

## School Council Meeting Minutes for Nov 4, 2019

1. Called to order by Dana at 4:18pm
2. Attendance: Dana Callihoo, Andrea Gibson, Charlene Dechaine, Angela Boelman, Jackie Comeau, Julia Luchka, Darla Durand, Raime Drake, Audra Chambers-Deane, Jessica Seatter, Lisa Lawrence, Janice Tymkow, Brandy Strong, Rodney English, Karl Rottier, Keeara King, Kirstin Boelman, Lesley Foster, Carling Montgomery (19 people )
3. Review of the Agenda- no changes or additions.
4. Approval of the Minutes from Sept meeting; read by Lisa Lawrence; Andrea Gibson adopted minutes as presented. Lesley seconded motion. All in favor. Passed.
5. Trustee Report: presented by Jackie Comeau.
  - Certain comments from the newspaper article regarding students leaving their designated school to go to another before gr.9 graduation will be brought forward at their next meeting. As it seems there were some mis-quotes.
  - Pembina Hill School Division is having another name change. It will now be named Pembina Hills School Division (PHSD) but it will not cost the division any \$.
  - There has been a trustee who resigned from Swan Hills as she moved away. There will not be an election right away as the division is unsure if it still needs 7 trustees since there is 1600 less students since 1995. This will be reviewed and discussed over the next year or so before any concrete decisions are made.
  - After the federal election budget was released PHSD will have 1 million dollars less. Hard to say how exactly this will affect the division in regards to transportation, education and options as there is a complicated formula to determine how the money is distributed amongst all the programs.
  - New change to when bus routes are cancelled-if it is -40C at the start of the route than the bus is cancelled for the day on that route. More details can be found on the PHSD website.
6. Fundraising Report: Fundraising Committee meeting to follow this one at 5:30 with major topics on the outdoor rink and upcoming Bingo on Nov 21.
7. Administrative Report: presented by Raime Drake; Daryl is away at an Alberta Ed. conference
  - A) Enrollment numbers for PNCS are finalized at 193 students.
  - B) Impacts of the Provincial Budget: Class size funding removed which means \$1522/student is gone but Pembina North will still receive \$356/student for rural jurisdictions. So basically a loss of \$1166/student in the 2019-2020 school year (K-3). Also high-school CEU rates have been reduced (funding in high-school for credit options), funding will remain for this school year but reserves will then be drained for next year. Planning for the 2020-2021 school year will begin at the District level in Feb and admin is asking for parent and teacher input on how to meet the diverse needs of students with the new budget. Hard decisions will have to be made in Feb.

- Goal Setting Dates: There wasn't a huge uptake of appointments made on the Friday off; seems that evening appts are most popular between 4-6pm....so likely the March Goal Setting meetings will offer 2 evenings from 4-8pm.

C) Shelley Moore collaboration is going well. The grade 6 class was first to experience her powerful training and they used a Math unit as the session focus. She is coming back Nov6/19 to be in the grade 2 class with the focus session involving science and then the last classroom is going to be with the grade3/4's with a literacy focus.

D) Scare Away Hunger Food Bank Campaign- Thank you parents for supporting this campaign and for all the donations. Details of what each class raised in kg is on the website.

E) No Stone Left Alone: Thank you to Carling Montgomery for providing this opportunity to our grade 8's and grade 9's. The kids were bused to the Jarvie cemetery and put flags on the Veteran's graves. This connection to community is so important. Also a big thank-you to a farmer, who wants to remain anonymous, who bought the kids lunch at the Jarvie store following the visit to the cemetery.

F) There is a Remembrance Day Service in the gym Thursday Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:40, parents and family welcome to attend. Many students will be involved in the service.

#### 8. Online Engagement Opportunity- Dana Callihoo

-The Alberta School Councils' Assoc. (ASCA) Board of Directors invites Council members/parents to participate in an online webinar Member Engagement Opportunity Sat. Nov 23 from 1-4pm. This will be an interactive opportunity (with any questions to be submitted ahead of time) to receive updates from the ASCA. Special Guest is the Minister of Education. If interested then our group can gather as a school council group, host groups of school councils, or create a community event. Talk to Dana after the meeting if you are interested.

#### 9. Updates on upcoming Events-Andrea Gibson

a) Pancake Lunch: Nov 15<sup>th</sup> at noon, needing volunteers to help cook at the Jarvie Center in the morning and also serve a lunchtime

b) Christmas Dinner at Jarvie-planned for Dec 17. Free lunch for students and staff. Will also need volunteers to cook and serve.

Raime mentioned that there is a decrease in hot lunch purchase when there is a free lunch that month. Discussion around having a donation pot available to students on the free lunch days.

10. Next Meeting will be Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020, at 6pm in the school Library.

11. Meeting adjourned at 5:04pm.