

School Council Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2011

4:00 PM, Tech Lab

Housekeeping Items:

Welcome and sign in: Attendance: Don Rattray, Darren Pickering, JoeAnne Knispel-Matejka, Alexis Tucker, Brenda Trudel, Tracy Villeneuve, Trisha Schmitz, Tanya Gable and Sherry Erichson

Minutes of Last Meeting: approved

Old Business:

Acknowledgement of Volunteers – Don expressed thanks for all the volunteer hours contributed to the school last year. Looking for volunteers for this school year, anyone interested should contact the office or Brenda Trudel.

Society Status – Casino will be scheduled for last quarter of 2013, they will be notified of date in May 2013. Financial Update needs to be completed and returned, listing executive of the Fundraising Society and funds moved through the society, Trisha and Tracy will complete.

School Picture Vendor – Life Touch was chosen as the vendor for this school year, pictures will be evaluated and another meeting will be held with the parent councils from the other schools to make a more long term decision

Principal's Update:

Agendas - Agendas were delivered on time and in hands of students for the first day of school

Website - newsletters and volunteer areas are up and running, looking to have all homeroom pages running very soon

Programs for Students 2011/2012 - Starting this fall with Olds Leadership, Camp Evergreen, Get REAL, Absolute: "Think Day", Heroes program has been expanded to include both Grades 7 and 8, DARE program for Grade 6.

School Changes:

Fox Run Values - a change in teaching values to "DREAM", school t-shirts reflect this new acronym, posters and more discussion regarding the values will be visible around school in the near future

Tech Pilot Classrooms – 2 classes per grade will be chosen as pilot classrooms for the iPod and smart phone internet use test, currently iPads and laptops are allowed

FSWW/Counselor – Janine Neyedley has joined Fox Run, she is available 15 hours/week spread out over three days

Staff Professional Development Retreat (March 22/23: Teacher2Teacher Conference) - all teaching staff will attend, work on the concept of the 21st Century Learning Skills, seven teachers from Fox Run attended last year, it was well received by them

Budget and Staffing - 473 students registered, reduced the number of Grade 6 classes to only 4 English and one French immersion, two staff have left, Charles Silk has moved to Innisfail and Breanne Shwed moved to CP Blakely for a one year term

New Business:

Parent Volunteers - looking for parent volunteers contact the office or Brenda Trudel if you are able to help out

World Teacher`s Day (October 5) & Education Week (May 13 to 19) – Don asked if parent council is interested in doing anything to recognize teachers, Tracy suggested asking the Town to use the sign at the community centre to thank all the teachers of Sylvan Lake - she will contact the town to see if this is possible

World Junior Hockey Game Tickets - Tanya Gable and family are donating a pair of tickets to a game in Calgary during the tournament that takes place over the Christmas Break, these can be used as a fund raiser or as the school sees fit

Hot Dog Days - JoeAnne Matejka has offered to run a hot dog day as a fund raiser for the Renaissance program one day/month in conjunction with the Booster Juice day, JoeAnne will look after volunteers and all supplies required for the day

Lockdown Signs placed in windows - Alexis brought to Don and Darren`s attention that the signs are small and may not be noticed in the event of an actual emergency

School Council Elections -

For Secretary/Treasurer - Alexis nominates Tracy Villeneuve, Sherry seconds, Tracey accepts

For Vice Chairperson - Alexis nominates Tanya Gable, Brenda seconds, Tanya accepts

For Chairperson - Sherry nominates Trisha Schmitz, JoeAnne seconds, Trisha accepts.

Upcoming Meetings: October 26 and November 23, 4 PM, Tech Lab

Meeting Adjourned: 4:50 PM