Derek Taylor Public School

School Council Meeting

 April 11th 2016

1. Opening of Meeting – 7:04pm

In Attendance – Karen Prokopowich, Shelly Bracko, Bryan Funk, Brian Mayea, Jennifer Barley, Donlea Holman, Jaime Lee, Anita Lyons

1. Approval of Agenda – 1st Jaime Lee, 2nd Jennifer Barley
2. Approval of Minutes – 1st Jaime Lee, 2nd Jennifer Barley
3. Correspondence – ATA magazine, Dealmans flyer
4. Reports:
5. Chair’s Report – Nothing at this time.
6. Treasurer’s Report – As of statement, $835.42
7. Principal’s Report – Bryan Funk introduces the **new principal**, Shelly Bracko. Bryan reiterated that he is currently the **acting principal** until the end of the year, with Brian Mayea as acting vice principal. **New employees** at this time are Ms. Deanna Konno, who took over Brian Mayea’s grade 5 class; Ms. Samantha Roy, EA in Mrs. Taylor’s classroom, and Ms. Anna Branchi in kindergarten. **Fundraising** for Fort McMurray has been extremely well received, with over $1000 raised to date. There are still popcorn sales tomorrow, as well as Grade 1 stickers on sale, a raffle being held on Monday, and jars have been placed in each classroom for random monetary donations as well. **May 31** is the track meet for grades 4-6. **May 27th** will be a staff meeting where all the new staff will be in their respective new schools.

**Shelly Bracko –** Thanks Bryan for his introduction. States that she plans to keep all operations in the school status quo where it is possible. She let us know that there will now be a 2nd vice principal being hired on at Derek Taylor as well for the coming school year. Shelly wants us all to know she is very happy to be here and is looking forward to a wonderful school year.

1. School Board Report – **Provincial budget** came through on April 15th. It’s relatively good news. It states that things will stay the same with per student funding, which is great except for the fact that we actually have a decline in student enrollment at this time. This budget is a deficit budget, but the district is still working to maintain a good education despite this. Nancy Gorgichuk, along with a couple others, are all still currently working out of tiny offices at the **Central Office**. **First Student Busses** have now been able to acquire busses and drivers so there will now be bussing able to be provided to the Montessori, French and Academy schools. First Student will maintain the $60 per month fee for these schools. Next projected school will be a **high school**, and they already have the land for this venture, so there will be no need to pause the progress of the school building start-up date. There has been a **superintendent** chosen, but the district is unable to announce it at this time because they are still waiting on the approval of the Minister of Education. In contrast to what was previously told, the school **calendar** for 2016/2017 for the county schools will now be the same as the public ones.
2. Safety Committee Report – Nothing at this time.
3. Social Committee Report – Nothing at this time.
4. Old Business
5. Lunch Support – This is going very well.
6. Dunvegan Gardens Fundraiser – Last count was over $1600 sold so far.
7. Reading University – Tabled again for now.
8. New Business
9. Pregnant Teens – Play houses for sale at Canadian Tire starting on Friday the 13th. One house is Frozen, the other is Pitstop. Third prize is a half-pipe.
10. Next Meeting – June 8th at 6pm in the main staffroom. Lunch will be provided from Tony Roma’s.
11. Adjournment – 7:32pm