Derek Taylor Public School

School Council Meeting

January 13, 2016

1. Opening of Meeting –7 :04pm

In Attendance – Donlea Holman, Karen Prokopowich, Farrah Mayea, Kristina Black, Rina Sibbeston, Gloria Hartford, Nancy Gorgichuk, Anita Lyons, Shandra Vigen, Shanda Boyce

1. Approval of Agenda – 1st Gloria Hartford , 2nd Rina Sibbeston
2. Approval of Minutes – 1st Shanda Boyce,2nd Gloria Hartford
3. Correspondence – School Clothing Letter
4. Reports:
5. Chair’s Report – Nothing to report at this time.
6. Treasurer’s Report – There is currently a balance of $1837.54
7. Principal’s Report – There are some **division changes**, and boundaries have been finalized. Karen will speak of this in her report. There is information about it through all of the school media outlets and it will be in our school newsletter as well. Before Christmas break Nancy was offered the position of **Principal at Isabel Campbell School** and has accepted the offer. She is both excited and sad regarding this new venture. Staffing is the next piece of planning for the next school year. Shelly Bracko (current V.P. of Ecole Montrose) is to be the **new DTPS Principal**, and Bryan Funk will remain as VP. Shelly is very keen and excited to get started. In the school division, Carol Ann MacDonald **resigned**. These changes will be good for the district and it will be business as usual. Nancy has visited **Isabel Campbell** and she’s now allowed to go inside the school. It is a wonderful school and will be ready for the students on time. Administration will share as much information as they can about any changes when they are able. Nancy will begin her new position in May, but she will still be in and out of the school until the end of the school year. DTPS will continue to focus on their big last year as a big school. In very exciting news, our school music program rocks! 16 students from the choir program have been selected to sing back up for **Johnny Reid** at Revolution Place. The kids are super excited. The school will be holding their BIG **winter celebration** on the 21st. During this exciting big day there will be skating, snow painting, sleigh rides, outside games, bouncy castles, crafts, inside games, hot chocolate, a Just Dance station, and lots more. Lunch will be provided for all K-8 students that day. Aside from the items mentioned, the **calendar** is full of various events now so it will be busy busy from here on out. Also, just an update on the $2700 in donations raised from the generosity of those who attended the **Christmas Concert**; there were 9 families that DTPS was able to help this Christmas. They were all most grateful!
8. School Board Report – **Boundaries** have been set now. An announcement went out with the Superintendents report just before Christmas. Information will go into the board highlights and be sent out. At the board meeting it was announced they will be recruiting for a **new superintendent** starting next month. Swanavon School, namely Corinne Kruse, has set up an **ASCA meeting** on January 20th, ‘Purpose of School Councils and how to promote them’. If the meeting runs over time, they will arrange for the ASCA to return at a later date. They need to get all school councils on board and let everyone hear at once how it will look once all the councils are needing to be changed to associations, and how fundraising will look for them as well. **Both schools are ahead of schedule!!** The builders are phenomenal. Keys are expected to be handed over in June. The Royal Oaks School is at about 90% complete now in the drawing stages. Next is to tender it. It’s the hope of the school board that the same builders who are currently working on the Pinnacle and Riverstone schools will apply and get the new contract. They have been working with the school board now since Charles Spencer. There is a new **Communications** person who will be coming to the school board from Toronto. She is apparently wonderful and comes with lots of experience in communication and in government. Also, there is a second contract in central office that is to do with design, for **web designs**. So he will be able to build the school websites. Sandy McDonald gave him a placemat item that he wants made to be able to hand out, and it’s ready now for proofing. It will be used to hand out to people like MLA’s etc. Meetings are still ongoing with regards to the new school year **calendar**. School district will be **purchasing** the building behind the Super 8 motel (called the Focus building) upon ministerial approval. The prior minister had approved it, but at this time it’s still up in the air. It would be a fantastic building. They could possibly be moved in by September if it’s approved in the near future. The current location is up for sale and there is an agreement in the works. **Andy Farquharson** is doing the purchasing for the new schools.
9. Old Business
10. Room Representatives – Farrah has sent the letter, Donlea is ready to send it out but is waiting for Kristina to send her the information to contact the parents. This will be done ASAP and sent out to all students.
11. School Clothing – Donlea got an email with numbers of profits and how many sales we’ve had. It’s mostly been staff so far, so we need to get the information out to the parents and students. So far with this fundraiser we have made $132.00 and put in almost zero work. Hard to beat that! Let’s get the word out there!
12. Safety Committee – Nothing to report at this time.
13. School Spring Activity update – Cancel this for this year.
14. Spring Fling – Table until next month.
15. Donation for Family Literacy Day – Kristina is the one setting up everything for this week. Information will be coming out to students and parents soon. This year the week will be four days long, and there will be challenges set out for every day of the week and at the end of the week they bring back their filled in sheets that have been signed by parents and it goes into a draw. Prizes at the end for the winners of the draw. The draws will be split into grade categories, for example K-4 and 5-8. Karen Prokopowich is giving $100 to the school to buy gift cards at the book store. Rina motioned for a $200 donation for 2 prizes. Gloria seconded it, and all were in favor. Donlea and Anita will buy the gifts.
16. New Business
17. Staff Appreciation – It’s coming up quickly! March 7-10th. Want to keep with the “big” theme. Anita, Donlea, Gloria and Rina will take this on.
18. Lunch Support – Nancy Gorgichuk has brought to our attention that we have a student in our school who is in need of healthy lunches, as his family is unable to do this for him. Canteen is absolutely an option for back up days but it’s not wanted to be an everyday thing. Nancy is looking for four parent volunteers, each to make an additional lunch for this child one day per week. The child has no allergies and is not fussy. Nancy would like to assure the family that their child can attend the program that they need to, and that lunch will be taken care of. Monday is Shandra Vigen, Tuesday is Gloria Hartford (in Mrs. Roux’s class), Wednesday is Rina Sibbeston (Ms. Armstrong’s class), and Thursday is Shanda Boyce (Mrs. Clayton’s class). A teacher will come to the classroom and pick up the lunches from whoever’s child brings it in with them. Back up will be the canteen.
19. Next Meeting – February 10th 2016 at 7pm in the Home Economics room.
20. Adjournment – 8:25pm