

ECOLE JOHN WILSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Council Meeting May 15th, 2018

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Chair
Sep 18, 2018

In Attendance: Lisa Al-Hoffmann, Angela Warke, Lisa Baird, Melissa Dudley, Melanie Helton, Erin Flewelling, Holly Bilton, Laura McGregor, Andrea Meding & Jodi Bergeron

1. Meeting called to order at 6:42pm.
2. Laura McGregor motions to adopt the April meeting minutes Erin Flewelling seconds the motion.
3. Additions to the nights meeting - Laura McGregor would like to discuss allocating money to both the choir and art programs.
4. Speaker of the evening-Holly Bilton
 - a. Holly attended a meeting with Minister Egan at the school board office on May 11, 2018. Some of the topics that were discussed were transportation, RCSDS (inclusion/health), as it stands now admin takes the money and looks at the division students & what is best for them. Minister Egan has asked for a full briefing on the process to review provincially. Our school division also was able to give him some ideas regarding transportation, for example the distance that some drivers travel. Fuel subsidy was also another idea that was brought up, as well as determination by KM. Rural busing was another important topic.
 - b. A very few things of many that Holly does as school trustee include,
 - i. speaking at both graduation and kinder-graduation, Music Mondays and attending the performances of choirs at the RD Symphony Orchestra.
 - ii. School Council Meetings & School Councils Association
 - iii. Interviewing for administrators (both principal & vice principal)
 - iv. Many, many, many committees, AB School Board Benefit Plan, AB School Board Association, Rural Caucus (she is the chair)
 - v. Rural Symposium, Facilities Committee as well as helping both trustees with their social media presence.
 - vi. Melissa Dudley asked Holly what parents can do to keep our school boards as several provinces either don't have them anymore or are looking at getting rid of them. Holly's answer was to first, get out and vote and become a part of the Alberta School Councils Association.
 - vii. Erin Flewelling asked if the government is looking to bring back school fees and currently they are not planning to at this time.

5. Administrative Report

a. Account Balances

Kindergarten	\$2202.12	Fall Fundraiser	\$4672.22
Grade 1	\$61.67	Art	\$72.44
Grade 2	\$2175.95	Hot Lunch	\$7752.09
Grade 3	\$867.67	Read-A-Thon	\$1267.81
Grade 4	\$4977.95	Toast	\$4936.70
Choir	\$597.95		

Dates to Remember

- a. May 15th, 2018 is the first ever Alberta Book Day.
 - b. The Ladies Auxiliary at the Legion donated \$500 to the breakfast/hot lunch program, and if the need arises, the casino funds could pay for a new toaster. Also, the possibility of adding jam back to the toast for next year was brought up.
 - c. A motion was made by Jodi Bergeron to allocate \$500 each to the choir and art programs. Andrea Meding seconds the motion.
 - d. May 31st is the next celebration assembly. The time has now changed to 11:15am. There has also been a request to recruit and invite some new members by the football club.
 - e. There will be an aboriginal celebration on June 12th. Swan Song Storytelling is the invited speaker. The cost for this is divided by all three schools and students will see the performance in groups.
 - f. Sports/Crazy Hair Day & Pizza Day is held on May 25th, 2018
 - g. The Year End Dance which will be held on June 27th at 1:15pm will be DJ'd by Mark Linton. He has graciously donated his time and will DJ the event at no cost. Would school council make a motion to purchase a \$100 gift card for him as a thank you. Andrea Meding is the first motion and Melanie Helton seconds. This will come out of the hot lunch account.
 - h. Ruth (art teacher) will do Artist Day on June 15th. There will be a gallery walk with a celebration of art work done by all classes, artwork will feature a flower theme.
6. Read-A-Thon – The kids are very excited! Jena Rice has organized all the money counters for both May 28th and 29th. Laura McGregor will provide Lisa Al-Hoffmann an update to post on the school council Facebook page.
7. Reusable Bag Fundraiser – Melissa Dudley will head this fundraiser next September. Her contact will be Angie Miller. Laura McGregor will coordinate with a letter for students to send home in their backpack for parents. The first 2 weeks of September will be for ordering and then there will be a 2-3-week turnaround. Jodi Bergeron will also check into a possible Mabel's Labels fundraising idea.

8. Open Questions & Comments

- a. Ways to attract more parents to school council (Bring a friend night & fundraiser) with the possibility of all 3 schools councils to attend
- b. Back to school BBQ
- c. A motion was made by Andrea to buy shirts at the Legman for the school council with Laura seconding. Melissa will follow up with sizes, the amount needed, what to print on them (school council volunteer on back & seal logo on arm,) and possible colors. Tentatively agreed upon was 10 smocks and 12 shirts. This money will come out of the casino account, with the hot lunch account as a back up if the casino money can not be spent for this purpose.

9. Meeting is adjourned at 8:14pm with a motion by Laura McGregor to pay the babysitters for 2 hours.

