

School Community Council and Home and School Association

Meeting Minutes

Aberdeen Composite School

Monday Oct.25, 2021

Meeting conducted at ACS in staff room

IN ATTENDANCE: Grace Wudrick, Jamie Wright, Carla Beaulac, Rachelle Regier, Bonnie Doige, Kevin Cumming, Devin Tomalock, Ayanna, Jenny Guest, Shari Chelack

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by chair, Shari Chelack

1. **Roll Call:** absent Chelsea Baron
2. **Review Agenda:** Agenda handed out at start of meeting by Kevin Cummings
3. **Review last meetings minutes:** Shari Chelack read over—Brandi Tomyon has resigned from her position as secretary and from SCC. Rachelle Regier to take over secretary position.

4. **Committee Reports**

School Report:

- SLT students—welcomed to the meeting (Devin and Ayanna)
- Feeling school spirit is down since COVID and it is separating students in the school—group is looking to bring back school spirit with after school events (needing at least 1 staff present), spirit week, elementary intermurals or lunchtime building challenges etc.
- Talk with Mrs. Rapley on starting SOS (sixes on spirit) again.
- Ayanna taking over social media accounts to share what is happening in the school with the SLT (Instagram and Facebook).
- Monthly newsletter from school will focus on different classes, bus drivers etc.
- Author readings—Shari applied for Writer's Guild Grant and received so school only pays \$60 for author reading.
- Laura Lawrence will come do a 90mins reading with cohorts in elementary (focus on mental health and well being).
- Vanda Rance applied as guarantor from the Town of Aberdeen for a grant on student mental wellness—Deane and Shari booked Laura L. for an upper/middle years "Mindfulness" day.
- Survey—Our School Survey covers a variety of topics from grades 4-12. Once completed will share data to see where we need more focus.

- Randomly selected for the CSTADS (Canadian Student Tobacco and Drugs Survey)
- Breakfast/Snack Program—grant from Cargill still waiting for funds. As of now will be pre-packaged food as per COVID rules.
- Extra Cur is happening. Cross Country went to Humboldt and did well. Sr. Girls Volleyball.
- FUNDScript fundraising underway. Will send new email out to better explain what fundraising is for and deadlines. Sounds like lots of parents holding onto them till deadline.
- Intensive programs will start soon to help with reading for grades 1-3 and executive decisions for grades 5-8. Going off information found by school divisions were kids need more focus due to learning disruptions with COVID.

Financial Report:

- Still some confusion as to what is remaining and how much we actually receive from the government. Kevin looking into this.

5. Old Business:

-Deane will contact Jodi as to what is happening with decals.

6. New Business:

- Bonnie Doige brought up concern over lack of participation for extra curriculums from students and lack of coaches/supervisors
- Discussed fact that both students and teachers are suffering from mental health concerns and feeling overwhelmed this school year. Lack of supervision for weekend tournaments etc.
- Discussed need to get students attention and interest in the activities other than a sign-up sheet.
- Can participate in activities with other schools or have other students come to us.
- CALL TO ACTION—call out to community for coaches. Any adult can coach but one staff member must be present. Kevin and Deane to come up with a statement to send out to the community and give to Shari to post.
- Could offer programs other than sports (i.e., Art classes)
- Welcome Baskets—question as to if we will still offer them. Shari to check bin and see if any are left from previous years. Talk with Crysta Lalonde to see what has been done in past years.
- Christmas Concern most likely be online this year again. Will save raffle baskets to maybe an Easter thing.
- Chari—Shari Chelack brought multiple ideas to the meeting to raise school spirit and student participation and also community awareness/participation.
 - Christmas—door decorating contest, winner win a sub party or Tim Hortons (Jenny Guest has contact to Tims).

- Winter Carnival Day—have separate for Elementary and High school. Do different activities (snowshoeing, snow cones, curling, log throwing) have concession.
- Movie Nights with concessions (can be used as a fundraiser). Do in gym for winter or outdoor projector in summer (company in Saskatoon to contact).
- Speakers Kristin Pierce, Laura Lawrence, Jodi Carrington (community). Could go together with other SCCs.
- Billboard SLT/SCC—live billboard kids can pin ideas to (would have to be monitored). Surveys to see what students want.
- Family Engagement Photo billboard—update!
- Featured Student of the Month—tie in with GRIT award criteria. Decision as to who would pick student. Also do a featured staff member of the month could receive flowers or something like it. Both to be featured in the monthly newsletter.
- Stay Home Alone Course—seems to be some interest even from parents on our board.

7. **Next meeting:** Dec. 6 @ 6:30pm in ACS staffroom

8. **Meeting adjourned** at 7:53pm by Shari Chelack