

School Community Council and Home and School Association Meeting

Aberdeen Composite School

Tuesday, January 7th 2020

In Attendance: Jodi Levy, Bonnie Doige, Brandi Tomy, Laura Laskowski, Lana Pearson, Maryann Rempel, Barb Hagele, Amy Orth, Jamie Wright, Rachel Boyenko, Harper Doige, Kelli White, George Janzen, Chelsea Baron

Unable to Attend: Barkley Twidale, Deane Martin, Carla Beaulac

Call to Order: Jodi called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Roll Call:

Review Agenda: Agenda was emailed out and reviewed prior to meeting.

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

New Business:

1. Our School Report (Amy) Aberdeen's nutrition was surprisingly low. A few ideas to bring nutritional snacks into the school included:

- Amy talked to people in Clavet that had some great ideas one of which was they use billboards as advertising and receive free veggies from the grocery stores.

- Healthy Hunger Days – Lunches are pre-ordered and delivered to the school. A cut of the money goes to the school.

- Get together with Farm in the Dell somehow. Could residents work in the concession or prepare a hot lunch? They grow and sell vegetables that we could maybe utilize.

- The frustration of having no student Microwaves was brought up. There is nothing we can do as of now so we will move on.

- Home Ec. hot lunches are great!

- Jodi will talk to her neighbor Mark Schaffel (Walmart GM) to see if we can work out a deal to receive healthy food.

- Would parents be willing to come in once a week to cut vegetables? Majority said yes.

- Maryann mentioned Save On foods may do food donations.

- Rachel asked why the servery is not happening? Also, in the past home-ec. would sell baking in the servery. She suggested doing advertising for the servery so it gets busier. Could we use parent volunteers (with food safe certificate) to run the servery?

2. Kelli reported on the CIA kids and their year plan to focus on Mental Health. They recognize that their peers need support. They want to educate their peers & reduce the stigma on mental health. One of the great ideas they came up with is a '**Student Conference**'. The idea is to have a keynote speaker and the kids pre-register for the topics they are most interested in. They could include gender identity education, yoga, outdoor education, goal setting related to depression & anxiety, social media, art & music therapy, stress, meditation, toxic relationships, service dogs etc. The date will be **Wednesday March 11th**. (Gr. 6-12)

-How can the SCC contribute to this event? We could do a potluck for the presenters? (roughly 25 people) We could provide the 'nutrition break' food (muffins & fruit etc.)? We will decide on this at our next meeting.

-Rachel said she could talk to her Baba about catering the lunch, she will get some numbers for us.

-Need one adult at each session, Kelli will email a list of volunteer positions for the 'Student Conference'

3. George Janzen, Board of Trustee elections

- Jodi printed out the Prairie Spirit Board of Education Policy Manual.

- There are 11 subdivisions in the Prairie Spirit School Division.

- They decided they are not changing sub-districts anymore.

- He suggested we think about a possible representative to run for board member in subdivision

5. This should be a person who cares about public education. Time commitment: 2 meetings a month (during the day) along with SCC meetings, retreats 2x a year, depends how active you want to be. Was mentioned that Grace Wudrich is considering the position.

-School board used to be an 'operational board' which means they used to do everything including purchasing school supplies etc. Now the school board is strictly a policy board. Corporate Governance – Direct and protect.

- diversity policy recently passed.

4. Teacher Appreciation Week starts Monday February 10th.

- We will stick with the Zoo/circus theme.

-Jodi motioned the SCC purchase decorations for the staffroom. Seconded by Maryann Rempel. Motion carried.

-We will decorate the staffroom Friday February 7th starting at 2:00. Message in WhatsApp if you can make it. Jodi volunteered to get the decorations.

- Crysta usually send the invite to the bus drivers.

-Every morning of that week we supply coffee and muffins (or any baking). We need volunteers to make coffee and replenish the baking every morning.

- If each SCC member can bake 2 dozen muffins or cookies, we should be good for the week.

- Bonnie suggested Zoo/circus theme baking if you are able to.

-Chelsea and Bonnie volunteered to do Monday morning. Please send in WhatsApp your availability for the rest of the week.

-The SCC will provide a pot-luck for the school staff as we did last year. We chose Wednesday February 12th. Amy will let the SRC know we chose that date. The list for food is as follows:

Bonnie and Jodi – pulled pork

Chelsea – buns

Lana – coleslaw

Brandi – Ceasar salad

Maryann – drinks

Barkley – Vegetable Tray

Carla & Laura – Dessert

-Jodi volunteered to check if we need plates, napkins & cutlery

5. Community Grants

-Jodi found Community Initiatives Fund www.cifsask.org/grants that we might be eligible for. The deadline is October 1st She will look further into this. This could be used to help pay for students curling.

-Jodi asked Amy if she could put a list together with all the extracurricular programs and costs so it can be sent to parents at the beginning of the year. This way parents can budget. Amy agreed to try to put a list together.

6. Recess Guardian Program through Blue Cross

-Saskatchewan Blue Cross Recess Guardians founder and Executive Director Mike McDonald started the program in 2008. It works with student volunteers from grades four to eight and teaches them how to play different playground games. After six weeks, the student volunteers, along with a designated teacher, take charge of distributing sports equipment and teaching games to other children during recess time. Not only do the kids play more at recess, they learn about peer leadership, positive choices and the fun of being physically active.

-All agreed this was a great idea. Could get kids a special vest. Jodi will contact the Blue Cross guy for more information.

Committee Reports:

School Report:

- Amy went over the school report. Staffing Update, Upcoming Events, School Goals and Extracurricular (Please see handout from Amy, I've also attached it in the minutes email)

-Amy will send us dates for the Family Walks so we can give this a try. Leask gave templates on how they run these. Amy asked should the Family walk be from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm or is this too long? Was agreed upon we will try the 9-12 as it would be nice to not feel rushed. After the SCC members try the walk, we can spread the word to get more parents to sign up.

Financial Report:

Amy went over the financial report (see handout) Home and School 2020: \$3613.98. SCC 2020: \$564.06.

Old Business:

1. Christmas Basket Raffle

-This year it made \$1947 which is more than last years \$1824.

2. Asset Mapping Booth:

-Next parent teacher conference is March 17 & 18th. We plan to set up an asset mapping booth. We will need volunteers but will come back to this closer to the date.

3. February Gym Night:

-Rachel suggest a gym night earlier in the evening then the dance after.

-Should we re-introduce movie nights?

-Family Bingo: Easy to put on, need prize packages, usually brought in 80-100 people.

-we decided to table the dance idea for now as February and March are already busy.

-Jodi shared that Ms. Funk sent a positive email about Thea which made her feel proud.

-Keep posting articles on WhatsApp

Next Meeting Date: February 3 or 4? We will decide what works best in WhatsApp. 5:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:50 pm