

March 31, 2014 Parent Council Meeting called to order at 19.03 hrs by Laurie Baines.

Motion to pass minutes from February meeting: First Owen Stephenson, Second Jenny Kwan

Revised Education Act

Tammie Annis-Johnson and Gord Baldwin talked about the Revised Education Act. This has received Royal Assent and we expect implementation in the 2016 school year. There are significant changes proposed. Current public funding for students is to minimum age of 16, this will change to 21. Many of the mature students will be captured through Chinook and Bow Valley College. Learning needs and English as a second language get priority. On the plus side, if a Grade 12 student has to come back for even one semester the school will get paid for a full year.

High School Redesign Project

Survey came out today for focus group and an RFP went out to all schools (Grades 4 – 12). The plan is to move from content based approach to outcome based. This takes the number of outcomes from 90 to 10. The expectation is that the teachers will go deeper in the education and increase explorative learning. They will move to 25 hours of face to face instruction per credit which may afford the school more flexibility. The increased flexibility is welcomed by some of the teachers. There is still the Diploma exam worth 50% of final mark. Of note AB is the only Province that still have the 50% Diploma exam. There is no such standardization in the other provinces.

The Physical Education Department has approximately \$10,000 dollars uncollected funds and Sports Pro fees. There is a letter being drafted to parents to see if some of the short come can be collected. Several parents at the meeting were not sure if they in fact had paid their fees and asked if the school could track this and let them know. The question asked of the attendees by the Phys Ed teacher was how the parents felt about an increase in fees to maintain the current level of programming which includes such activities as: golf, bowling, climbing wall, swimming pool, Winter Club. The proposed fees would be

PE 10 current fee of \$55 to \$70

PE 20 current fee of \$170 to \$195

PE 30 current fee \$180 to \$215.

Parents at the meeting did not feel that this was unreasonable given the wide scope of activities offered. This would be the first increase in 4 years. The other compromise would be to stop taking the students off campus. The school is looking into an on line payment option.

Fundraising: apparently casino hours have been extended and can now go until 4.00am! The next casino is April 11 and 12th at the Elbow casino. They do not need any more volunteers at this time but will let the Council know if they come up short.

Gustav updates the school website with the agenda and minutes. With a reminder Thursday before the meeting and again the day of the meeting. Parents liked both the e mail and phone reminders of meetings.

“Message Easy” is the format used for booking parent teacher meetings.
Spring sports training started this week.

Treasurer Report

- Funds as of March 17, 2014 Balance of \$10,905.02
- Approved expenses totaling \$4000.00
 - o Academic and Citizenship Award (1) June 2013 (\$500)
 - o School Courtyard Project (\$2000)
 - o Contribution to students with financial need for Grad (\$500)
 - o Contribution to Volleyball Provincial Championships (\$500)
 - o Academic and Citizenship Award (1) June 2014 (\$500)
- Projected Closing Funds (Aug. 31, 2014) Balance of \$6905.02

WAMPA Update

The choir had an incredibly successful trip this year to the Prague Choir Festival with the Aberhart choir winning Gold, First Place, for the under 26 Youth Choir. They were the only Canadian team there.

An evening dessert fundraiser was held just prior to Spring Break.

May 8th is the spring concert with all bands and choir at the Jubilee.

May 15th is the Wind Ensemble for those who auditioned. This will be held at the Rosa Center at U of C.

Tickets for these concerts can be purchased from any Band Student.

Meeting adjourned at 19.50hrs

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sheila Tomlinson.