

School Community Council and Home and School Association

Meeting Minutes

Aberdeen Composite School

Wednesday March 3, 2021 Meeting conducted on **ZOOM**

In Attendance (via zoom): Amy Orth, Jodi Levy, Brandi Tomy, Jamie Wright, Carla Beulac, Bonnie Doige, Rachelle Regier, Grace Wudrick, Barkley Twidale

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35 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 Jan meeting.

5. Committee Reports

School Report:

-Upcoming events:

-March 8th no school (teacher pd/prep)

-March 16 & 17 – Parent teacher conferences.

-March 19 – no school (day off in lieu of conferences)

-Staffing Update, Safe Schools Update, PSSD letter to families regarding face masks/shields, School Goals and Professional Development chart & Extra-curricular. (See the school report for details as well as the chart)

-Staff plan to gather evidence at the next meeting: what difference has working on family engagement made? What is the next thing to be working on as a school?

-SCC seems to be the majority of parents participating in engagement ideas. Not a lot of people willing to engage, how can we change this? Poll families outside of the meetings? Let us think on this for the month.

Financial Report:

-\$469 spent, \$1438.21 remaining.

Division Trustee update - Grace Wudrick:

-Student citizenship awards. Three \$1000 grades 1-8 as well as 3 \$1000 grades 9-12. Application deadline is April 15.

- Prairie Spirit online school-280 students enrolled.
- Mental Health: Pandemic funding for virtual mental health counselors.
- Martensville High is at level 2.
- Warman remains at level 3, all other Prairie Spirit is at level 2.
- Dr. Shahab, the provincial Chief Medical Health Officer, has specifically recognized the good work being done in Saskatchewan schools.
- There have been 12 incidents of COVID-19 in Prairie Spirit schools since January (a total of 51 incidents since the school year started).
- The Division will receive another shipment of disposable medical grade masks and face shields for staff from a provincial government order. This supply will include medical grade masks for children, which will be available at schools. In addition, the government will supply schools with child and adult-sized reusable three-layer cloth masks.
- Additional caretaking hours.
- GEMS (Gideon, Ebzel, Merrill and Smithville) is derived from names of old country schools and is an area in the west part of the Prairie Spirit School Division, very close to the City of Saskatoon. Families currently receiving transportation service from the GEMS area will be grandfathered for 2020/21. Families in this area who have children enrolling in Kindergarten may enroll their children in the Prairie Spirit school within their attendance area and receive transportation service to that school; or enroll their children in a Saskatoon school with the understanding that transportation is a parent responsibility.

Old Business

1. Social Media

-Jamie will continue to make a post on social media when there is information to share.
Thanks Jamie you have been doing a great job!

2. ARC Lunches

-Has been going very smooth. Averages 30 lunches per week. Bonnie has received emails from parents thanking the ARC for providing lunches and great reviews from students. Amy reports all is going well on the school end.

3. One Book, One School

-Received 10-12 photos for the Charlottes web family reading.
-Two submissions for the 'How a Pandemic Feels' contest. Both submissions will each receive a \$20 Indigo gift card.

- The other 2 Indigo gift cards were awarded to the winners.
- Positive reviews on Charlottes Web from the students.

4. Welcome Baskets

- We have 6 baskets remaining so no need to create more as of now.
- Crysta has been sending home our Welcome baskets with new families. Jodi received an email from Amanda Fielding (twin sons in grade 1) saying how much they appreciated the basket and how welcomed into our community they are feeling.

5. SCC Family Engagement Action Plan

- Continue to post articles pertaining to family engagement on social media
- Letter was sent home to families explaining Family Engagement
- Encourage families to continue to use #acsfamilylearns to post pictures of families being engaged with one another as well as parents engaging in their children's learning. Possibly create a poster to posted once a week on social media reminding families of this fun thing to take part in

6. Fun Night Tubs

- Grace dropped the tubs off at the school.
- Prizes in the past have been challenging to gather so they will hang on to them when needed.
- 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.

7. National Congress on Rural Education Conference

- Amy sent the link out to SCC members today.
- Held on Sunday March 28th and Monday March 29th.
- Choose one of ten choices for each 45 minute slot.
- If anyone is interested we can discuss on WhatsApp, we have until March 24th.

8. Teacher Appreciation Week

- We managed to pull that one out of thin air! (Jodi dropped off timbits for staff as well as bouquets of flowers for staffroom. Brandi and Rachelle handed out timbits to bus drivers the following week, as there were no buses running the week of.)
- Can't wait for next year so we can go back to our usual weeklong festivities!

New Business

1. The Grant Tracey Grand-Maison had received? Is this something that can be used for a breakfast program? No, was not something that can be used for a breakfast program. It is geared at mental health support.

2. Virtual Learning Walks

-Unfortunately, because of privacy issues this won't work. We could try to get permission from each students parents but if anyone did say no, this would make it very difficult. We can revisit the learning walks when things are 'normal'.

3. Awards Update

-Working on a way to update the way awards are given.

-No longer able to give honor rolls solely on marks.

-Idea to combine the two nights into one event.

-This year there have been no sports so there wont be a sports award. It will be an award that reflects what has been offered in the school this year.

-What should the award be? It is a lot of money and work for Crysta to organize and purchase medals and plaques. Are they as meaningful as they once were? Would a monetary award be more useful and appreciated?

-An idea on the table is to have a choice of money (ex: \$100) or an exclusive Crusader item such as a jacket or hoody. Good reviews from some of the students who were asked.

-Looking to secure some more sponsorships.

- Student Awards: What do we want to celebrate? Leadership, curiosity, grit, respect, collaboration etc. Looking at more robust criteria and process to apply as well as a nomination process.

-could we do a community involvement or volunteer award? To recognize individuals who may shine more outside of the school.

Tabled for now:

- Community Grants
- Recess Guardian Program (blue Cross)
- Veggie Program
- Healthy Hunger Program
- Wall Decal install

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 14, 6:30 pm **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:08 pm

