

## **Ecole Routhier School Council Minutes**

**November 12 2013**

**Attendance:** Nigel McCarthy, Kelsie Fournier, Lynn Skrepnek, Charlene Marchildon, Cheryl Tardif, Lisa Blanchette, Chantal L'Abbe, Karin Scholl, Jackie Cuthbertson

- 1. Meeting Called to order** by Chantal L'Abbe at 7:37pm
- 2. Addition's and approval of agenda and minutes** by Kelsie Fournier
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Aimee is not here to give total. The money used to pay for the September pizza will be paid back by the school. The total was \$377.07. The 2 new microwaves will go to Grade 1E Erica Odiobala and Lindsay Robertson. Chantal will ask Home Hardware in McLennan what kind of deal they can give us.
- 4. Correspondence**
  - a) COSC Meeting: It is in Kinuso on Wednesday December 4 2013. The bus will be arriving around 3:15 at Routhier for pickups and getting back around 9:45.
  - b) Learning team newspaper
- 5. Business arising from previous minutes**
  - a) Fundraising Ideas: Moms Pantry is completed. All BC fruit info will be given to Nigel to complete in February
  - b) School Supply Program: Table until February meeting. Chantal will check with Lina to see if she has gotten prices
  - c) Volunteer Rep Forms: Only 12 forms came back filled out. We need 8 more class reps. A letter will be sent to those specific classes stating their class needs a rep and those council meetings are not mandatory to attend. Chantal will make it up by Thursday morning to go out at PTI that night.
  - d) Council Events
    - i. Literacy Night: Was November 6<sup>th</sup>. Lots of fun but not a huge turnout. Will go back to only having events on non-school nights.
    - ii. Xmas Concert: Recording of concert will be done by Chantal. DVDs will be sold for \$5. We will be doing presales in the December newsletter and sales the night of at the door. Lisa will sit at the English concert and Jackie will sit at the French concert to take orders and payment.
- 6. New Business**
  - a) Milk Program: Discussion about pre-ordering milk and getting the friendly helpers to pass it out instead of the children walking to get the milk. Chantal will make a letter to go into the December newsletter to advise people that we will be discussing the milk program and school photos at the December

meeting. If they would like to voice their opinion on these matters attendance is required.

- b) School Photos: Will see if we can get out of the Lifetouch contract and work with Peace River IGA instead. Will discuss at next meeting
  - c) Council Brochure: Need to obtain all class reps before brochure can be done.
  - d) Adding items to agenda: We will continue to allow items to be added the night of the meeting
  - e) Busing Issue: The Reno run still does not have a full time driver. The McLennan run now has a driver with a mediator sitting on. It is going well and hoping to be able to run without mediator soon. Training 2 new people as of now. Very short on spare drivers which will affect field trips and sporting events. The job offers benefits, vacation pay, and medical coverage. All training costs are covered and pay is around \$90/day. See attached add in paper. We will do a presentation on bus safety in January targeted towards K-2. Busing is a privilege not a right. RCMP and EMS will be asked to attend and do presentations.
  - f) Teachers Excellence subcommittee: Nigel would like us to nominate a teacher from our school. It must be a second year teacher and that teacher must accept the nomination. Lara and Nigel must sign off on it. Must be done by February 1 2014. Sharon Wolfe is a good reference to talk with. Nigel will find parents to talk and tell stories about the teachers and council will listen.
7. **GPV news:** Remembrance Day Ceremony was very nice. Veteran Andrew Govier spoke.
8. **R.F.E.S:** Casino account is now sitting at \$37576.64. RFES allocated \$10000 of this money towards mini learning labs for the classes and \$4800 towards the sensory room for a total of about \$15000. Will be in need of a Treasurer come next year. Missoula will be put on by the school this year, not RFES
9. **Trustees Report:** There are 2 conventions coming up back to back that Karin and Lynn will be attending. 3 new board members were sworn in; Tracy, Lynn and Joy. They now form a board of 7. Premier Redford visited and Karin and Lynn were able to briefly speak with him. They voiced their concerns about losing the fuel grant and thanked him for the Jousard School and the dual credit programming. Lynne attended a new trustee session on November 6 and will be attending more.
10. **Administration Report:** Nigel, Diane and Kim have been working on the 3 year plan. The deadline is November 30 2013. Nigel gave a presentation on the School Accountability Pillar Report which is used to help write the 3 year plan. It shows that there has been a steady decline in most categories in the previous 5 years. If anyone has any ideas or strategies to bring a positive change please contact Nigel by email or phone before the November 30 deadline.

**Next meeting will be held December 10 2013 at 7:30pm**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:35**