

School Council
G.W.Smith School
7:00pm Tuesday, September 19, 2017

The School Council is an advisory council to the school principal and the elected board of trustees with respects 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, Métis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

Attendees: Kelley Lund, Candice Penz, Shelley Odishaw, Krista Neidert, Julia Ibanescu, Wendy Fath, Candice Bowie, Alysia Dyjur, Rachel Geistlinger, Lorae Couchman, James Wright, Elisha Campbell, Garth Fisher, Dick Lemke, Aaron Langstraat, Jaelene Tweedle, Jim Watters

Prior to the meeting commencement, three candidates participating in the October 16, 2017 election for Red Deer Public School District Board of Trustee spoke to School Council. Current Trustee for G.W.Smith, Dick Lemke, as well as incumbent Trustee Jim Watters and Jaelene Tweedle spoke and stayed for the duration of the meeting.

Celebrations - Principal's Report

- please see attached report

1. What a School Council is

Candice P. made opening remarks regarding the importance of school council, and our role as advisors in collaborating with the school to enhance the student experience.

2. Approval of the minutes

Lorae introduced a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Krista. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Agenda

Krista made a motion to approve agenda. Candice B seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Committee Reports

a) Treasurer

The current grand total is \$20 271.21. Please note that due to prior commitments available funds are currently \$13 108.66.

b) Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch sign up is available on the Healthy Hunger website as of September 17, 2017. The goal is to have it once every two weeks starting in October. The first hot lunch is October 12. Staff will be handing out the Hot Lunch and any parent available at lunch to assist would be gratefully appreciated. At present Candice B, Shelley and Rachel will be available. School Trustee Dick Lemke suggested contacting the LTCHS and Hunting Hills Kitchen Stewards to see if they were

interested in becoming part of the program. It is noted that we have to choose from those options approved by Healthy Hunger but we can encourage local businesses to register with the program.

c) Committees

Please review the committees listed in the agenda. Next meeting we would like to confirm volunteers for each committee. Thus far volunteers have stepped forward in addition to those listed in the agenda:

Skate Night – Julia

Farm to School – Shelley, Garth, Rachel, Candice B. Farm to School Food will arrive sometime on Oct 3. Anybody who is available please stop by to help carry food into the gym and organize it.

5. Business arising from the minutes

a. Fundraising

Several fundraisers planned throughout the year will need council members to assist. Specifically, the Olympic themed A-Thon in February, the purchase of G. W. Smith Apparel, and Teacher Torture. Please review the list of Fundraisers listed in the agenda and consider volunteering. Next meeting we will try to solidify volunteers.

b. ASCA Courses

Please see the agenda for Workshops that the Alberta School Councils' Association offers. A facilitator would come to the school and provide a workshop at no cost. Possible topics include the following: Tools for Effective School Councils, Building Positive Partnerships and Creating a 1 year Plan. Please review the list and highlight a few that may be beneficial for the council.

c. Multi Sport Pad

Last May the Council voted to redo the southeast basketball court with a focus on redoing the asphalt, painting new lines for basketball, 4 square, badminton, new basketball backboards and possibly extending the area. One quote was garnered from approved school vendor, Border Paving, for approximately \$24000 to resurface the area. Discussion ensued regarding gathering more quotes and the need for a committee moving forward. Garth indicated he had experience and offered to help in the process. It was agreed that the city should be contacted to see if they would be willing to help as well. The goal is to have an order made for the resurfacing done by November so that it may be completed in the spring.

We can move forward on purchasing funnel ball structures. They are approximately \$750-\$800 per unit. They would be installed east of the court and do not need to be near the asphalt. Garth has volunteered to dig the holes. The committee will also pursue asking the City if they would donate the digging of the hole and concrete.

Krista made a motion to purchase and install two funnel ball structures up to a limit of \$2000. James seconded. The motion was carried.

6. New Business

a. Elections

Chairperson

Candice B nominated Shelley which she accepted. James nominated Candice P which she accepted. *Candice P elected Chairperson*

Vice Chair

Julia nominated Shelley which she accepted. By acclamation, *Shelley is Vice Chair*

Secretary

Krista nominated Wendy which she accepted. By acclamation, *Wendy is Secretary.*

Treasurer

Julia nominated James which he accepted. By acclamation, *James is Treasurer.*

City Wide Representatives

Krista and Candice B proposed being co-chairs and nominated each other. By acclamation, *Krista and Candice B will be co chairs and attend City Wide Meetings.*

7. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:27

Next Meeting: 7:00pm, Tuesday, October 24, 2017

G.W. Smith School Council Principal's Report – Sept. 19, 2017



- ❖ Excellent start up!
 - Muffin & Coffee Parent Orientation - Excellent feedback from families & staff
 - New Staff: Aaron Langstraat (VP/Gr. 5V), Tiana Harker (LAT), Samantha Vockerath (Gr. 5V), Chelsea Hadland (French), Ashley Fowler (Sept.18 Pre-K)
 - Many new families – 306 students
 - Welcome Back Assembly & Video – Lots of fun!

- ❖ District – new communication system (Remind on hold) We will be using email blasts & website for reminders

- ❖ Scoops Newsletter Posted on Website <http://gwsmith.rdpsd.ab.ca/>
- ❖ One Book, Many Schools - Kick Off with Sigmund Brouwer at September 29 Assembly at 11:00am. This year's book is **Rebel Glory** by Sigmund Brouwer.

- ❖ Staff Focus – Book Study: **Mathematical Mindset** by Jo Boaler; **BOKS** Program - Continuing - Pyramid of Support / Growth Mindset; Literacy Groups/Support all grades (including Kindergarten), Technology Integration, Leadership; Attendance, Kindness Projects
- ❖ Artist in Residence Grant Approved – DANCEPL3Y first week of May (Education Week)
- ❖ Dawe Run for grade 4&5 students was fantastic today! Thanks to our parent volunteers!
- ❖ Sept. 29 Grade 4 & 5 students attending **The Friendship Factor** at RDC Arts Centre in pm.
- ❖ Looking for parent to help with Yearbook - Workshop Oct. 6

Upcoming Events

- **Sept. 22 Pancake Breakfast 7:50 to 8:50am & Terry Fox Run 11:30am**
- **Sept. 26 Picture Day**
- **Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day**
- **Sept. 29 Assembly 11:00 – Sigmund Brouwer**
- **Oct. 3 Farm To Table Pick up**
- **Oct. 3-5 Scholastic Book Fair**
- **Oct. 5 Parent Teacher Conferences 1-8pm**
- **Oct. 6 Staff Learning - No School**
- **Oct. 10 City Wide School Council Mtg. – Don Campbell Elementary**
- **Oct. 24 School Council Meeting 7:00**