

RDL Parent Council Meeting

Date: January 13, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: RDL Library

1. Call to Order - Amber
2. Request for someone to take Minutes - Ivy will take minutes
 - Attendance (Present: Marnie Thomas, Kim Popiel, John Bailey, Christine Petty, Judy Leyden, Melanie Nielson, Craig Barabash, Amber DenHoed, Kari Hayley, Ivy Sims)
3. Welcome to John Bailey, Superintendent
 - John introduced himself, happy to be at our school, tries to get out to every school at least once throughout the year. Always open to any questions anyone might have.
4. Approval of Agenda -
5. Approval of December Meeting Minutes -
6. Trustee Report - Christine Pretty
 - Great community meeting in Okotoks
 - Next meeting is January 22 at OJ - links are on the webpage.
 - Looking for feedback to make decisions
 - Looking for superintendent for learning services
 - Meeting with town council of Okotoks for new school sites taking place on Jan 14
 - Looking to meet with Danielle Smith re: advocacy for board
 - Converted board room after the flood. Now those in learning services will have more room and board meetings will take place in board room in High River.
 - AP110 is asking school councils to submit written report with financials at end of school year now instead of in the fall.
 - Jan 26 meeting with Education Minister.
7. Principal and staff reports - Craig Barabash & Judy Leyden
 - Grade 4's went on ski trip. All others were rescheduled to March 23. Volunteers who were organized for the first date will be asked again.
 - Junior High trip was not booked this year. Now looking into two possible dates. No guarantees. Will look into earlier next year.
 - Mid terms coming up in junior high. Schedule is set and will be coming out shortly. Exam dates are: Feb 10, 11, 12 & 13
 - Tell them from me Survey: junior high staff putting effort in to ease grade 7's in and help reduce anxiety.
 - Planning for the Junior High Box Lunch Social is currently underway. In the past girls and boys have brought in lunches and auctioned off to each other. Kids still interested in doing it this way. Some lunches became extravagant...so now any surprises are hidden. No date has been set yet but looking into March.
 - Request for feedback from system analyst of our school website. Three questions:
 - 1) Is school website useful & informative?
 - 2) What do you use it for?
 - 3) What would make it better?

Some feedback from Council members:

- Yes, it is useful and informative
- Use it to check the calendar, look for updates
- It would be better if more people used it. We need to get the word out about the website and drive traffic to it.
- Ensuring teachers webpages are up to date
- Provide the school's daily schedule

- Carnival for Kenya - what is feedback on having it run same year as Walkathon? Don't want to take away from funds that could be raised from Walkathon. However if the main purpose of Carnival is just to provide a service and have fun, then it should be ok.
 - Craig provided update on Education Plan goals for 2014-17
 - Handout provided and attached
 - Feb 23 is Anti-bullying week. Hoping for Jamie McCann to come in and speak on Wed Feb 25. He is a musician who gets funding from the MD of Foothills and his performances are geared towards grades 5-9.
 - On May 26, grade 9's go to SAIT for Career and Tech day.
8. Superintendent John Bailey - spoke at the beginning of the meeting
 9. Committee Reports
 - i. HRDL - Marnie Thomas
 - A \$10,000 grant was received for HRDL. Committee has met to discuss spending. Message from Alberta Health - purpose of grant is to build capacity of whole community. Healthy kids are better learners. Can spend on personal development, Youth at Risk Conference, blenders, toasters, food, possible breakfast program in future, etc.
 - Alberta initiative "Winter Walk" coming up on Feb 4. Kids will walk to Lloyd Park and back depending on weather.
 - Jump Rope for Heart - kick off Assembly is on Jan 29 and celebration day is on Feb 9.
 - ii. Communication - Ivy Sims
 - Ivy has created folder for Red Deer Lake School Council on Google Drive. In order to be able to receive emails and access the files and folders you need a gmail email address. So far, the following council members have access with gmail accounts: Amber, Melanie, Julie and Ivy. If you would like access, please email Ivy at ivy.sims1414@gmail.com and let her know your gmail account.
 - Council Newsletter is underway. Working on article to highlight DPA bins which we were able to purchase last year with funds raised from the 2013 Walk-a-thon. Would also like to highlight council members in newsletters. Ivy will email members individually to follow up.
 - iii. Spirit - This year we will work together with Mr. Woolridge re: spirit wear.
 - iv. Volunteer Coordinator - Courtnee MacDaly - no update
 - v. Policies for Review/Policy Manual Review - Marnie Thomas/Christine Pretty - no update
 - vi. Landscape - no update
 10. Old Business - nothing
 11. New Business
 - a) Kids Can Cook, ATCO - Melanie
 - Melanie looking into FREE program where grade 5's are bussed in to town for the day to take part in a cooking program where they learn safe use of utensils, safe food handling, how to cook the food and then sit down and eat meal at end of day. Registration is in June.
 12. Review Meeting - Action Plans, decisions
 12. Next Meeting Date Tuesday February 10, 2015
 14. Motion to Adjourn - Kari

Foothills Cultural and Recreational Enrichment Centre Foundation (FCREC) Meeting
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1. Call to order - Amber
 2. Approval of Agenda - Melanie
 3. Approval of December Minutes - Melanie
 4. Financial Report - Amber distributed Julie's Treasurer Report
 5. Casino Report - Excess Funds from Casino due to better pricing on wish list - Items to be purchased?
 6. Any teacher requests?
 - Teachers would like new paper cutters.
 7. Hot Lunch Program Report - Joelle Sopp
 - Kim shared details about hot lunch cafeteria program from an Okotoks school. Christine gave her the principals name to get more information.
 - Amber addressed an email that was sent from an upset parent re: the milk program at RDL
 8. Fundraising
 - A. Magazine and Photo Books - \$2,885.13 and 59 chickens donated (Craig will wear chicken suit on Tuesday January 20)
 - B. Chocolate Sales Feb/March \$ to go to water bottle fountains
 - C. Walk-a-thon end of May - when is the committee meeting
 - Melanie is liaising between Walk-a-thon Committee and Council and Marnie will attend the Walk-a-thon committee meetings.
 9. Old and New Business Arising
 10. Next Meeting Date is Tuesday February 10, 2015.
- Motion for Adjournment: Kari