

G.W. Smith School Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

The School Council is an advisory council to the school Principal and the elected board of trustees with respect to matters pertaining to the school.

We acknowledge that we are on Treaty Six territory to the North of the Red Deer River and Treaty Seven territory to the South of the Red Deer River. We acknowledge and give thanks to all the many First Nations, Metis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

Call to Order:

The meeting began at 7:05 pm with Candice Penz as Chair.

Attendance:

Kelley Lund, Dick Lemke (Trustee guest), Audra Garnett, Candice Penz, Shelley Odishaw, Wendy Fath, Rachel Geistlinger, Lori Heppler, Krista Neidert

Approval of the Minutes:

MOTION by Lori Heppler; seconded by Krista Neidert. Approved.

Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION by Rachel Geistlinger to approve, with amendments; seconded by Krista. Approved.

Principal's Report: See attached

Committee Reports:

a. Treasurer: Rachel Geistlinger gave the report. Total available funds: \$12,279.09

b. Hot Lunch Program: Candice reported on behalf of Lorae. The Hot Lunch Program continues to do well. There are no concerns.

c. Social Committee: Spring Hop – Shelley reported. A promotional poster was circulated, as information, and will be posted at the school. The event also will be advertised through E-blast on Thursday and again next week, and Kelley will promote this in the upcoming newsletter. Shelley would like to purchase small items for the event and requested \$50.00 from School Council.

MOTION: Rachel Geistlinger moved that Council provide \$50.00 for purchase of Spring Hop supplies; seconded by Lori Heppler. Approved.

d. Landscape Committee: (Shelley, Wendy, Alysia, Julia, Sheryl)

Shelley reported on behalf of the committee. Shelley, Sheryl and Wendy met last Friday to evaluate the site and to discuss possible plans. Sheryl will come up with a landscaping clean-up plan for this year. Clean-up is tentatively planned as a School Community activity, weather permitting, for the second weekend in May. Sheryl will bring her leaf

blower the first weekend of May to blow and pile leaves. Shelley requested that the students have a contest amongst the classrooms to see which class can collect the most leaves. Kelley agreed and will help organize this. Prices of mulch were discussed. A suggestion was also made to have parents donate their old newspapers to be collected at the school, to be used as weed control under the mulch. Kelley will post information in the newsletter.

Dick Lemke reported that he will be planting sapling trees with the Junior Forest Wardens and may have some saplings available.

Shelley estimated that an amount of \$1,000.00 to include mulch and clean-up/landscaping supplies would be needed for this project. Further discussion was tabled until the item, 'Business Arising From the Previous Minutes: Fundraising Vision' had been discussed.

Business Arising From the Previous Minutes:

a. Alberta School Council Conference- Shelley reported that Krista is unable to attend, so Wendy has offered to attend in her place, but this will require hotel accommodation for one night. A request was made for an additional \$200.00 for hotel costs.

MOTION: Krista moved that up to an additional \$200.00 be provided from School Council funds to cover hotel costs; seconded by Lori. Approved.

Further to her earlier email request, Shelley then asked Council to provide any suggestions for preferred session attendance. Krista recommended a number of breakout sessions for the Shelley and Wendy to consider that she felt would benefit the greater school community. Shelley indicated that the plan is for attendees from our school and from Eastview to collaborate to ensure a broader coverage of sessions. The group will then provide a report back to School Council.

b. Overage of School Council Funds:

Candice reported that a letter is being distributed to parents, using the student agenda folder, requesting feedback to help inform the creation of a clearer fundraising vision. Feedback is due by May 1st.

Based on the need for clarity on allocation of School Council funds, the landscaping weekend will be delayed and may be rescheduled to June. Sheryl will still do the leaf blowing and students will collect these leaves.

c. Fundraising Vision: Tabled until May.

d. John Ratey - Exercise & The Brain Presentation Report:

Candace briefly reported on this session, to introduce the topic that will be further discussed at the May meeting.

New Business:

a. Grade 3 request of funds for Ukrainian Easter Egg Supplies:

Candice reported that funds had been requested and approved last year but were not used.

MOTION: Krista moved School Council provide \$245.37 to cover supplies for this year; seconded by Rachel. Approved.

b. Raised-Bed Planter:

Shelley requested that another raised-bed planter be constructed so that there is one for each class that wants to use these to enhance their Science curriculum. Discussion followed. Shelley will check with the City of Red Deer's Parks Department to determine if they would provide Community Gardens funds for planters.

c. School's Education Plan 2017/18:

Kelley distributed a DRAFT plan, highlighted some of the key details, and requested parents to provide feedback, either in writing or by email. The DRAFT plan is available for viewing at the school.

d. Dick Lemke, Trustee Report :

Mr. Lemke provided a brief report of his recent activities as a Board Trustee and expressed his appreciation to School Council for their invitation and their work on behalf of G.W. Smith School.

Kelley Lund, Dick Lemke, and Audra Garnett left the meeting in order to allow for discussion of the following item (8:30 pm).

e. Teacher Appreciation Week - May 1-5

Candace reported. Lorae has created a list of events for the week and requirements for parents to volunteer to work or supply items. A notice will be circulated as an E-blast.

MOTION: Rachel moved that School Council provide \$200.00 for supplies; seconded by Wendy. Approved.

Adjournment: 8:45 pm

Next Meeting: 7:00 pm, Tuesday, May 23, 2017

G.W. Smith School Council Principal's Report – Apr. 25, 2017

- Student Led Conferences & Scholastic Book Fair - Great turnout & wonderful feedback! Thanks to parent volunteers!
- GWS Parent CARC Math Workshop w/Cathy Coers - Approx. 15 families with their children attended.
- Author Presentation with Tyler Enfield (Wrush Series & Hannah and the Magic Eye)
- Gr. 1S Bottle Drive for the SPCA (Kindness Project) happening all week
- Welcome to Kindergarten Event
- Staff PD
 - All staff participated in the Blanket Exercise. Very powerful and enlightening experience
 - Dr. Achebe - School Environment Health Report
- Australian visitors - Impressed with openness & friendliness of students, art in the school & boxed coffee
- Lion's Pride Certificates - Smoothies with Admin
- Chess Club Windup 50 - Excellent support & participation
- Grade 2 H and 3 H - egg hatching project
- Gymnastics & Mission Impossible Fun
- Lion's Pride Clubs May 5 2:15-3:15 (Canada Theme) - Looking for Volunteers
- Lunchroom Fees - update
- Congratulations and sad farewell to Ms. Garnett
- Welcome to Mr. Aaron Langstraat



Upcoming Events

- *Apr 26 Health Action Leadership Day - 11 students participating*
- *Apr 27 Assembly 1:30 - 2HH & 3H*
- *Apr 28 Wear Blue for Diversitree & Bubble Extravaganza at 12:40pm*
- *Apr 29 Young Writers Conference at OP*
- *May 1-5 Education/Literacy Week*
- *May 1 Choir at RDSO 7:30 pm at New Life Fellowship Church - May 1*
- *May 1 Newsletter*
- *May 3 Official Day for Hats On for Mental Health*
- *May 3 Grade 6 Orientation - all middle schools*
- *May 4 Grade 2 Owl Presentation*
- *May 5 Lion's Pride Clubs - Canada Theme*
- *May 5 Spring Hop Dance*
- *May 9 City Wide School Council Meeting - West Park Elem.*
- *May 11 Grade 5 Go Girls & Grow Boys*
- *May 19 Staff Learning Day - No School for Students*
- *May 22 Victoria Day - No School*
- *May 23 School Council Meeting 7:00pm*

