

School Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Scott Sherman

In attendance: Scott Sherman, Faye Holt, John Evans, Yvonne, Amy, Natalie, Carmen, Mr. Barton, Keilidh, Chris Fuzessy

What is school council? – Scott

- School councils are mandated
- Advocates for our kids
- Initiatives
- Separate from funding committee (due to AGLC requirements for casino funding)

Trustee Report – John

- John takes the things that we are advocating for back to the board and to the MLAs
- Increase in \$850000 in funding for the school year
 - o Big chunk (\$150000) of this is extending the mental health grant to the end of the school year instead of ending at the end of December
 - o Will put this back into EAs and teachers
 - Blackie will see a slight increase in EA hours out of it
- 15 students from France coming to school division for 2 weeks in October
 - o Exchange kids from Highwood in the spring
- AP350 regarding cell phone policy in classrooms
 - o Feedback from teachers is positive so far
- First responder program over summer (earning 10 credits for CTS)
 - o Was for high school students within division
- Students participated in RAP in the division
 - o Working in communities throughout the summer

Admin Report – Faye

- School leadership report
- Chromebook report
 - o There are 76 chromebooks for 108 students
 - o However younger kids are not using them and the school also has ipads for use for the younger kids
 - o About 1:1 ratio for kids that are using them
 - o About 6 are getting swollen batteries, will probably need replaced next year
- Areas of focus
 - o Literacy interventions
 - o Math assessment that drives deep and transferable learning
 - o Trauma-informed practice
- Objectives
 - o Literacy intervention blocks
 - o Use and develop rich math assessment tasks that help us drive our instruction

- To educate parents around what is trauma
- PD day teacher learning plan
 - Dr. Shelley More this month, Sept 28 at Highwood
- Bulldog Buffet October 4
 - Feed entire school once/month to help build community

Parent Question: What is the mental Health Classroom being housed at Senator Riley School?

- The CASA classroom
 - Partnership with the Government of Alberta
 - Students receive individual and group therapy, psychiatric care, medication and schooling with small class sizes

Parent feedback on issues that they are having with Edsembli website for report cards and paying school fees.

School Council Potential Initiatives for 2024-2025 school year:

- Science Olympics
- Weather in the Classroom
- Other CTF opportunities
- Sports/outdoor activities
- Opportunities in the arts/music

Update from Faye: did not receive grant for theatre program this year

Feedback from parents: kids in grade 5/6 would love an overnight trip to Royal Tyrell or Frank slide. The Royal Tyrell trip had been done previous years for these grades, many of the kid's older siblings had done the trip a few years ago.

Feedback from parents: we would love to see the school use the rink for skating, since it is very convenient having it next door, hasn't been used much in previous years by the school.

Update of CTF progress from May meeting

- CTF trailer
 - Scott will try to arrange a tour of the trailer at Brant School
- Use of shop facilities at Highwood while kids are there already for Band
 - Highwood says this is not an option, too booked already with high school kids

Update on Parent Voice and Assurance Framework

- How do we know that we are being heard?
- Trustees bring questions back to Chris

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm

School Council AGM will be October 22 at 6:30pm