Derek Taylor Public School

School Council Meeting

October 14th, 2015

1. Opening of Meeting – 7:03pm

In Attendance – Jennifer Barley, Farrah Mayea, Brian Mayea, Mike Harris, Leslie Syrnyk, Tina Hippard, Melanie O’Toole, Shanda Boyce, Andrew Adams, Gloria Hartford, Sara Curry, Michelle Driscoll, Shandra Vigen, Donlea Holman, Marian Pickup, Michelle Bowe-Matthews, Laura Renooy, Rina Sibbeston, Anita Lyons

1. Approval of Agenda – 1st Gloria Hartford, 2nd Sara Curry
2. Approval of Minutes – 1st Shanda Boyce, 2nd Shandra Vigen
3. Correspondence – Various fundraising information, Learning Team newspaper
4. Reports:
5. Chair’s Report – New Co-chair Shanda Boyce
6. Treasurer’s Report – Current balance is just over $8000.00
7. Principle’s Report – **School Report Card Results** are in, and administration is very happy with the results of it. Derek Taylor placed above the district and province in various areas. Results of the grade 4 and up **‘Tell them from Me’** survey shows that in grades 4-6 there is a need for an increase in advocacy, and in grades 7 and 8 girls there are high levels of anxiety. Both these results are being looked at and there will be changes made to assist in helping. Lots of **School plans** are currently in progress. Examples are the data walls, student engagement, writing, executive functioning, delivery and use of formal assessment. As of September 30th there were **852 students** enrolled in DTPS. ESL enrollment has doubled, and the school has become a very inclusive environment overall. There was no final decision made at the **Boundary meeting**, so zones are not yet set for the new schools. However there will be postings for Administrators on November 13th and it should also be mentioned that due to the changes in school sizes, DTPS will go from 3 administrators to only 2. October 20th from 7-8:15pm in the junior high wing of DTPS, there will be a presentation presented by **Joanne Pitman** about Relational Aggression and parents of girls are being encouraged to attend. DTPS is hoping to have Werhauser donate to sponsor **Dare to Care** in February. **Dreams Take Flight** was able to take a grade 6 student on a day trip to Disney. It was a long day but amazing! DTPS now has a **Facebook** page. Please share! Anything you want posted on there please bring to the attention of Nancy, Kristina or Charla.
8. School Board Report- Congratulations to Derek Taylor on their wonderful school report card results! In the district the dropout rate has dropped by 1.7%, it’s the best safe and caring result, and the highest parent involvement result in 6 years! Diploma exam results are up 3.7% from 4 years ago as well. Thank you to Nancy for organizing and participating in ‘Dreams Take Flight’, it’s such an amazing program. The last boundary meeting was tonight and it will now be followed by board meetings to determine the best way to compile all the results to benefit the most students as there are over 8000 of them that will be effected over time. December is the current goal for announcing the boundaries. September 30th counts are in for grants from Alberta Ed, and it’s hopeful that there will be a balanced budget. The district is down by 151 students overall, and that is the first time that has happened in 6 years. Grades k-4 is where it’s been noticed mostly. There is a joint school chairs meeting on December 3rd at 7pm at the School Board office.
9. Old Business
10. Halloween Dance – The DJ is confirmed. Kristina is arranging for Jr High students to decorate for us again this year. In all notices that go out about the dance it’s important to mention that there is a fee this year, and that a parent must attend with them. It was suggested that we take food donations this year to reduce the cost, with a possible $2 fee per family instead of $5.
11. Fundraising – Shandra Vigen will look into the perogies
12. School Clothing – We have made an agreement with Chickadee Crest. It just needs to be decided what our upsale will be. It is agreed that a 10% increase is sufficient.
13. Safety Committee – Gloria has been told that the potential **turning lane** is not an option at all. The city suggested **Safe Routes to School**, which is a program where a consultant goes to school and helps determine the safest routes and drop off locations for studnets. Nancy said this has been twice already with poor results. The general consensous seems to be that with the new schools opening, we need to just do the best we can for one more year and hope for the best when the school population decreases next year with the two new schools opening up. Until then, we will continue with **Operation Traffic Watch**, and maybe do a few ‘good driving’ blitzes. Also, **AMA** was at the school to do a Point Pause and Proceed lesson for grade school students.
14. Classroom Representatives – As discussed earlier
15. New Business
16. Newsletter submission due date – Shandra Vigen will once again do up this for us again this year.
17. Next Meeting – Wednesday November 4th at 7pm
18. Adjournment – 8:20pm