

# School Community Council and Home and School Association

## Meeting Minutes

Aberdeen Composite School

Wednesday January 13, 2021 Meeting conducted on **ZOOM**

**In Attendance (via zoom):** Amy Orth, Jodi Levy, Brandi Tomy, Jamie Wright, Carla Beulac, Bonnie Doige, Chelsea Baron, Rachele Regier, Barb Hagele, Grace Wudrick, Kelli White

**1. Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.**

**2. Roll Call:**

**3. Reviewed Agenda:** Agenda emailed out and reviewed prior to the meeting.

**4. Review last meeting minutes:** Brandi read the meeting minutes from the Dec 2nd meeting.

**5. Committee Reports**

**School Report:**

-Enrollment and Staffing

-Upcoming events: Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> – school wide bingo at 2:30

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – 9-12 progress reports go home.

- Safe Schools update, School goals and professional development, extra-curricular. (please see school report hand-out for details)

**Financial Report:**

-balance is \$1684.10

**Division Trustee update** - Grace Wudrik:

-January 4<sup>th</sup> Martensville High moved from level 3 to level 4.

-Warman High is at level 3.

-Division financial update was approved.

- The Board received an update on the Division's pandemic financial planning.

- To date, the provincial government has developed two phases for pandemic funding for school divisions. Prairie Spirit submitted a plan for both phases of funding. The Division received approval for \$1.6 million in funding in the first phase and an additional \$1.3 million from the second phase of pandemic funding, which was announced last week.

The Division's pandemic funding has been used for expenses including the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitization supplies, the creation of an online school (Spirit eLearning), staff recruitment expenses, etc.

-Online course for bus drivers to handle life threatening issues until medical help arrives.

## **Old Business**

### **1. Social Media**

-Jamie will continue to make a post on social media when there is information to share.

### **2. ARC Lunches**

-Friday lunches available to order for the next 3 Fridays. Did not want to create extra work for teachers by handing out and collecting order forms. You can order by emailing or calling the rink. (Amy mentioned it would be no trouble to do order forms)

[aberdeenrecplex@gmail.com](mailto:aberdeenrecplex@gmail.com) 306-253-4332 – accepting e-transfers.

-Nice to create a partnership between the School and the ARC that benefits both. Perhaps in the future we could get the kids involved, picking up and delivering lunches for some sort of compensation.

-Bonnie will take pictures of the food to post online so parents/students know what they are getting. Maybe she will get pictures of students enjoying the ARC lunches.

-Parent response: happy to be able to e-transfer rather than have to gather cash to send to school.

-Parents could e-transfer for multiple Friday lunches so they don't have to send multiple e-transfers. Should put this information out there on next post.

-Would be helpful to post a reminder for lunch orders during the week.

-It was mentioned Tracy Grand-Maison had received a Grant. Don't have information on this Grant yet, but could possibly have money to put towards a breakfast program.

### **3. One Book, One School**

-Four \$20 Indigo gift cards have been purchased for prizes.

-Grades 7-12 Story Contest, needs a set of criteria.

-Theme will be 'How a Pandemic Feels' from their own perspective.

-Any submission enters you in the draw to win one of two \$20 Indigo gift cards. There will be no judging of entries.

-Submit by emailing the link, #acsfamilylearns (not to viewed on tik tok app)

- Brandi will make a poster.
- Students will have until the end of the break, the week of Feb. 22 winners will be picked.
- Rather than just writing we will give students creative freedom of how they want to express 'How a Pandemic Feels' (within reason) this could be a spoken word, poem, story, tik tok, short film or story etc.
- If sending in a link, can be sent to [aberdeencrusaders@gmail.com](mailto:aberdeencrusaders@gmail.com) also #acsfamilylearners.

- Charlottes web books will be handed out Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. We need to create labels to put inside the books ex: A book is a gift that keeps on giving or A gift from the SCC.
- Amy will get labels and ask Crysta if she would make them for us. SCC will reimburse for the cost. Jodi will send the label idea to Barb who volunteered to attach them.
- Jodi will make up a letter to go home with the book to explain the photo contest. (email to Barb)

#### **4. Wall Decal Replacements**

- High Adhesive Replacement decals are ready for installation. Possibly February break? Amy will find out if we can enter the school. We are in no rush.

#### **5. Welcome Baskets**

- Cargill bags were used instead of laundry baskets as they were easier to send home with kids on the bus. They are all ready to go.

### **New Business**

#### **1. Family Engagement -Amy to Update:**

Learning Everywhere Together (we took a look at the chart emailed to us)

- Grades 7-12 were asked if they knew what Family Engagement meant. Seemed a lot of them had no idea.

-How to get kids to see the value in having parents engaged in school? What is the value in them understanding what it means?

-Mr. V emailed the parents invites to FreshGrade where some of their work will be posted. He encouraged parents to Praise, encourage, suggest and ask questions about the work. He gave examples which was helpful.

-How is your family involved in your learning? An alternative way to ask a student rather than use the term 'family engagement'.

-Family engagement will not look the same for every student. If there is little to no family engagement for some, it may be harder for them to understand it.

-Harder to get information from the older students on what they are learning.

-Virtual Learning walk. Amy could carry an I-pad around to the classes. Would parents do this? Could possibly get more parents to do this, most things are virtual now, they may feel comfortable with it.

-We took a look at the document Amy emailed to us 'Program Goals for Educators and Families'. It covered

Capabilities: Human Capital, Skills and Knowledge

Connections: Important Relationships and Networks – Social Capital

Confidence: Individual Level of Self-Efficacy

Cognition: Assumptions, Beliefs, and Worldview

(Things to aspire to, what families and schools should experience, How do we as teachers share the nuts and bolts of how we are doing things and how to share.)

## **2. SCC Family Engagement Action Plan**

-Continue to post articles pertaining to family engagement on social media

-Send home letter from SCC and teachers explaining Family Engagement and different things families can do to participate

-Create a hashtag family members can use to post pictures of being engaged in their child/rens learning. **#acsfamilylearning** Will put this in the letter sent out with Charlottes Web, reminder in the morning announcements, email, social media post and will spread as people start to use it.

-Create a "Family in Motion" bulletin board and encourage families to send in pictures of themselves engaging in fun activities with their kids (not necessarily only physical activities but arts and crafts as well)

## **3. Fun Night donation tubs**

-Grace will bring the tubs to the school so Kelli and SLT can take a look at the prizes. (2-3 bins and a golf bag)

-Grace mentioned we are being audited for last years Fun Night raffle. Most likely they have extra time. Just a reminder to always keep unsold tickets and winning tickets which we did.

## **4. Open invitation to SCC:**

National Congress on Rural Education Conference

-March 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>

-Prices: SCC Member \$151.45

SCC 3 Member Bundle \$ 402.08

-Is this something we should send people to?

Tabled for now:

- Community Grants
- Recess Guardian Program (blue cross)
- Veggie Program
- Healthy Hunger Program

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 6:30 pm **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:51 pm