

Eleanor Hall School Council Meeting

September 21, 2011

In Attendance: Don Hinks, Shonda Sawchyn, Toni Siegle, Chantell Despins, Helene Zadunayski, Michelle Rigney, Rachel Latimer, Leahanne Zukiwski, Joanne Fedun, Lisa Albrecht, Michelle Savoie, Raime Drake, Linda McCoy, and Courtney Lantz.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. Presentation of cheque from Servus Credit Union – Mr. Hinks presented thank you cards and “Dragons” hats to the Servus Credit Union staff. The cheque presented to the school was in the amount of \$724.52.
3. Approval of/Additions to Agenda
4. Minutes of last meeting
5. Old Business
 - a. Review of Welcome Back BBQ/Awards Night/Meet the Teacher - The attendance was up from last year and all of the food ordered was sold. The mid-September date involved the kindergarten and preschool students. The nice weather was also a factor. The invitations thanking families for their assistance with the playground also brought in more people. The proceeds from the BBQ will go to purchasing the final EverActive kit and additional Phys. Ed. Equipment.

There was discussion about the low parent/teacher contact within the junior high.

- b. Breakfast Program – The program started on September 12th. Many donations have come in from families and organizations. We are currently serving 75 – 125 students each day. The partnership with McDonald’s is working very well.
 - c. Playground Construction – Toni will contact the County of Westlock to request black dirt for our backfill around the edging of the playground.
 - d. Calendars – 37 calendars have been sold to date. The minimum order of 100 will be placed this Friday. Calendars can be sold at all school functions. The idea of partnering with the Village of Clyde/Clyde Ag. Society/Seniors’ Drop In Centre to increase circulation was suggested for next year. A decision should be made in January as to this idea.
 - e. Hot Lunch Program – Leahanne will run two dates in October, two in November and one in December. She is hoping to run the kitchen each day in January. The November date will be in conjunction with Remembrance Day. Volunteers are required for the first three months.
 - f. Record Checks – PHRD requires yearly Criminal Record Checks and Child Welfare Checks. They are currently reviewing the Administrative Procedures. There was a suggestion to put reminders in the monthly newsletters for parents.
6. New Business

- a. Motion to change AGM to November annually – Michelle Savoie moved to change the AGM to November of each year. Michelle Rigney seconded the motion.
 - b. Terry Fox Run – all of the details are in place and there are many volunteers who will help with setup, cooking, cleanup and walking. The run will be held on Wednesday, September 28th. There is a possibility there may not be water in the hill. If there is not, the run will take place around the school yard.
 - c. Goal Setting Nights – The School Council will set up an information table for parents who attend the goal setting nights. Shonda will work on the Tuesday (October 4th) and Toni will work on the Wednesday (October 5th). A welcome package should go home to Kindergarten parents and new students to our school to inform them of what is happening and how things work in the school. There was a suggestion to increase the School Council section of the newsletter and try to add more details to the events on the school website.
 - i. It was decided not to pursue “added attractions” for Goal Setting nights as these are typically well attended.
 - ii. Meals for staff – an email will go out to ask parents to provide meals on October 4th and 5th.
 - d. How to change what we do to make it easier for people to become and stay involved – review of responses/brainstorming. There was an overall consensus to keep the meetings on Wednesdays. It was decided to keep the meetings once per month. It is important to remember that people contribute in their own way (i.e. contribute to Breakfast program, bake sale, etc.) and may not be able to commit to School Council for the entire year. Subcommittees may be an alternative to large group meetings to encourage more participation.
 - e. Selection of meeting day – Tuesday, October 18th, AGM is Wednesday, November 23rd.
 - f. Halloween Decorating Contest – Clyde Ag. Society. All residents, businesses, non-profit groups are invited to decorate. This will be discussed as a staff. There will be prizes awarded.
 - g. Sympathy Card – a card was passed around for Dwight Smith-Gander extending our sympathies on the passing of his wife.
 - h. Financial Statements – Linda McCoy presented the June 30, 2011 year-end financial statements. Most expenses for the playground will be included in the next statement.
 - i. Junior High Fundraising Activities – Michelle Savoie suggested a “Slave Auction” for the K-6 students to bid on a junior high student for the afternoon of Halloween festivities. It was suggested as a draw for the 4-6 students. This can be a decision made by the staff.
7. Principal’s Report – The school is up 6 students from last year. There is currently an advertisement for a half time grade one teacher to help support the class. The lists of certified staff and program assistants were presented. Memos were reviewed. Wish list – new computers, karaoke machine, and virtues.

8. News from the Board – Annette Bokenfohr was not in attendance. Toni read a letter from Annette.
9. Next meeting – Tuesday, October 18th.
10. Community Connections
 - a. Westlock CATS presents “Hotel California” November 4, 2011.
 - b. Westlock CATS presents “Infinitus” November 25, 2011.
 - c. Tawatinaw Valley Freeriders Ski/Snowboard Swap November 26, 2011
 - d. Clyde Ag Society Mexican Night November 26, 2011
11. Meeting Adjourned 8:36 pm