

Ecole Routhier School Council Minutes

February 11 2014

Attendance: Nigel McCarthy, Lynn Skrepnek, Cheryl Tardif, Lisa Blanchette, Chantal L'Abbe, Kim Coreless, Alex Brochu, Karin Scholl, Jackie Cuthbertson, Becky Sasseville, Kelsie Fournier

1. **Meeting Called to order** by Chantal at 7:32 pm
2. **Addition's and approval of agenda** by Cheryl Tardif with the addition Arts and Science Fair and Bus Bylaw Resolution
Approval of minutes by Cheryl Tardif
3. **Treasurer's Report:** We have an estimate of \$750 in the account after the addition of the DVD sales, dance donation and HPSD cheque and the subtraction of pizza, microwaves, and DJ costs. Chantal purchased 3 microwaves since they were on sale plus there was a donation of a microwave for a total of 4. Erica, Lindsay, and Alysia have received each one so far.
4. **Correspondence:** None
5. **Business arising from previous minutes**
 - a) Council Brochure: Chantal has to print
 - b) Milk Program: 2 Stations is going well. The milk cooler has broken and the condenser is too old to be fixed. A new one is approx \$3500. We are looking for a second hand cooler to purchase. As of now stand up fridges are being used to keep milk
 - c) School photos: Chantal is waiting to speak with Peace River IGA to see the compatibility of the programs
 - d) Council Events:

School Dance: Dance went well but not as many in attendance as last year. Donation Box brought in \$71.75 and silent auction \$684. The box was not in sight. We also need to announce better when the auction and dance will end so people are aware. Minimum bids for auction may also be useful. DJ Billie Plowman did wonderful and cost \$200. We had issues with the popcorn machine that was donated for our use from Merlot. They contacted the company which they got it from and they are sending a new one at no cost.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch: Will be March 20 from 12-1. Class Reps will find a parent to watch the class during this time.

Menu will include Soup and buns-Becky
Meat and veggie tray-Lisa and Chantal
Desserts-Cheryl (donation)

Chantal motions to spend up to \$200 for lunch, Seconded by Becky.

Art and science Fair: Set for April 24 from 7-8. This is a home based Fair but the teachers will be given the option to

participate with their class if they so choose. Certificates will be given to all participants as well as a door prize will be drawn for. Grade 5/6 projects will be judged by Vanier teachers. Nigel will find judges. Jackie is organizing this event.

6. New Business

- a) ASCA: April 25-27 2014 at the Delta Edmonton South. Lynn, Karin, Lisa, and Chantal are looking into going. Let Chantal know by March 11 if anyone wants to go.
- b) Bus Resolution Bylaw: The new bylaw that has been recently passed in McLennan is that nothing over 32Ft and over 1000Kg can be parked on the streets of McLennan with the exception of an RV. This has caused a bus driver to quit since she has nowhere to park her bus. McLennan town office was contacted and they say the buses can be parked at the arena but there is a concern of vandalism and no plug ins or at the public works station. They are willing to pay half the cost of installing 3 plug ins at public works. The reason for this bylaw was brought from concerns for snow removal and damage to the roads. The bus shop has stated they will help cover costs if the roads need repairs. The bus driver that quit has retaken her route and been told she can park for another 2 weeks until she moves. We already have a shortage of bus drivers and this is making it harder for anyone who doesn't have a big enough driveway to park their bus. Karen will let us know what she finds out from her Board Meeting and we will move from there on what we would like to do. March 10 is the next McLennan council meeting.
7. **GPV news:** Their parent council is not operating as an executive council. Grad is in June this year but will go back to May next year. They are going on a trip to China during spring break. There is talk of next year's trip going to New York, Boston or Washington. Junior high got chosen to help with the Curriculum redesign program. By 2016 there will be a total overhaul of the curriculum. Diploma prep courses were well attended.
8. **R.F.E.S:** Silent Auction at the dance made \$684
9. **Trustees Report:** Still doing reports to the board on each school
10. **Administration Report:** English Classes going to HP Corn Maze and French going to Carnival. Grade 4 outdoor project is a go for Feb 18.
Dare to Care is returning with Take the Time Day on Feb 19 for Grades 4-6. There will be an adult with a small group of kids to discuss difficult personal issues. This is used to give kids a voice against bullying.
March 17 is Community planning day for Vanier and Routhier. We are looking for 5 students, 5 parents, 5 businessmen/women, 5 school council members, 5 teachers, 5 Government workers, and 5 elders from each school to participate in talking about the future of our schools. This will be held at Vanier.

Next meeting will be held March 11 2014

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm