

Isabel Campbell Public School

School Council Minutes

Wednesday January 10, 2018 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order – 6:30 pm

Any Additions - None

In Attendance – Brian Mayea, Ray Sylvester, Amanda Johnston, Ryan Humphreys, Danielle Bizon, Lesley Craig, John A.Scott, Anita Lyons, Shandra Vigen, Amy Bartlett, Gloria Hartford

2. Review of Agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes for December 13 , 2017 meeting – Anita Lyons

4. Reports-

- a. Principal Report: Combined Principal and VP report given by Mr. Mayea in Mr. Pepper's absence –
 - i. Student council formed and meeting every Monday. In December they organized a movie event the last day of school that was well received by all.
 - ii. Carolling was a huge success with the gym full of parents and family/friends every day. This format allowed all kids to perform in front of an audience when typically the older aged kids rarely get this opportunity. The format will be reviewed next year with the committee organizing it, but from the school's perspective they were quite pleased. Some discussion from Council members with regards to alternative suggestions instead of daily performances mid-day.
 - iii. Staffing update- currently they are in the process of hiring a new Education Assistant as Mrs. Slinger moved to BC and an EA that had been hired right before Christmas moved back to New Brunswick.
 - iv. Basketball season is in full swing and going very well with the Grade 5 and 6 teams starting soon.
 - v. There are multiple activities happening during the week for kids to participate in including intramurals (basketball right now), Guardian Guild Club led by Miss Kaytor (grades 4, 5and 6) just started with a very successful first meeting, Lego Club (grades 1 and 2) and Chess Club for Grades 5 and 6.
 - vi. Student Council Sports Ministers will be spending time outside during the elementary lunch recess to plan games and activities to encourage inclusiveness and participation. They will be identified by purple high visibility vests.
 - vii. Literacy week January 22-26 with many activities planned including a book swap and character dress up day as well as some field trips planned.
 - viii. Heart Project- this will be coming out in February to help celebrate our students.
 - ix. Apple program continues to be a success.
- b. School Board Trustee Report- Lesley Craig- no additional board meeting since our last meeting in December due to the winter break. Local teacher bargaining was completed. The next meeting they will be finalizing the school calendar. They are looking at standardizing processes as far as what we can do with the opioid crisis instead of every school board creating their own plan. The AB School Council Associations April 20-22 in Edmonton and if 2 people from the School Council board would like to go then they can apply for funding assistance to go.

5. Old Business

- a. Apple Program – going well but we need to create a new schedule with parent involvement to pick up and drop off the apples. Gift cards have been purchased and are being held at the school for the apples. A bi-weekly schedule will be created and right now Shandra, Amanda and Gloria will assist with the pick-up and drop off of the apples. Gift cards are signed out from Charla in the office, then the apples purchased and when they are brought to the school, the receipt is given to Charla for record keeping.

6. New Business

- a. Nutrition- there has been lots of discussion amongst school council chairs with regards to nutrition in the schools, more specifically within the canteen programs in the schools. Lots of discussion in our council as well. Gloria questioned whether or not we wanted to be a part of the discussion with this. General consensus that right now we don't feel the need to be a part of this discussion and that if in the future the School Board does create further guidelines with regards to nutrition, we could participate then. Discussion about the possibility of just focusing on general nutrition education for families and kids rather than the canteen program as this is a business and parents have a right to access it for their children if they so wish to do so. Right now Swanavon has a pilot project ongoing in regards to nutrition and we will wait to hear how this went and how success it was.
- b. Family games night- planned for February 21 from 5:30-7:30. Families are encouraged to come, bring their dinner if they like and their favourite game to play with others. It was a great community building event last year and really enjoyed by those who attended.
- c. Student Handbook- reviewed the Personal Electronic Device policy as well as School Work/Home Work. This handbook can be found online.

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 14 , 2018 @ 6:30

8. Adjourn – 7:30 pm