

AEL School Council Meeting Minutes

May 7/ 2019 – Project Room

Attendees: JP Grebenc, Cheryl Popik, Hill Herbert, Crystie Wright, Ady Arbuckle, Val Ulliac, Judy Whetstone (Principal), Helene Hewitt (Vice Principal), Jennie March, Vania Lloyd, Rena Skoreyko

Regrets Skip Gordon (Trustee)

Meeting called to order by JP Grebenc at 933 am

Review Minutes from April 9, 2019

- Cheryl Popik Motion to accept
- Jill Herbert 2nd Motion
- All in favor, Passed

Chair Report – JP Grebenc

JP read 2 cards given to School Council

- Danielle Nelson , Career & Learning on Social Media and Wellness
- Judy Whetstone & Admin Team , Volunteer Appreciation for all SC and AEPSA volunteers

COSC / ASCA meeting report – JP Grebenc

JP discussed information presented at ASCA provincial meeting. ASCA to promote more stable & funding for facilities. Government talk of doing away with school boards and have all government appointed power.

JP discussed accredited mental health - research shows need for in school supports as numbers students and teachers in need is rising related to mental health. Need to have resources / education on hand in the schools.

JP discussed Cell phone policy – Judy informed team that Meeting May 20th to for School Board to meet and is posted on EIPS website.

JP discussed Budget – with new government education budget to roll out in fall or 2019, budget very conservative, public school reserve fund is slowly decreasing.

JP discussed Education Act and School Act. EIPS superintendent discussed 7 areas of focus. Overview given. Changes coming to the way things are done. For ex. Residency. Where a child resides not where a parent resides if different.

JP discussed new curriculum proposed, also informed AEL Parents of same on Social media. Helen discussed previous curriculum focus.

Was Knowledge – Skill – Attitude and now moving towards Concept Base – Apply to Life “Bigger Ideas”

“Bigger Learning” Enables teachers and students to take ideas further. Some already teaching this way but no able to enhance that style in the classrooms.

Admin Update

Judy gave regrets from Skip Gordon as he was unable to attend due to last minute conflict.

Judy & Helene reviewed Parent Survey Results.

Highlights were increased percentage of families participated. Had 89% participation, 350 of 390 families. Areas of improvement or maintained were

1. Students needs being met
2. Students encouraged to do Literacy
3. Students encouraged to do numeracy
4. Students increased understanding on 1st Nations topics
5. Satisfied with quality of Education, Teaching and leadership
6. Staff cares about students, communication is improved
7. Students are safe
8. Quality of education and condition of new school is adequate

Areas identified by Helen and Judy for growth – maintain level of success, parent involvement reputation and culture. *Success is No Accident*

Judy discussed budget concerns, referred to new budget as status quo. Current budget had 97% of budget was for staff salary etc and new recommendation is for 95%. Run the school with \$112,000 for all other expenses other then staff. No more class room improvement fund (Literacy support position no longer funded). 1 EA position has been cut, and others hours cut. Judy expressed that current staff are very fragile, lost jobs for temporary and probationary contracts. JP will present information link for people to email MLA with concerns on education cut backs. Current vacancies on French side at 3 classes, English has 2 mat leave positions to be filled.

CPF update – Vania Lloyd on behalf of Connie Hamelin

Vania discussed next CPF meeting at Ardrossan Jr/Sr High School, Monday May 13 6-7pm. BBQ sub-committee had meeting last week and team is working to organize successful event along with Hot Lunch help. CPF council to determine membership policy at next meeting prior to next years events.

Student Script – Grade 5 Mrs McBride class Alyssa & Dom (See attached)

Other Business

JP discussed meeting schedule for next year. Discussion had as to have School Council and AEPSPA every month as opposed to AESPA and CPF every 2nd. Consensus that yes School Council and AESPA meetings to be monthly alternating between 930 a.m and 630 p.m. CPF can determine own meeting times for next year at Mondays May 13 meeting.

JP discussed need for next year School council AESPA board members positons to appoint 2 Secretary Positions to ease role and attendance of same.

Vania discussed emails she received asking if Grade 6 dance not coincide with year-end BBQ. Judy & Helene unaware of Grade 6 dance details but assured it is not on BBQ day. Grade 6 farewell is in a.m. and will not interfere with BBQ. Judy to let Ady know about Grade 6 movie day and Hot Lunch will provide Ice Cream Treat.

Vania discussed ideas on Cross Country team / registration for run in 2019-2020 school year. Mr Castle has agreed to be Staff support, Vania has agreed to be Parent Support. Discussion about introducing kids to what a 1.6 km run entails in the fields so they are aware prior to sign up the distance. Discussion about setting a limit of registrations into the race. Agree no limit of runners.

Vania discussed complaint regarding Running Club with Mr Campbell. Currently running club selection is on a time trial run in the gymnasium. Suggestion that have 2 time trials run outside as a race or head to head to average and take fastest teams. Vania to meet with Mr Campbell on same. Judy and Helen in agreeance.

Crystie discussed previous request for Grade 5 Rocket Club request for funds from Mrs Klippinsein. Tabled until AESPA meeting.

Crystie discussed fundraising request from Allstate Insurance – Sara Stewart (volunteer mom) - Tabled until AESPA meeting

Meeting adjourned 1036 By Jill Herbert