

School Community Council and Home and School Association Meeting

Aberdeen Composite School Wednesday, December 11 2019

In Attendance: Jodi Levy, Bonnie Doige, Brandi Tomy, Laura Laskowski, Lana Pearson, Maryann Rempel, Barb Hagele, Amy Orth, Jamie Wright, Carla Beaulac, Shala Neufeld, Rachel Boyenko, Harper Doige

Unable to Attend: Barkley Twidale, Deane Martin, Chelsea Baron

Call to Order: Jodi called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm

Roll Call:

Review Agenda: Agenda handed out. Maryanne voted that nothing had been missed.

-it was reminded for Brandi to include the word "vote" in minutes to make it official.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Everyone had reviewed minutes prior to meeting.

Committee Reports:

School Report:

- Amy went over the school report. Upcoming events, School Goals & Extra Curricular (Please see handout from Amy, I've also attached it in email)

Financial Report:

Amy went over the financial report (see handout) Home and School 2020: \$1708.37. SCC 2020: \$1172.88 -\$319.94 for the BBQ = \$852.94

-Amy went over the handout Administrative Procedures. A guide for how to approach spiritual, religious and cultural aspects of education. We cannot put one religion ahead of another and we need to be sensitive when it comes to the topic. How do we frame celebrations for kids?

-Everyone was given and briefly flipped through the 'OurSCHOOL' report. This was the results from the 'Tell them from me' survey. We will hang on to this booklet incase something comes up we can look back on it.

-We looked at the grade 8's not feel safe attending the school. It was brought up that last year the grade 8's also had low numbers in the same area, but now being in grade 9 they do feel safe. Why is this? Is it a tough year with a lot of change?

-If anyone has any question with these results please bring up at the next meeting.

Regulation Zones:

-It is recognized there are kids in the building struggling and we have limited resources. Books were purchased for K-8 teachers called 'The Zones of Regulation'. Before Christmas they went over the first chunk of the book, after Christmas they will continue with it. The first half helps kids recognize what zone they are in and how to deal.

-Shala mentioned she has worked with this or a very similar program for awhile. She brought up that the green zone can be bad or isn't always appropriate.

-Jodi asked for more information on this.

Old Business:

1. Social Media: Would it be helpful to create an SCC facebook page? We noticed there might be 2 different Aberdeen town pages so we may not be reaching everyone. For now we will keep doing what we are doing. Everyone really likes the school text messages. We could ask Crysta about doing a text messages to invite parents to the SCC meetings.

-Keep sending article ideas in WhatsApp to keep it a constant tool for parents.

2. Reading Week:

-Amy reported reading week went well but took a little organizing as numbers didn't always match up for reading partners. It was a positive experience and we can reflect on how it went and figure out the logistics for next year.

-Author visits: Sally seemed a little stressed during the setup, she was very particular with how stations were set-up but the presentation was great for the kids. Alison was late by over an hour, so a little rushed but the kids were engaged and it went over very well. Invoice has been sent in.

3. Christmas basket fundraiser:

-baskets are looking good. Winter fun and bath baskets are a bit low. SCC voted, all members in favor to use SCC money to fill these low baskets if necessary.

-Last year baskets brought in \$1824 and this year we are around \$900 but we sell a lot of tickets at the Concert.

-Remember to wear your SCC shirts to the concert. SCC members to please come up to the front to help bring baskets in and raffle them off after the concert.

-This is the first year we have no afternoon concert. Teachers had noticed a lot of the same people were attending both afternoon and evening. It is expected to be packed for the evening. We will see how it goes and discuss for next year.

-Maryanne and Barb volunteered to sell tickets at the table before the concert. Jodi will Thank everyone and draw names.

5. Asset Mapping booth:

-Is there any event coming up we can set up the asset mapping booth? Fun night might be too busy of a night to have it. Maybe the next parent/teacher conferences.

New Business:

1. Should we do a gym night or a dance?

-Harper and Rachel think a lot of people won't go to a dance as it can be an awkward event. It was suggested to call it a social rather than a dance.

-If we do a gym night Harper and Rachel suggested we scrap the pickle ball and do dodgeball or black-out dodgeball. All agreed this sounded like a fun alternative.

-We will try to get some SRC members to the next meeting in January to plan a gym night for late February.

2. Positive Phone calls home.

-Teachers plan to revisit in January how to get parents engaged. There is already a lot of parent involvement. January they will create some sort of action plan.

-The calls could get a bond between parents and teachers.

3. Stations for grades 6-12

-Kelli sent an email with some ideas from her students.

-Could run a session with 2 grades at once divided into 4 groups followed with an intimate discussion.

-Send home information to parents so they can speak openly knowledgeable with their kids about the info they received that day.

-Harper brought up that it could be difficult for kids to come to the conclusion that they need to step forward b/c it's a realization for them that they have a mental health issue. They need to know is normal and have knowledge on what it looks like to come forward.

-Vapers know vaping is bad for them so telling them its bad will not necessarily make them stop. They need another way to cope with whatever it is that is driving them to vape.

-Harper and Rachel said hearing stories from someone younger would be easier for kids to relate to. Real stories from relatable people could be helpful.

4. Curling \$\$ for low income families

-Amy wants feedback from parents about asking for money for a curling program. How would parents feel about this. The ice is expensive to rent.

-In the past they did a High School Bon Spiel which brought in a lot of money. Could this be an option?

-A few other ideas suggested include: students curl against teachers and take bets or pledges, we could invite another school to play, funding through Kids Sport or finding different funding programs that give grants.

-It would be helpful for parents to know of the expenses in advance. Kids are already in costly sports and programs, this way they could plan for it.

5. Possible Learning Opportunity for Parents.

-Could we have parents sit in on classes to learn along-side the students? This might not be accepted by all parents having strangers (to them) in class with kids.

-Learning Walks have been done in other schools. Could have 4-5 parents signed up for a time-slot. They could spend some time in class then step out and ask questions. The SCC could try this out first, discuss how we think it went after. If we are happy with it we could invite other parents. We could have a schedule so parents could sign up for this at our next asset mapping booth.

Next Meeting Date: January 7 at 5:00 (daycare will be provided)

Meeting Adjourned: 6:50 pm