

School Community Council and Home and School Association Meeting

Aberdeen Composite School Monday, September 9th 2019

In Attendance: Jodi Levy, Bonnie Doige, Brandi Tomyne, Deane Martin, Lori Hamoline, Maryann Rempel, Laura Laskowski, Lana Pearson, Leanne Deobald, Barkley Twidale, Gwen Peters, Kara Janzen, Jamie Wright, Chelsea Baron, Barb Hagele, Amy Orth

Unable to Attend: Carla Beaulac

Call to Order: Jodi called meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Election of Vice Chairperson: Maryann Rempel elected. Seconded by Barb Hagele.

Roll Call:

Review Agenda:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Did not read.

Financial Report: Briefly went over estimated numbers. Will get more info next meeting.

Introduction of SCC to Amy Orth & School Report:

Amy went over the Aberdeen School Report & we revisited My Prairie Spirit Classroom.

Goals for the Year, Stars and Stairs (see handout)

Plan to Focus on Family Engagement. Difference between parent involvement and parent engagement.

Looking for feedback.

Old Business:

-Decals: A lot of positive feedback! Unfortunately a few vandalized (boys changeroom), one removed for another reason. Leanne mentioned rocks in playground were found with positive messages on them. Cool idea whomever it was!

-Welcome Wagon: Helpful community information meant for new families in the community (Aberdeen, Vonda, Prud'Homme) not necessarily with kids in the school. Deane will look into getting us a list.

-Family Night: 'Meet the Teacher' night renamed to 'Family Night'

-Stay Home Alone/Babysitters Course: Tina Stalker did not have enough kids to run a course. We could cover her cost in this case. Would be approximately \$15 per kid. Will run this past either Tina or Reagan then possibly advertise this course through the school.

-SCC Visual Board: (Jodi will keep this updated) All SCC members have O.K.'d their photos to be used on the board. We will use this board to share books we are reading, post meeting dates & times and upcoming events the SCC is a part of. Thank you Leanne!

-Adding attendance and reading results to website: do parents have access to attendance? Parents have access to their own child's attendance on the Power School website. Amy mentioned there will no longer be a paper newsletter. The website will be tweaked, adding a user friendly calendar. Krista will continue with the e-mails and text messages.

-Kids These Days book: Book purchased for SCC members by the SCC. Brandi did a short review of the book. A Game Plan for (re)connecting with those we teach, lead & love. Focuses on a Kids need for Connection and the importance of educators in the developmental years! Kids are only OK if those holding them are OK. Connection before direction. Very positive reviews from those who read it. Lets recommend a book to be highlighted on the visual board every couple of months.

New Business:

-Fall Assembly: Saturday October 26, 9-3:00 pm. At Ecole Traditions Elementary School in Warman. Will register for 10 people to attend as a lot of interest was shown. Jody Carrington (author of 'Kids These Days') will be speaking. The SCC will either cover full or half cost depending on how our budget looks. Some teachers are also interested in attending.

-Spring Assembly: Tentatively booked for Wed. April 22nd. More info to come.

-Reading Week to replace One Book One School: Funding was approved for two Saskatchewan Authors. Alison Lohan (~K-4) & Sally Meadows (~gr 5-8) available for Nov 5 at a cost of \$120 combined. Allison Lohan's book 'The 2 Trees' and Sally Meadows will chose from one of her books. Looked at some ideas for reading week....

- 1) kids going out and reading to seniors in the community.
- 2) Poem in my pocket – select or write a poem, carry it in your pocket and share it with someone throughout the day. Aloud to class or one on one whatever they are comfortable with.
- 3) create a form for kids to take home to have their parents read to them or they read to their parents. If all 5 days are signed, they get entered in for a draw. Prize ideas?
- 4) Thea's idea to dress up as your favorite book character.
- 5) Gwen suggested an afternoon of activities for K-3 students and parents. Different activities in classrooms/stations such as reading together, story writing together etc. '
- 6) Looking for ideas on how to incorporate the grade 9-12's in reading week.

-Family Night: Sept. 12th 5-7:00pm will be funded by the SCC. Gwen's daughter Abbey is running Myron's taekwondo class in the gym Thursday. She is more than happy for anyone to join during family night. SCC will have a table at the front. Barkley, Jodi and Maryann have offered to sit at the table wearing SCC shirts.

SCC Updates on Social Media: Considered posting SCC news on Aberdeen Community Page, twitter and Instagram. Jamie offered to post SCC updates on social media. Decided to focus on getting people to the school website rather than multiple social media sites. Could do a post and include a link to the website for people to get more information.

-Christmas Basket Fundraiser: Would like to get more tickets so they do not sell out. Chelsea offered to get the lottery license.

Next two Meeting dates: September 30th 5:30 & October 28th 5:30

Book Fair: October 23& 24th 3:30- 8:00 during the teacher conferences.

Leanne recruited volunteers. Volunteers get first pick of teacher conference times.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:52 pm

