economic times. Our discussion was well rounded and the County members as well as their CEO asked great questions and learned a lot about Wolf Creek.

9. Adjournment made by Lana Leonhardt at 5:45 p.m.

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