

Pine Street Parent Council Meeting

November 7, 2017

The regular meeting of Pine Street Parent Council was duly called and held on November 7th, 2017 in the Library of Pine Street Elementary located at 133 Pine Street in Sherwood Park, Alberta. Quorum was present.

In Attendance:

Executive: Shanna Eveleigh (Chair), Krystal Grichen (Secretary), Lesley Bowman (Secretary), Pam Briton (Treasurer)

Administration: Jeff Huculak (Principal), Shelby Hines (Assistant Principal), Lorna Magnan (Teacher Representative), Kerri Remeika (Teacher Representative)

Parents: Trina Loucraft, Nasreen Banman, Lorena Ellsworth, Melissa Burton, Deanna Bellamy

*Denotes partial attendance.

1. Chair Shanna calls to order at 6:30
2. Introductions
3. Additions to agenda:
 - a. None.
4. Approval of Minutes Cara motions, Deanna seconds.
5. Admin Report:
6. Thanks to school council for Family Dance
 - a. Added extra 75 tickets
7. ATA induction for EIPS
 - a. Trina was there too
8. Dinner during the PT Interviews – thanks.
9. Staffing Update:
 - a. Mrs. Dodyk teaches 30% of grade five.
 - b. Accepted a position with EIPS.
 - i. Starts after November break.
 - ii. Letter going home next week.
 - c. Mrs. MacDonald will take the position in the afternoons.
 - i. News will go out in the next day or so.
 - ii. Juggling blocks to cover off all classes.
 - d. Mrs. Dodyk's position as a Literacy Aid remains open.
 - i. Tough to hire a 30%.
 - e. Mrs. Henderson will be back after November break.
 - f. Mrs. Woodland remains again.
10. Parent Teacher Conferences
 - a. Used online booking system again.
 - b. Next Conferences are March 24 & 25

- c. Helpful to have report cards first.
- d. Could we do both formal interviews?
 - i. Do the formal ones first?
 - 1. Some people don't get the value of student led.
 - 2. Overlapping times and privacy issues.
 - 3. Consistency between teachers.
 - a. Reading levels.
 - b. Testing levels.
 - c. Participation in class?
 - d. Will discuss as a staff.

11. Upcoming Dates:

- a. Thursday November 23, Citizenship Ceremony.
 - i. Mark Ligoury, Trina Boymook, Shanna Eveliegh.
 - ii. Working with communications on a press release.
 - iii. May invite Grade 6s to see.
- b. February 23 with Sherwood Park Crusaders
 - i. All the kids get tickets.
 - ii. Players will read to the kids.

12. Library Re-Design

- a. Spoke about the money left over from fundraising for library.
- b. Three options presented:
 - i. More books out facing rather than spines.
 - ii. Timeline?
 - 1. Takes a while, but we want to finish a portion this year.
 - 2. Some of the shelving takes three months to order.
 - 3. Likely won't be done this year, but potential for work to be done over the summer.
 - iii. Maker's Space Stuff?
 - 1. We might have to re-think the space?
 - 2. Perhaps with our reduced numbers next year, we can move the maker's space to another classroom?
 - 3. Better to have it out so it gets used rather than having to put it back and away.
 - iv. When do we get the 3D model?
 - 1. Might help to encourage people to give if we have a model of what we want to do.
 - 2. Rather do it earlier in the year and do it in January and February and we can find out how much we can earn.
- c. Do we need to vote on an option?
 - i. The drawings are pretty similar but only account for 8000 titles where we have the need for 11,000.
 - ii. If the Library Committee makes a decision on the space in November, we can vote in December or January.

13. Angel Program for Hot Lunch

- a. Information to go out in agendas and on Facebook and the website.
 - i. Our parent council would like to start an Angel Program and if they want to apply to participate in this program could apply to Ms. Stevens and we will do a random draw to select 20 children to be a part of the program.
 - ii. Administration will select a family rather than a student.
 - iii. Jeff spoke to Westboro council about how they manage their Angel Program. They have an 'I need help' button at the end of the hot lunch program.
 - iv. How do we manage this program halfway through the year?
 - 1.
 - v. How are we opening ourselves up to criticism by 'picking'?
 - 1. It is the system we have, and in order to maintain privacy, Administration just has to pick.
14. School Education Plan
- a. Three Goals
 - i. Students will achieve a minimum of one-year advance in literacy & numeracy.
 - ii. Support students who need it.
 - iii. Increase parental involvement.
 - b. Safe & Caring – increased
 - c. Education Quality – 91.8% were happy.
 - d. Monday November 27, 1:00 at Southpointe School is the results review.
15. Question about Nutrition Policy:
- a. How does the messaging go to students from staff about treats in class?
 - i. This is new this year.
 - ii. Not monitoring what goes on with kids menus.
 - iii. Staff don't hand out rewards that are treat-based.
 - iv. Has been a shift away from the treats as rewards.
 - v. Halloween was left to teacher's discretion.
 - vi. Other ways to celebrate beyond candy and treats.
16. Trustee Report- Trina Boymook
- a. **Waiting for Trina's Report**
 - b. Questions?
 - i. No.
17. Teacher Report – Kerri Remeika
- a. Thanks for Conference night
 - b. Report Card go out Dec. 1, and will be only online, not condensed unless asked.
 - c. Christmas Concert is December 12
 - d. Kindergarten evening Concert December 18 all four classes here. Doors at 6:00 concert at 6:30.
 - e. Food Bank Drive begins November 20 after fall break
18. Chair Report – Krystal Greican

- a. Election of Chair, Jackie Surgoner, Krista form Fultonvale is Vice Chair, Secretary.
- b. Minister Eggen will not resubmit the school act, just amended.
- c. Changes in remuneration on Trustee salary to reflect the change in tax exemption. So base salary will increase, while tax exempt portion will be eliminated.
- d. Funding for air conditioners in portables if they exceed 27 degrees.
- e. Bussing – discussion about funding for bussing students over 2.4 km.
- f. Refunds – policy for refunds for all schools.
 - i. Initial costs of all the extra curricular items so that the upfront costs are known so that people can decide up front.
 - ii. There will be a refund policy and process for costs.
- g. Questions to think about:
 - i. Uncertainty concerning school fees, parent feedback. What makes up your fees and that you can ask for a breakdown?
 - ii. What would you be willing to pay? But what are you willing to give up to not pay the fee?
 - iii. Do people have an opinion on max and minimums on class sizes?
 - iv. How many field trips is enough? What constitutes a field trip?
- h. Potentially reviewing these questions in January.
 - i. Conversation has to take place before the budget conversations begin in February or April.
- i. Please add to the December agenda.
 - i. Add to Parent Council Facebook.

Next Meeting is December 5. 2017

Adjourned by Chair Shanna Eveleigh at 8:16 pm.

The next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 5th, 2017, with all other meeting dates being the same as the Parent Society.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:

Lesley Bowman

Adopted by Council in the meeting of: December 5th 2017

Chair, Shanna Eveleigh

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