

Pine Street Parent Council Meeting October 9, 2018

The regular meeting of Pine Street Parent Council was duly called and held on October 9, 2018 in the general meeting room of Pine Street Elementary located at 133 Pine Street in Sherwood Park, Alberta. Quorum was present.

In Attendance:

Executive: Lesley Bowman (Chair), Lorena Ellsworth (Secretary)

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

Parents: Cara Kern, Joanne Crummey, Jamie Anderson, Trina Loucraft, Jodie Maki, Darrell Bradley

Absent with Regrets: Nasreen Banman (Vice-Chair)

Special Guests: Trina Boymook (Board Trustee)*

*Denotes partial attendance.

1. Chair, Lesley Bowman, calls to order at 7:28 pm.
2. Introductions.
3. Additions to agenda
Deletion of Bylaw review.
MOTION: Cara Kern motions to accept amended agenda, Trina Loucraft seconds.
IN FAVOUR: 8
NON-VOTING: 3
CARRIED
4. Adoption of September Minutes.
MOTION: Joanne Crummey motions to accept September minutes, Cara Kern seconds.
IN FAVOUR: 8
NON-VOTING: 3
CARRIED
5. Trustee Report – Trina Boymook
 - a. The Board held its annual Retreat in Pigeon Lake on September 18th and 19th. Agenda items included Language programs, facility utilization vision for Sherwood Park schools, cellphone use in the classroom and Board's Advocacy Strategic Plan.

- b. I have had an opportunity to meet with the Minister of Education in September to put forward a proposal for a replacement school for Sherwood Heights. We have 2 partners who would like to be a part of this project if approved as a replacement school. I will be speaking with the Minister again this week and will continue to work with our local MLAs to get this proposal approved.
- c. According to Board Policy 7: Board Operations 12.4 that the Board will review its remuneration. “Trustees’ compensation shall be adjusted September 1 annually. The methodology to be used is an average of the percent change in annual average index of Alberta CPI and the percent change in annual average earnings Alberta AWE, not to exceed the increase given to Elk Island Public Schools classified staff and not less than zero.” Given that there is no increase for classified staff, there will be no changes to what was budgeted for the 2018/19 year.
- d. The Board will be holding a public consultation on the naming of the Wye replacement school that will be built in Heritage Hills. Consultation will get underway later this month.
- e. Questions/comments
 - i. What is the main support for the replacement school at Sherwood Heights?
Risk of a major component failure, ie: heating.

6. Administration Report – Jeff Huculak

- a. Kudos
 - i. Helping Hands
 - 1. Thank you for all of the volunteers who are helping out.
- b. Staffing Update
 - i. We have hired Amanda Roberts who is an Educational Assistant to work with our PALS classes. Her first day was today.
 - ii. We have hired Tonya Kemp who is an Educational Assistant to take over for Leanne Strong who will be going on maternity leave shortly. Originally, as you all know, I hired a teacher in August to reduce our class sizes in division one. That eliminated the need for a 1/2 Combined class. I was not planning on filling Leanne’s position, but we do have a lot of needs and I feel we really need to maintain our support to help our kids. Her first day is TBD, but I anticipate will start within the next week or so.
- c. School PAT Results – Jeff shared the school’s PAT results. The results are excellent.
- d. Accountability Pillar – Results were released today. Jeff shared the Accountability Pillar Results. A couple highlights include:
 - i. School Improvement (Accountability Pillar Results) – Increase from 77.4% to 87.9% (+10.5%)
 - ii. Parental Involvement (Accountability Pillar Results) – Increase from 81.2% to 86.3% (+5.1%)
- e. School Education Plan – Jeff outlined the tentative goals for this year. Jeff asked parents if they had any feedback.
- f. School Fees
 - i. Letters went home a couple of weeks ago. All families should have received those. Parents can pay on-line through PowerSchool.

- g. Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences – We use www.schoolinterviews.ca to book conferences. 1st Round is Celebration of Learning on October 24 & 25. Round 2 is done in more of “interview” format in March
 - i. Information on how to book conferences is going home the week of October 15th.
 - ii. Is School Council providing dinner on October 24? Yes, Lorena confirmed.
- h. Family Dance – Friday, October 26. Jeff asked to confirm time
- i. Questions/comments
 - i. Will STAR data be shared with parents?
 - 1. Yes, but not necessarily as an individual result, but along with other “pieces of the puzzle”
 - ii. For kids identified in “green”, is there a process set up for them?
 - 1. Yes, specifically with new books ordered
 - iii. Regarding Goal 3 of parents to be engaged partners, how will this look?
 - 1. Communication – eTeacher pages, newsletters
 - iv. Will there always be one Student-Led, one Parent-Teacher conference?
 - 1. At this point, yes, as some teachers prefer student-led.
 - 2. If we do change it, SLC will have to be pushed out as teachers are just getting to know students. Report cards published November 30 so conferences would have to be in December, which is busy with concerts, etc.

7. Teacher Liaison Report – Kerri Remeika

- a. Wee Read – kindergarten incentive to have volunteers come in to read to students. Actual time (8 weeks) is flexible for volunteer.
- b. October 11: Crusaders Hockey Game
 October 15-19: Shoe RoundUp for Waste Reduction Week
 October 18: Picture Retake Day
 October 22: Bus Safety week (bus evacuation drill on October 19)
 October 24: Grade 6 off to Legislature
 October 25: Grade 3 Save-On field trip
 October 26: Halloween Dance
- c. Questions/comments
 - i. None.

8. Chair Report – Lesley Bowman

- a. Hello and welcome to everyone. Thank you again for the opportunity to Chair this School Council and Society.
- b. It has been a busy month since our last meeting. I had the pleasure of attending the annual COSC meet and greet with other EIPS School Council members, school Administrators, and folks from Central. I am proud to be the COSC Secretary for the upcoming year and look forward to working with this group to advocate for students and be the parent voice at a district level.
- c. **COSC Sharing: Jacquie Surgenor – COSC Chair Elect**
 As COSC is an opportunity for us to share our ideas and strategies, Jacquie

Surgenor chose to move COSC Sharing closer to the beginning of the agenda so we have the time to discuss. The value of asking these questions and bringing back the results to our schools is critical and part of what makes COSC meetings so valuable. This month's question is:

- i. **How does your school council celebrate and recognize your school staff?**
 1. Members will break into four groups to discuss and share ideas and strategies to celebrate school staff.
 2. Ideas included:
 - a. Week of potluck, gift cards, tokens of gratitude, no formal appreciation day, meals at Parent/Teacher Interview time, fun teacher questionnaire, staff meeting appreciation or draw, supervision for staff to spend time together.
- d. ASCA Presentation
 - i. We were lucky to have Celeste Burdinsky, the Client Services Coordinator, and Brandi Rai ASCA Vice President come to present to our group to outline the services provided by ASCA and to further explain the role of ASCA advocacy.
 - ii. So for all of your knowledge, our Council represents the parent voice at the School Level, COSC is our representation at the district level and ASCA represents the parent voice at the Provincial level.
 - iii. They have seven instructors who travel around the province providing services to school councils.
 - iv. One of the five groups who collaborate with Alberta Education including:
 1. Parents – ASCA
 2. Teachers – Alberta Teachers Association
 3. School Boards – Alberta School Boards Association
 4. Superintendents – College of Alberta School Superintendents
 5. Secretary Treasurers – Association of School Business Officials of Alberta
- e. Keeping education top of mind in the upcoming election.
 - i. Talk of candidate forums at Council meetings but this can be fraught. Please make sure that when you vote this election, you attend forums and ask your potential representatives what they think of Education, what are the challenges and how important is education to their platform?
- f. Tracey Muth
 - i. AHS collaborating on caregiver help.
 - ii. Opioids in the community
- g. Saffron Cyber Second
 - i. Easy to digest PDF to hand out to folks.
- h. Questions/comments
 - i. None.

9. Adjourned by Chair, Lesley Bowman at 8:19 pm.

The next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 7:30pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:

Lorena Ellsworth
Secretary

Adopted by Council in the meeting of November 6, 2018.

Lesley Bowman
Chair