

Eleanor Hall School Council

Meeting Minutes October 25th 2017

In Attendance:

Summer Halliday – Chair
Jantea Vandervelde- Director
Michelle Rigney- Director
Debbie Nestorovich- Director
Cindy Hnatiuk
Jamie Greer
Jacci Shank

Nadine Marchand- Principal
Dale Erickson- Assistant Principal/ DIV 3 Rep
Jackie Carson- School Board Trustee
Tara Thue- DIV 2 Rep
Jill Rausher- DIV 1- Rep
Sherry Tollonar
Celina deZoete- Secretary

- Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm. and was followed by the Aboriginal address for the year done by Nadine Marchand.
- Jantea Vandervelde moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Cindy Hnatiuk.
- Celina deZoete moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting on April 26th 2017, seconded by Jantea Vandervelde

Old Business

Terry Fox Run update: It was a success! The school will continue to run it in the afternoons rather than in the mornings. Moving forward, the school will do the shopping for the Terry Fox Run food, and then School Council volunteers will run the concession. Parent brought up that in the past it used to be held in Tawatinaw at the ski hill, and they were wondering if that would ever happen. Principal said that they will keep it on the list of options but with the cost of bussing and such makes it to pricey at the moment. On a side note, it is very nice to keep it within the community. One small request came up from DIV 1 and that was to have the lunch food delivered to the K-3 classrooms to cut down on some of the congestion during lunch.

Home Alone: This program is geared for ages 11 years and up. Gives children a guideline as to what are good practices when home alone. FCSS is going to be running another program here in the area, date to come soon. It will be run by FCSS this year, not by School Council.

School Spirit Wear: Online on school website and also on the School Council Facebook page.
Runs all year.

Goal Setting Update: There was a great turnout of parents! Big thank you from all the staff of the school for the volunteers that prepared meals for them over the two evenings!

New Business

School Council Communication Efforts: Are we getting out there enough? We have a Facebook page, we have room in the school newsletter, we have a bulletin board in the school's foyer, and we can also give information to the school that can be posted directly to the school's website. There was a comment commending the school for doing wonderful email. There was

a concern that maybe new parents may not be getting them, administration made note of this. Jantea said maybe getting a pamphlet to all the new families about school council and also kinder kid families. Maybe asking teachers to mention to parents in the goal setting meetings about Parent Council. Over all, parents in attendance feel that communication is pretty good.

Minister of Education Visit: Council received a letter forwarded from Jennifer Tuininga that was from the Minister of Educations office stating that Minister David Eggen will be coming to our local school councils for a visit to hear concerns. Now it maybe that he may make the Council of School council meeting. Summer is asking does anyone have any major concerns and such about the beautiful elaborate set of notes and letter that Jennifer Tuininga has sent off to him and provided us with if there are any concerns. Summer will email to all.

Council of School Councils: Next meeting will be November 7th 2017 in Barrhead.

Christmas Store: Parent Council will be running it. Debbie will be helping to organize it again. Debbie is asked if the Admin can supply the council with prepaid visa cards, about 2 \$500 cards. They have agreed and said it wouldn't be a problem. Dates for this will be the first week of December, the 4th - 7th.

After school care: Nadine said there is a lot of things that would need to be in place for a program like this to run first. This is something that maybe should be brought to the community first to see how much interest there really is. Summer said that we could put together a poll. Jamie will be willing to help Summer with this task.

Enhancement Society Update: Supporting \$20 per student up \$5 from last year for the cost of field trips. Buddy bench was installed and the basketball court and net areas have been finished! Yay!! \$500 donation was made to Ag For Life for doing the Farm Safety presentation. There is now going to be an after school Archery program that Jessica Stevens will be running. She is fully certified in the program and is also a certified teacher with Pembina Hills. The school does have all the right materials for this program. No pizza days as of yet to report. Mom's Pantry will be running until October 30th. Pickup date will be posted to the school's website.

Administration report: See attached.

Trustee Report: Jackie Carson was sworn in with the other new trustees today! She doesn't have a lot to report. (So much happened today, very exciting day for her!) She gave a brief overview quickly on what committees she is a part of for this term. She stated that all this can be found on the school divisions website. She expressed that she is very passionate about every kid is included. She asked if her email can be added to the School Councils Facebook page. Summer said for sure! Enrollment numbers in town schools has been declining over the last few years. Board members plan to take a closer look into this. Smaller school's enrollment numbers have been inclining. She promises to have more information for our next meeting.

Next meeting date: November 29th, 2017 at 7pm.

Please note: January 24th meeting will be changed to Tuesday, January 23rd, to accommodate a visit from new Superintendent, Mr. Garbutt.

Meeting Adjournment at 8:30pm

October 2017 Principal's Report

- Reconciliation Statement
- Thank you to the volunteers who prepared and served the Terry Fox lunch, to the Enhancement Society for the cement pad and donation to our Farm Safety Day Friday, and to all of the parents who provided us with dinner during our two Goal Setting evenings. We appreciate everything you do for us!
- VTRA protocol. Brochure handed out.
- We will be receiving an AED. (defibrillator) They are on order.
- Emergency procedures. It is consistent throughout Pembina Hills.
Lockdown, Shelter in Place, Hold and Secure
Lockdown-Most severe. A threat that is in the school. (Do not call your child on your cell phone)
Hold and Secure-something is happening in the area
Shelter in Place-usually environmental
We do six fire drills a year and one lockdown drill.
- End of the day procedures vary depending on the grade.. In the youngest grades there are two lines-one bus line, one being picked up line. Names of students who are being picked and aren't usually have their name on the board. The students wait in the foyer until their parent/person picking them up arrives.
- Dealing with student injuries-when an injury is reported, someone who has first aid is called to assess the injury. We often call home to be 'on the safe side'. We also fill out an injury report.
- Farm Safety on Friday
- Alberta Opera next Wednesday at 9:30 am. Thanks to The Enhancement Society for paying.
- New website - live sometime in November.
- Remembrance Day committee meeting tomorrow. Will email out an update.