Derek Taylor Public School

School Council Meeting

Wednesday February 10th 2016

1. Opening of Meeting – 7:05pm

In Attendance – Kristina Black, Shandra Vigen, Carmen Parlee, John Scott, Gloria Hartford, Shanda Boyce, Karen Prokopowich, Anita Lyons, Nancy Gorgichuk.

1. Approval of Agenda – 1st Carmen Parlee , 2nd Gloria Hartford
2. Approval of Minutes – 1st Gloria Hartford, 2nd Carmen Parlee
3. Correspondence – Nothing
4. Reports:
5. Chair’s Report – Nothing to report at this time.
6. Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer not in attendance.
7. Principal’s Report – Kristina standing in for Nancy. Lots going on in the school. **Grades 4-8 choir students**, under the supervision of Genna Putt, got to perform with Johnny Reid. Kids were ecstatic. Lots of parents got to go see their kids on stage with him. Grade one teachers were performers for the **100th day celebration**, and then the Daily Herald Tribune asked to come take photos which ended up on the front page. **Science in Motion** is in the school right now for the K-6 students. One hour presentations are being given for each grade in the gym. **District PLC** is coming up this Friday. Teachers meet with other grade level teams in the district. Coming up, you'll see information coming for **Dare to care**, which will be on Tuesday February 23rd for the Grade 5 and 6 students. It was here two years ago. The Take the Time Day will be such a great opportunity for kids to participate in; it is a very powerful day. There will also be a parent evening coming up. Please contact the office if you'd like to attend, or can volunteer to help out with the Dare to Care. The 24th is the national wear your pink shirt **Anti-Bullying Day**, so it ties in really well with the Dare to Care. The 25th is the Dare to Care day for Grade 7 and 8 students. On the 24th, the Grade 4-8 curling team is going to the **Scotties Tournament of Hearts**. March 1st is **Jump Rope for Heart** day. Fundraising is being held to a minimum in deference to the economy, but Jump Rope for Heart is one that the school participates in every year. March 7th is **report card day**. The 8th and 9th will be the Parent Teacher Interview's, with the 11th being a lieu day, so no school. A **boundary letter** came home Monday. A portion needs to be returned to confirm your family’s intention. Feb 17th is the deadline. GPPSD has made it clear that students should be attending their 'home' school. **Gender Policy**...The survey is closed with approx. 500 responses. FAQ's are available for anyone to see by going to the GPPSD website (Homepage). There is a lot of concern surrounding this issue, and misinterpretation causing lots of anxiety among the public
8. School Board Report-**Royal Oaks** School has gone to tender and the school board is anticipating a 2017 opening. All other schools are currently on schedule. **The name** of the new school in Royal Oaks will be in honour of Roy Bickell. Family needs to be approached yet, so the name isn’t finalized at this time. **Calendar** has now been passed, and the decision to make it the way it is (with a different Spring Break from the Peace Wapiti District), is due to the 8 days of examinations in April. A big issue will be that this calendar will not match the Peace Wapiti calendar. Our Spring Break is later, due to diploma exams. This calendar will be very confusing for the community. Heightened communication will need to be upheld. PLC will stay half and full days. Joint school council meeting February 18 at 7pm, and they will be asking the government for school playground funding support. Webinars start today and go until June. Free every Wednesday.
9. Safety Committee Report - We need bylaw here again. It’s been reported that there have been inappropriate responses from the public to people who are trying to be good citizens. Gloria will contact bylaw to increase presence again. John Scott brought up the dim lighting on the front steps of the school. Nancy will look into that.
10. Social Committee Report - Nothing to report, but need to discuss Staff Appreciation and Spring Fling late in the meeting.
11. Old Business
12. Lunch Support - It's been going so good. Thank you so much! Gloria requested knowing what the student might prefer to eat; she would be happy to cater to what the little one wants.
13. Staff Appreciation - Need a staff list, Kristina will forward to Anita. Gloria motions for up to $500 to be used towards Staff Appreciation. 2nd by Shandra. All were in favour. Shanda will contact Browns for GC's. Committee will send out an email to parents. Anita to be contact person again.
14. Spring Fling - March 24th 6:30-8pm, all grades welcome with a chaperone. Donlea will contact the DJ. Anita will let Jaime Lee know so she can start planning.
15. Donation for Family Literacy Day - Gifts went over so well. 3 baskets were done, with a $50 gift card with each. The week went very well.
16. New Business
17. Gloria asked what lunch time looked like for teachers, because she was curious about how supervision worked during that time. Kristina explained that the supervision over lunch is covered by one teacher per grade, who supervises the whole grade, and this position is rotated by the teachers in that grade level. The whole supervision of the school is worked out over a time schedule, over the period of the day, and divided amongst teachers taking their preference into consideration as much as possible.
18. Next Meeting – March 16th at 7pm in the home ec room
19. Adjournment – 8:04pm