

School Community Council and Home and School Association Meeting

Aberdeen Composite School Monday, October 28th 2019

In Attendance: Jodi Levy, Bonnie Doige, Brandi Tomy, Laura Laskowski, Lana Pearson, Barkley Twidale, Barb Hagele, Amy Orth, Jamie Wright, Chelsea Baron,

Unable to Attend: Carla Beaulac, Deane Martin, Maryann Rempel, Lana Pearson

Call to Order: 5:38

Roll Call:

Review Agenda: Agenda handed out.

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)

-We took a look at the charts on the wall from an activity the teachers had done. Identifying the things parents are involved with in the school. They included information, involvement, engagement or leadership. Goal is to fill the engagement gap.

Financial Report:

Amy went over the financial report (see handout) Home and School 2020: \$1327 Carry forward from 2019 + \$336 kickback for lottery license = \$1663. SCC 2020: annual \$2000 operating grant will be visible by October 31. Cost of Jody Carrington has not yet been processed.

-Decided it would be a good idea to set up our asset mapping table at more events. Many people were excited about this idea.

-Talked about the value in kids seeing their parents in the school.

-How can the SCC help school staff with parent engagement? All we can do is keep learning together.

-Year book: Using a new program to do the yearbook. It is easy to use and students will be involved. A specific email for the yearbook will be sent out so parents can send photos taken through-out the year from school events so they may be used.

Old Business:

1. Social Media: Jamie has been posting the website link on social media and also inviting parents to school events. Not much to report as it is unknown who is all seeing posts, but they most likely are helpful in getting information out. Thanks Jamie!

-We took a look at the website. It is coming along nicely! Will have an up-to date calendar, twitter feed and information will be easy to access on main page.

-If you find any good articles the SCC can share with the public make sure to post them on Whats App! Thanks!

2. Fall Assembly Recap: Attended by Amy, Macaila, Jamie, Chelsea, Jodi, Barb, Carla and Brandi. Very positive reviews with Jody Carrington's morning presentation. Afternoon panel discussion a little bland. Our take-away included the importance of understanding the lid-flip, Importance of making sure those holding our children are OK, Lighting up is a superpower and that we can light up for each others kids if we can't always for our own, "no such thing as other people's kids.", we are wired to do hard things. Jody's 5 top points:

- 1) Show genuine interest in things kids care about.
- 2) Get their eyes.
- 3) Get down on their level.
- 4) Feed Them. You cannot chew and swallow with a flipped lid.
- 5) Stay Present. You cannot make sense of hard things alone for long.

-We could create our own panel (Out Saskatoon, nurse, RCMP etc) for a discussion and have prepared questions from parents. Would a panel be intimidating for parents?

-another option would be to have stations, then do a group discussion after visiting the stations. (Social pressure & stress, vaping, cannabis, LGBTQ2S etc.)

-Maybe parents should not be present so kids feel more comfortable to speak out and ask questions. Parents could be sent the information the kids talked about so they could have a discussion at home in the evening.

-Talked about the dangers of edible cannabis products becoming legal. How will you know if a gummy bear contains cannabis? Chelsea offered to get more info on this.

3. Reading Week:

-Need volunteers to set up the morning of Nov. 5th. Jodi will get times.

-Kindergarten class has been split. Will let the kindergarten parents know they can come Tuesday for author presentations (on their off day).

- Grades K-8 will do the reading log every-day to be entered into a draw for a \$25 indigo gift card.

- Grades 9-12 will have a photo booth, picture of themselves with the book and who they may have read to. Pictures will be put in a hat and a winner will be pulled at the end of the week. Prize is a \$25 Indigo gift card.

5. Christmas Basket Fundraiser:

-Crysta has the license number for 2200 tickets and will administer tickets out. Barb and Chelsea offered to help with this as it is a big job. Thanks! Tickets will be 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5 & 10 for \$15 ?

-Letter will be sent out November 18th, tickets will be due in on December 6th. We will do the baskets up on December 11th after the meeting. We need 15 baskets by November 18th.

6. Book Fair:

-Book Fair went well, thanks to all the volunteers for your help! The open layout was nice and a lot of parents were talking about the asset mapping table.

New Business:

-Positive phone calls to dads was brought up. A lot of the time it is the moms who get calls. May be nice to switch that up if positive phone calls were to happen.

-Decided on NOT doing a November Gym night. A lot is going on may try for a gym night in the new year.

-Some kids have approached Jodi about doing a school dance after school with a D.J. Maybe a family dance? Valentines Dance? Would kids want parents to be there? Could be a good way for parents to show kids how they have fun and socialize. Also gets parents into the school outside of academics. Any money made from a dance could go towards tele-miracle. Would anybody come? SRC will be asked to find out if this is something kids want to attend.

-Bonnie asked how to handle complaints and issues. Amy said to first go to the person with whom complaint is with. If problems cannot be resolved the next step is to have a private conversation with herself.

-Had a discussion about the UN activist that came to the school, talked about climate sustainability. Was asked why parents didn't know about it? Was mentioned that website for this person seemed sketchy. Overall was a good lesson in critical thinking.

Next Meeting Date: December 11th at 5:30

Meeting Adjourned: 6:50 pm