

## Isabel Campbell Public School

### School Council Minutes

Wednesday November 8, 2017 6:30 p.m.

**1. Call to Order – 6:30 pm**

Any Additions - None

In Attendance – Matt Pepper, Brian Mayea, Ray Sylvester, Sharolyn Greenslade, Amanda Johnston, Kristine Warr, Donlea Holman, Gloria Hartford, Ryan Humphreys, Danielle Bizon, Lesley Craig, Krista Bergquist

**2. Review of Agenda.**

**3. Approval of Minutes for October 11, 2017 meeting – Donlea Holman**

**4. Reports-**

- a. Principal: Mr. Matthew Pepper – Welcome given to Lesley Craig who is our new Public School Trustee. Many activities have happened since last meeting including the Halloween Haunted House which was very successful and fun for many from K-8. Remembrance Day assembly officiated by Mr. Sylvester planned for November 9<sup>th</sup> and everyone welcomed to attend. Teachers and staff working hard to complete IPPs, APP, and report cards will be coming home November 24. PTI's are scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Sign up genius for grades 2 and up for traditional interviews and student lead conferences are happening for Kindergarten and grade 1. 18 kids were recently sent to the Healthy Active School Symposium which is a youth leadership retreat which challenges kids to think critically and make healthy changes in the school community. Leadership class kicked off the "Dude, be nice" program to encourage positivity and acknowledgement in the school community. Student Council is kicking off elections which will mimic the federal system in Canada in regards to positions and nominations/elections. Grade 7/8 V ball tournaments November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Basketball for grades 7 and 8 starts up on December 14.
- i. Winter Weather- no current admin procedures with GP public but most schools follow the -25 with wind chill is when recess is indoors. Kids are encouraged to come dressed appropriately for the weather. He's asked central office to look at a clear procedure due to some questions he's received about this. Winter Warm program is being encouraged every morning.
  - ii. Hold and Secure Thursday, November 2 that happened after school hours. There were 3 other schools plus our own here in the building as well as several staff members and members of the public watching and participating in a volleyball game. 147 people were in the building and held until they were given the ok by RCMP to be released. This took approximately 2.5 hours from approximately 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Everyone handled the situation well and was very patient and cooperative. Note: this is different than a lockdown situation in that people can proceed as normal inside the school; however no one is able to come in or out. This was a first for the district to be affected by something like this after school hours, but everyone handled the situation very well.
  - iii. Student handbook- last year staff worked throughout the to build a student handbook and Mr. Pepper questioned if there was interest to explore what is all included in this handbook at a meeting. General consensus was that there is interest to look at what is included. Mr. Pepper reported the handbook is up online and available for everyone to look at online, but if there is interest we could look at it in school council, perhaps one section at a time and provide feedback. It is on ICPS website under the Documents section. Will add to agenda for the next meeting to review if there are topics of interest included that the council would like to review.
  - iv. Gloria asked Mr. Pepper if school does anything for Family Violence Awareness/prevention month. Mr. Pepper said this isn't something the school has done and is unsure if this is something the school would take on due to the sensitivity around it as it can be a trigger for some kids. Lesley Craig reported she could look into and see if there is anything at the School Board level that has been done or could be done in the future in regards to awareness.

- v. Mr. Pepper reviewed the Winter Warm up program and how it is operating for information for parents attending. It's been very well received and being utilized regularly. Donations are still welcome.
- b. Vice Principals: Mr. Ray Sylvester and Mr. Brain Mayea –
- i. Mr. Mayea reported there will now be free babysitting services provided by his son's during the meeting time which will hopefully encourage more parents to attend. Please share this to ensure it is utilized!
  - ii. Mr. Sylvester reported that the Intramural program is on a roll and the kids absolutely love it! All of the teams are set up and the kids love it. Approximately 120 kids a day are involved in this activity which is fantastic.
- c. School Board Trustee Buddy Lesley Craig provided a report. She asked if there ever is something we need to know, or if there is issues or concerns please let her know. She provided a report as to what is happening at the Board level. Some highlights are as follows:
- i. Education Foundation- this foundation raises money to provide additional things to the schools like nutrition support programs, etc. A casino has been secured which will make \$30000-\$40000 for the foundation and she requested any volunteers for November 16 from 8pm-4 am as they still required one additional volunteer.
  - ii. Nominations being accepted for the three different Prime Ministers Award's for Teaching Excellence, Excellence in Early Childhood Development, and a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) component which is open until January 12 for nominations. She encouraged anyone to recognize educators in their area.
  - iii. Board is putting on a blanket exercise on November 16 which is an interactive learning experience that will teach indigenous history.
  - iv. Artwork Contest has been launched to find artwork for the Board's Christmas cards. This is open to Grade 4-6 students. There are cash prizes. Due by November 13.
  - v. Parenting for Anxious Children and Youth workshop is being held on November 23 and open to the public.
  - vi. Alberta government "Great Kid Award"- This award is designed to recognize kids who positively impact their community and is for ages 5-18 years old. Highly encouraged to find children to nominate that would be deserving! Deadline is November 24.
  - vii. The design of the new Composite High School is in the works but will likely be 3 years out from completion.
  - viii. Bussing- Lesley asked if there was any feedback regarding the new bussing app that has been rolled out. One report of an issue with the hour timing on the app, and another parent reported they couldn't get one of their children registered on the app, but otherwise working well it seems. Lesley will pass this forward to review.
  - ix. All of these events can be found on the District's website and Facebook page.

## 5. Old Business

- a. Apple Program – Mr. Mayea gave an update on what the program is and how successful it has been. No concerns regarding misuse. The apples are now being offered outside of the office which is encouraging older kids to take advantage of the program as well. Mr. Mayea reported the school is easily using 2-3 lbs per day and could utilize more. Gloria provided an update from Amy Bartlett who spearheaded the program but could not attend. Friesen Brothers is no longer covering 100% of the cost, however they will cover 50% of the cost but we would need to find a sponsor for the other half. Ideas were discussed as to how we continue including perhaps having parental donation, seeking corporate sponsorship, etc. Gloria will discuss further with Amy and Lesley will ask the Board about the apple program and whether or not this would be eligible for support with funding through the Education Foundation. Mr. Pepper also suggested looking into the annual school grant program. He will forward the procedures and grant

application to Gloria. Note we will need a parent volunteer to pick up the apples as Amy is no longer able to continue doing so.

- b. Winter Warm Up program- The donations are still coming in and are welcome. The program is advertised every morning so that students are reminded of it. The items are being laundered in the school by two teachers, Mrs. Vigan and Miss. Becks.
- c. ATB Junior Bank Program – Mr. Pepper will get information and put this in the next newsletter. No update at this time.

**6. New Business**

- a. What is a School Council's purpose? Alberta School Council Association representatives came up last week and Lesley as well as Mr. Pepper attended. Mr. Pepper just wanted to make sure everyone understands what a School Council does to ensure we are all on the same page and operating under the same guidelines. This is an advisory board in partnership with the administrative team and the parent community to help Mr. Pepper and the Administrative team to enhance student learning. Things such as sharing information with the parent community, seeking feedback and bringing forward ideas like the apple program and winter warm up. It is not about specific children and teachers or specific problems; it's more reflective of the school as a whole. Gloria questioned how we could get the parent community engaged and encourage involvement. A suggestion was made to have a table at the Parent Teacher Interviews to discuss what the School Council is and share this with parents. 4 council members (Gloria, Danielle, Amanda and Krista) will attend the upcoming Parent Teacher Interview night as representatives from School Council to share some information and hopefully garner some interest from Parents.

**7. Next Meeting: Wednesday December 13, 2017 @ 6:30**

**8. Adjourn – 7:33 pm**