

**RED DEER LAKE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

Present: Debbie M, Sara F, Shelley C, Becky G, Kate B, Amanda S, Theresa L, Derrek M, Stacy B

Absent: Natalie C

1. **Call to order:** Debbie called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the new parent council.
2. **Land Acknowledgement - Derrek**
3. **Amendments, Additions and approval of the November Agenda**
Motion: To approve the agenda for the November 8 parent council meeting
Moved: Kate B
Seconded: Becky
4. **Approval of October minutes**
Motion: To approve the minutes from the October parent council meeting
Moved: Kate B
Seconded: Becky
5. **Business arising from October Minutes (Old Business) - Debbie**
 - **Movie Night review** - this was a confusing function, some improvements need to be done for next time. Parents need to stay with their children this is not a drop off event. Expectations for the evening need to be made clear to students and parents for this event to be a success. Some suggestions were, have an age cut off for the older kids to be dropped off with a sign up sheet for parents to be called for pick up if they are misbehaving. Have an intermission so that the kids can get up and move for a few minutes in hope of limiting kids from coming in and out of the gym constantly.

6. Trustee Report - Theresa

Last year Foothills used Renfrew for Speech and OT, however based on costs the division has hired their own SLP and OT. Kindergartens were assessed this year across the division prior to starting the year and feedback from this has been positive. The advocacy website is up and running now.

Attached is the full report for your information

7. Principle and Staff reports - Derrek and Stacey

Thank you to council for funding the field trips for all of the students. Halloween parade went well. Volley ball Jr B Boys and Girls won bronze medals. There will be a student committee put together for the grade 9 commencement. Toni Mccune (an elder) will be attending the PL sessions to talk about trauma and social well being on November 25. Learner Profiles - the division has gone to two learner profiles a year and on going communication is happening from teachers to parents. Grades will be in Maplewood for parents to check and there will be one grade and a comment that will be provide information for how student is doing. Annual education results are in and our parent involvement is low but probably this is due to COVID

and parents not being in the school. Question was how to we get more parent involvement or does our definition of parent involvement need to change.

PAT: Across the board we are above the province and doing really well.

Christmas concert on December 13 at 6:30pm

Grade 6-9 band concert on December 14 at 6:30pm

November 25 PD day

Remembrance assembly november 10

Dance for grades 6-9 on December 1 called the jingle ball

8. Committee Reports

Hot Lunch: There have been a few issues, Holy Grill will be transferred in thermal bags now so that the food is warm. It is hard to keep getting volunteers and the same volunteers for the hot dog lunch since the dates are not always on a friday this year. The lunches seem to be delivered very early and they are sitting waiting to be handed out to kids this could be the issue with people complaining that the food is not longer warm when they receive it. For the first portion of Hot lunch we made a profit of \$4134.44

Communications- Sarah

We have made a website and have social media, and do email blasts to increase communication and have more in person engagement. One link to the website for parents , this will be the location for information for parents. Engagement with social media has been increasing and we have a 90% open rate for email blasts. Starting a club for Jr High students to learn about communications and tools to help them learn how to do a newsletter and logos etc. this can help with communication with parents and Sarah will be volunteering her time to do this.

9. New business - Debbie

- Tattoos: Do we want to do these at the next sporting Home tournament? And close to the event for the students. November 22 is a celebration assembly and that could be a great time to sell some tattoos so that the kids can have them on.
- We are in the process of Auditing and making changes to the Policies and Procedures and will be starting the process of making a new 3 year plan. We will share in January what has been changed. We are looking at changing some policies in regards to requesting funds.

10. Adjournment: 813 pm

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 10, 2023 7:00pm