

Rimbey Elementary School Council Meeting
March 7th, 2023 @5 pm in RES Library

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5:03- Call to order

Role call: Allison Goodwin, Kelly LeBlanc, Michelle Service, Ashley Fowler, Matilda Kleinsasser, Jodi Bramfield, Nicole Fox, TJ Orange, Owen Porte, Sara McPhail

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Agenda Approved by Michelle. Seconded by Nicole.

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Minutes from January meeting approved by Matilda. Seconded by Michelle.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1) Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report as presented by Matilda. Current balance in account is \$84,432.48. Ponoka county has donated \$45,000.00 and will pay an invoice for the same. Moved by Matilda. Seconded by Allison.

4.2) Trustee's Report: Ashley presented Trudy's report.

To finish off 2022, our Board meeting dealt with a number of issues, including the review of class sizes, School Calendars and the AERR draft report, The Blackfalds Grade configuration planning and transportation, the 2023 FNMI Gathering and the 2023 Rural Education Symposium. We set dates for meetings in the New Year and received reports from the various departments in the division. Notably, Transportation is still dealing with lack of drivers and spare drivers in addition to some buses not starting in the very cold weather.

January's Board meeting agenda included firming up dates for Stakeholder sessions, reviewing Policies -as we have done for a number of months so that new Trustees become familiar and returning Trustees get a refresher course. We set a date to meet with our ATA Local representatives and had a very informative presentation from the SRO's that work in Wolf Creek. Sadly, Rimbey and Bluffton do not have this luxury but we are working on trying to implement the program with the support of the Town of Rimbey and Ponoka County.

I have attended a number of ASBA Zoom meetings during January and February. As a part of the ATA/Board negotiating committee I was in three days of meetings with another scheduled for March. I have toured a number of schools in the Ponoka and Lacombe areas with Blackfalds coming up next. A number of Parent Council meetings have been held and I missed one due to fog.

During February an engagement session was held with students and some of us Trustees participated by taking notes - the students were very honest, open and provided great feedback. Next are the support staff (February 14) and then parents (February 28). The information gathered will be collated and shared. The Parent Council/Board meeting was finally held and Central Office shared information after a presentation from the ASCA. Great questions and discussions.

My reports will be less thorough as I will miss the next two Board meetings. The ASBA Board meetings conflict and I am obliged to attend them.

We had a very informative meeting with the Support Staff on February 14th and the results of that meeting will be included in the report on our Engagement sessions once they are completed.

The WC Board met with MLA Ron Orr on February 17 and had good discussions regarding the difficulties we face in the division. MLA Jason Nixon sent his regrets.

I was able to attend the Teacher's Convention on the morning of February 23rd and enjoyed their Keynote speaker Dr. Phil McRae who spoke on Resilience. I had the opportunity to see and chat with a number of Wolf Creek teachers and that is always the best part of my day.

The week of February 27 to March 3 was busy with Zone meetings, the Parent Engagement session, tours of the Blackfalds Schools, a PR/Advocacy meeting and meeting with the Lacombe Town Council to discuss their future plans. The following week we will attend the Alberta Rural Education Symposium, a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss Advocacy and I will attend two Parent Council meetings and an Alberta School Boards Association Policy meeting.

Update to March 20 - the Parent Engagement session has now been held and I am pleased to report that Rimbey, Eckville and Bentley parents were represented - thanks and good for you!

I understand that an opportunity to attend the Alberta School Councils Annual General Meeting compliments of the School Board has been sent out to Parent Councils. It is a great opportunity to learn more about school councils, network with other parents and listen to interesting speakers. Please consider putting your name forth.

4.3) Principal's Report:

1) Upcoming Events at RE

- **March 9:** WC admin meeting regarding new gradebook. Any feedback from the group?
- **March 9:** Pizza Day - Michelle is looking for parent volunteers to assist.
- **March 10:** Day 2 of 2 of **SIVA** training for RE and RJSH staff.
 - SIVA: Supporting Individuals through Valued Attachments
 - Canadian program for organizations working with children & youth with emotional and behavioural challenges, neurodevelopmental delays, dual diagnosis, brain injury, histories of trauma.
- **March 17:** Wear **Green**
- **March 17:** AB ED Accountability Survey Closes (grade 4 parents & grade 4 students - to date - no grade 4 parents have filled out the survey). However the district wide survey, we have 99 parents fill this out. We have 232 families. 42% of the school population.
- **March 20 -21:** Noon hour mini hoops practices
- **March 22:** COOP treat (donut & milk)
- **March 23:** Break a Rule day (Grade 6 Camp Fundraiser)
- **March 23 - 30:** Spring Break

2) New Curriculum

Teachers Feedback:

Piloting Science 6 (Implemented Sept. 2024 across AB)

- The different units are context heavy. We have three additional units compared to the previous curriculum. The class will focus on the following topics this school year:
 - What is Science? (Scientific Method)
 - Ecology
 - Climate
 - Energy
 - The Solar System
 - Particles and Temperature
 - Physical Interactions
 - Computer Science (Coding)
- It has been a lot of additional work to preview content and prepare the units as the online supports have only shared one topic every two months. Also some sessions offered related to technology are not supported by our technology department and this was information learned after attending the sessions.
- It has also been difficult to source appropriate experiments and the required supplies for the units.

- Students do not have some of the required background knowledge as previous grades program of studies do not include these topics.

Division 1: Language Arts and Math

- Students are capable, but there is a lot of backfilling to assist them being successful with the new content.
- Rolled out too quickly: not enough time to prep, lack of resources, students not having background knowledge as it was not covered in previous grade(s), jump in concepts too great - ie: Math 3.

Implementation Timeline:

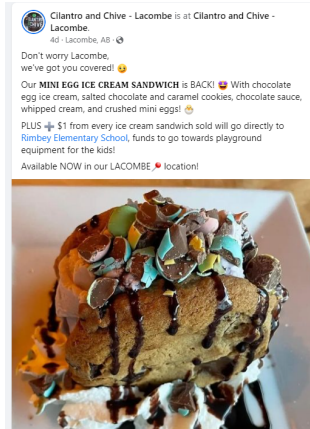
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2) Parent Night: To the Stars

- Topic: Anxiety in Children with Melissa Prins, Owner and Psychologist
- Date and Time: April 27, 2023 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- Location: Library
- Babysitting - do we want to pay grade 6 students to provide babysitting? There would be a fee and I suggest parents need to register for it so we have an idea of how many kids there will be.
- Refreshments - do we want to provide refreshments?

Cilantro & Chives Fundraiser

- March - May an ice cream treat is dedicated to Rimbey Elementary. For every order at the Lacombe location \$1.00 is donated to the school.
- April 27: Ice Cream Sandwich fundraiser at the school
 - \$4.00 with all proceeds going to the school
 - Pre Order online & students will help deliver to the classrooms



Alberta School Council Conference and Annual General Meeting

At their February 16, 2023 Board meeting, the Board of Trustees passed a motion to sponsor 2 in-person registrations or 10 virtual registrations to attend the Alberta School Council Conference and Annual General Meeting **April 21-23, 2023**.

Please email **Jhoselyn Castro** by **March 31, 2023** at the latest if you would like to attend this event.

Jodi presented her report. Nicole provided feedback that Jodi will take back. Ashley got clarification on the fact that we will be getting only one printed report card at the end of the year. Throughout the year updates will be provided through the gradebook. There will continue to be 3 parent teacher interviews throughout the year for parents to get feedback beyond the academics portion of our students learning. Michelle is still looking for volunteers for the pizza day. Parents for Grade 4 students at the meeting all reported they did not receive the mail out survey. Jodi will look into this.

5.0 Business from the Minutes

5.1 April 27 from 5-7 Melissa Prins from To the Stars in LaCombe.

Nicole makes a motion that we have babysitting, provided by the grade six's, at the April 27 night and parent council will pay them \$10/per babysitter. Up to a maximum of \$300. Allison seconds. All in favor. Carried.

Michelle makes a motion that we provide refreshments for parents who attend the engagement sessions up to a maximum of \$300 budget. Owen seconded. All in favor. Carried.

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Waiting for the Sport Court to come. Discussion regarding cameras. Jodi will request Wolf Creek to install additional cameras.

5.3

Pizza Day is March 9/23. \$988.00 off of the Rogers and taquitos. Gluten free options will be added to the pizza days going forward.

Kelly motioned that we will purchase 30 extra donuts and 30 extra dilly bars on the upcoming days for the parents. Matilda seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Will continue to offer buy a buddy option.

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Parents in favor of seeking out Allison will get a quote for the sandboxes.

6.0 New Business

6.1 6.1 Requests from Principal to School Council:

Request: Purchase a Commercial Popcorn maker for school fundraisers.

We have been borrowing RJS quite a bit this year and I feel we should have our own - adding to the wear and tear of the machine. Recommended by next door to purchase through: *The Canada Popcorn Company*.

- 16 oz Canadian Commercial Popcorn Machine (Black or Red)
- \$649.99 + GST = **\$682.49** (12 oz is \$556.49/ Includes GST/Free Shipping)
- Free Shipping.

This year's popcorn information:

Nov/Jan/Feb Popcorn Sales = \$914.00 - expenses (popcorn & bags)

- Charge \$2.00/bag
- This year, Marilyn donated all of the bags and Jody donated 2 boxes of popcorn. Three boxes of popcorn were paid for out of our profits.



Jodi has requested financial support. Nicole motions to spend \$682.49 on the purchase of a commercial grade popcorn machine. Sara seconds. All in favor. Same carried.

6.2 We are in need of a secretary for the school council. Kelly LeBlanc volunteers. In her absence Jodi will take minutes instead.

6.3 Motion made by Allison to purchase 1 fold up cart from Canadian Tire for the price of max. \$105. Nicole seconds. All in favor. Motion carried. Kelly will purchase and pick up the same.

6.4 Brief discussion. No current ideas.

6.5 RES Chili Cook Off. Officially stopped because of covid and then never did get picked back up again. Kelly will spearhead organizing this. We will see what is available with Paskapoo Park. Jody will create a to-do list for the event.

6.6 Please email Jodi if you are interested in attending

6.7 Allison motions that we spend up to \$1000 to put on a year end BBQ with hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks for staff and students. All in favor. Motion carried.

6.8. We will get a quote on a mural of some sort for the outside wall facing the staff parking lot.

7.0 Announcements

7.1 The Alberta School Council Association offers numerous free workshops. Jodi will ask Jen to email out the link/resource out to parents. If we could add the dates to the school calendar.

7.2 Next meeting will be May 9th, 2023

Adjourned at 7:02pm.