

## **Parent Council Meeting Minutes January 18, 2017**

**Present:** Devon Marshall, Adrienne Drebert, Niki Moore, Kimberly Teeuwsen, Francis Poole, Darlene Janzen, Andrea Breitzkreuz, Trina Boymook

**Absent:** Melissa Scharfenberg, Kayla Toews, Lindsay Amyotte

1. Devotions – Adrienne Drebert
2. Previous Minutes – motion passed to accept previous minutes
3. Budget – Adrienne Drebert
  - a. ~\$24,000 in the bank (\$1000 of that is for missions)
4. COSC – Devon Marshall
  - a. Curriculum Redesign
    - i. Is currently planned to be a 6 year process
    - ii. The redesign for Grades 1-4 is planned to be completed before the next elections (18 months)
  - b. Mark Ligori spoke on the benchmarking tools, MIPI (math side) and STAR (literacy side)
  - c. Nutrition (AP 164)
    - i. Currently working with Alberta Health Services
    - ii. The question of how this will affect Hot Lunch was raised, and there will be a meeting next month to discuss that.
    - iii. Alberta Food Services Healthy Food Checker – this is a tool for individuals to use in order to determine how healthy certain foods are.
5. Trustee Report – Trina Boymook
  - a. School Closure Consideration
    - i. December 15, 2016 Board Meeting - The Board approved a motion to consider the possible closure of Ministik School. Information on the regulations that guide the process are posted on the EIPS website, as well as a link to Board Policy 15 Program Reduction and School Closure. This section of the website will be kept current with the latest information available. EIPS will be hosting two public consultations, which are being held on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and Ministik School at 6:30 Doors open at 6:00pm.
  - b. Boundary Exemption Process – Boundary Exemption Process will begin February 1, 2017. Students who are seeking a boundary exemption for the 2017/2018 school year will need to have their application in by April 7, 2017. Information of which schools who will have closed boundaries or schools who have specific closed grades will be posted by February 1, 2017. Please refer to the EIPS website for information.
  - c. Finance Minister Round Table Discussion – MLA Littlewood hosted a round table discussion with the Minister of Finance today in Vegreville. I attended on behalf of the Board. The round table was part of a pre-budget consultation for the 2017/2018 budget. The budget is expected to come out in March. No new spending is expected. Education remains a priority. He wanted to discuss what we see as challenges and our thoughts on possible efficiencies that the government could undertake to bring the province back to balance.
  - d. EIPS is asking parents to complete a parent survey over the month of January. I invite you to take time to complete the short survey about your experience with your student's school and EIPS.

- e. Carbon Tax will cause an increased cost to EIPS of ~\$300,000 (heating, buses, fleet vehicles)
  - i. Still unsure how the rebate will affect the schools
- f. PAT's 2018 – there will be flexibility to come up with own writing schedule / order of writing
- 6. Alternative Christian Calendar for 2017/2018 was released – Mr. Poole
- 7. Three Year Plan
  - a. Reading – Mrs. Janzen
    - i. Levelled Literacy Intervention Learning launched this past fall in Grades 1 and 2
    - ii. 1 on 3 instruction
    - iii. Also has a writing component
    - iv. Requires parent commitment
    - v. Reading Day – January 27<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Math – Mrs. Breitreuz
    - i. Have been working on coming up with common Math Terms for elementary ex. Sum
  - c. Technology – Mr. Poole
    - i. Nothing new to report
- 8. Traffic Lane – Mr. Poole
  - a. The county is going to build a significantly longer/wider lane extending past the bus entrance.
  - b. It is confirmed we are in the budget and construction will get underway during the summer.
- 9. Re-Registration – Mrs. Janzen
  - a. Starting interview for new families
  - b. Looking at enrollment for next year
  - c. Encourage people to register to SCA!
- 10. GSA Letter to Parents – Mr. Poole
  - a. Secondary student at SCA requested a club (SAGA)
    - i. Believe 100% that every student in our school needs to be safe
    - ii. Students should be able to discuss these matters in a safe environment
  - b. Issue: aspects of Bill 10
    - i. Amend, not demolish
      - 1. Disclosure to parents (the fact that councillors don't have to)
      - 2. Giving the rights and powers to children to demand these things of the school
  - c. Elk Island is supportive of SCA
  - d. School Act 16.1
  - e. 4 articles were written in response to social media comments on the GSA letter to parents - CBC, Huffington Post, Edmonton Journal, and ...
  - f. Shaun Smith is the adult representative for SAGA – he is an Alliance Pastor at SPAC
- 11. Staffing Update – Mrs. Janzen
  - a. Mrs. Monson – responding positively to treatments
  - b. Mrs. McCoy – remains off
  - c. Janet Baird replaced Mrs. Siemens after Christmas.
  - d. Mrs. Archer's baby will arrive fairly shortly
- 12. Aladdin – Mr. Poole
  - a. Performances will be April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>
- 13. Compassion Team Update – Nikki Moore
  - a. Not too much to update, but the meals are there for when they are needed.
- 14. Missions Update – Mr. Poole

- a. Open to parent council – let Mr. Poole know if you are interested.
  - b. Review/update of the November trip.
  - c. Goal is to have the new building done by Spring Break 2017.
  - d. The 4 Grade 2 teachers will be going on next trip over Spring Break, when there will hopefully be a grand opening of the new building.
15. FNMI Blanket exercise
- a. Afternoon of February 17<sup>th</sup> – open to Parent Council if they would like to join in
16. Buddy Bench – Nikki Moore
- a. Open to it, but need more information
  - b. Should get info from schools where it has been successful
17. Bible Memory
- a. We all passed!
18. Meeting adjourned