Derek Taylor Public School

School Council Meeting

1. Opening of Meeting – 6:51pm

In Attendance – Julian Gagnon, Brian Mayea, Farrah Mayea, Josee Wiegel, Jaime Lee, Nancy Gorgichuk, Rina Sibbeston, Kristina Black, Gloria Hartford, Anita Lyons

1. Approval of Agenda – 1st Gloria Hartford, 2nd Farrah Mayea
2. Approval of Minutes – 1st Gloria Hartford, 2nd Jaime Lee
3. Correspondence – Email from the school board, From Brad Vonkeman. ASCA Parent Engagement Task Force. Also a bank statement.
4. Reports:
5. Chair’s Report – There is a GPPSC chair meeting on June 11th.
6. Treasurer’s Report – 11710.91 in account. Dunvegan still to come out as well as a few bills still to be paid as well.
7. Principal’s Report – At this time, next year shows that Grande Prairie Public is down in student numbers. Budget news is that is that growth has been reclaimed, and the division will go forth as planned. 2 schools got new teacher, and EA support will be funded. Kindergarten enrollment is down for this time of year but there is anticipated to be more in the fall. Had 6 sections of kinders this year, it’s currently down to 4 for next year. The school is currently at its ‘pinch point’, meaning that classroom sizes are high, but the real story will be told there on Sept 20th when there are actual students in seats. With the loss of two of our kindergarten teachers this year, we are welcoming Mrs. Frye/Miss Murphy into our school. In grade one, Miss Swanberg and Mrs. Girard will be sharing a class. There will be 6 sections of grade ones to accommodate the large group. No new hiring at this time. Estimates of students were 885; currently the school is sitting at approx. 850. The school has had 5-7% growth, this year it is down to 0-1%. School once again saw a very successful welcome to kindergarten evening. The rest of the month is full of activities for students. Examples are Aboriginal day, Play day for the grades 1-5, a Muskoseepi park trip for the grades 6-8. The track meet was a wonderful success and it was very neat to see that St Johns ambulance was in attendance. Don’t forget to attend the Volunteer Lunch in the school gym on June 11th from 11:30-1. We are expecting there to be approx. 40 in attendance.
8. School Board Report – no representative in attendance
9. Old Business
10. Spring Dance Update - $245 was raised, but the DJ was $250 plus we have to pay for our supplies. We need to make posters for next year and get out communication for the dance better and earlier!
11. Safety Committee Update – Julian and Gloria met with the city to discuss possible signage changes, and a new crosswalk. They will be looking at a right turning lane only for 74th and 106th street, but this means that the parking in that area will be removed, possibly causing more issues in a different area. There will be a lighting survey done, and it will be a different one that the city performed. Snow removal is being looked at. Please still continue to use Operation Traffic Watch, despite some of the issues that have arisen lately.
12. Dunvegan Fundraiser Update - $5400 was raised, of which we will receive approx. 15% of that.
13. New Business
14. Walkathon – Brian is looking for a donation from the council as the community was not as forthcoming this year. $50 is being given, as motioned 1st by Josee Wiegel, 2nd by Gloria Hartford, and all were in favor.
15. Calendar – Looking ahead to next year, due to the way the calendar falls, meet the teacher night prior to school start-up will not work, therefore it’s being planned for Sept 3rd. We will need to have a meeting in August to plan for this. Also, as this will be Derek Taylors last year of being a big school due to the new schools being built, Admin would like to make this year big. Everything we do will be done on a big scale. And as a year-end finale, Admin would like us to help plan an event to celebrate in a big way. Carnivals, bouncy castles, etc. etc. Any ideas are welcomed and it’s the hope that will a whole year to plan it, that this will be a wonderful event.
16. Event coordinator – Jaime Lee has volunteered.
17. School Clothing – We will contact her 2 weeks before school starts to get it all arranged for school start up.
18. Next Meeting – September 9th 2015, in the home ec room.
19. Adjournment – 8:19pm