

# Longview School Council

Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2018

**Attendees:** Rob Kavanagh, Christina Weir, Bill Young, Donna Gallup, Lara Pearce, Deanna Sinton, Andrea Kavanagh

**Call to Order:** 6:09 pm

**Additions:** Ms. Bymack's schedule and future meeting dates. Idle free zone within the School property.

**Board Report:** Bill Young

- “Story’s Matter” presentation from Cayley School, Principal Phil Irwin presenting the new project ‘investigating alternate ways of knowing through story”
- ASBA Zone 5, Trustee Kristiansen was nominated as Vice-Chair
- Inclusive education partnership - teaching to diversity
- Student Matters Committee - extracting the qualities desired in a Superintendent from students
- Cannabis & Youth Session to be held at the COSC meeting, November 5, 2018 at 6:30pm at the the École Secondary Foothills Composite High School / Alberta High School of Fine Arts
- Superintendent Search: the focus is on listening to people talk. Expression of necessity of strong rural voices.
- DARE: Black Diamond has provided and officer to teach the

course. A committee has been established to assess the value of DARE curriculum, as it is outdated and the province's new proposed curriculum is moving these subjects into the classroom and into the realms of teacher responsibilities

- Trustee By-Election: Jeannine Tucker 64, Jack Molyneux 47. Question: Is the story done? The School Act stipulates that Jeannine must wait 4 years and the Municipal Act is set at 10 years before a disqualified trustee can sit on the Board again. A "cooling off" period is considered desirable. The issue of conflict of interest and lack of transparency could be either proven or disproven. People are upset.
- The Board will represent all of the schools regardless of the ward number.
- Goal: insure that the rural schools are not marginalized
- Remembrance Day Nov. 9 @ 11 am. Unsure if a representative from the School Board will be in attendance
- There is no day off following the weekend due to the fact that school calendars are build 3 years in advance, and was done before the Labor Code was amended to follow "Bankers Holidays"

### Village Report: Christina Weir

- November 30: Light Up Longview
- Longview School's request to volunteer for fundraising was not successful
- Senior's Dinner & Dance 5pm doors open, dinner at 6:30, music to follow. The group is fundraising for a bus
- November 5: Fire Fighters Bottle & Food Drive
- December 2: Community Christmas Party. Proposed two sign-up sheets: 1 @ the Post Office and 1 @ the School
- By-Laws: Bear By-Law, all fruit to be picked; 20 minute maximum for idling within the village; Cannabis, to be restricted to private dwellings, retail is possible but heavily restricted due to proximity to school, library and park

## School Report: Lara Pearce

- Student's raised \$727 for Terry Fox Walk.... "Go Us!"
- Orange shirt day: Every Child Matters. Group story "Stolen Words" was read aloud. Issues of belonging and Reconciliation were present. Following the story the kids moved the ideas into their classrooms
- All of the Longview School Teachers volunteered at the Eden Valley Days; half were present in the morning and have in the afternoon
- Stone Soup Day - Thanksgiving. Raising the question: what comes from contributing?
- Eagles Expo experienced a good turn-out

### Upcoming

- Halloween Costume Parade and Party
- Professional Development Day, November 23
- Learner Profiles to be sent home, November 26
- Student-lead Conferences, November 28, 3:30 - 8 pm
- Evergreen: \$3,000 donated. 16 Cromebooks and 1 Docucam purchased for the school
- New Security: Locked doors and intercom installed
- COSC, November 6, topic Youth & Cannabis. Chair Person needed
- Question: Posture and Electronic devices - have the kids been introduced to proper posture techniques when using electronic devices?
- Question: Temperature of the School and individual classrooms, what's up? Bill offered to bring up this concern at the Board meeting

### Additions

- Change date of meetings to last Thursday of each month, all

agreed.

- Idle Free Zone: Bill offered to look at the policy for the School Division. Request to be put to Ms. Bymack

Meeting Adjourned: 7:29pm