

**Assiniboia 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue School – School Community Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday September 19th, 2017 at 7 pm**

**Present:** Aaron Hesjedal, Janna Zalinko, Dale Gee, Chris Bumbac, Jen Pituley, Rilene Johnson, Amanda Franks, Shannon Moneo, Lori Ciocca

**Absent:** Ashley Karst

**Old Business:**

- We met the end of August to review the “Tell Them From Me” survey. Janna and Amanda attended the LIP meeting with the teachers. What was discussed/decided?  
At our SCC meeting we noticed that the “Tell Them From Me” survey indicated high levels of anxiety around school/school activities. Janna and Amanda brought that observation to the LIP meeting and the teachers agreed that they noticed the same thing. A decision was made to focus in on the area of addressing anxiety as one of our goals. A first step will be to collect better data ie. Where are kids feeling anxious (in math class, on the playground)? This will most likely be a longer term goal, not an issue intended to be “solved” this year.
- Summer reading program – Amanda & Shannon – how did it go?  
The Summer Reading Program went great. We had an average of 10 kids at the library each week and 20 kids who completed challenges and posted pictures to social media. We are wrapping it up with a pizza party on October 2 to celebrate.
- Alternative School Week – is there still discussion?  
7<sup>th</sup> Avenue has not been approached by either AES or the high school in terms of keeping the conversation going. There are lots of pros and cons on both sides and no one has a clear read on where the discussion has landed. This should be a conversation led by the SCCs of the three schools, not the staff and as far as our SCC all we have are a lot of questions.  
Gravelbourg was mentioned as a place where more than one school figured out how to adopt this plan. There may be some research we can do there. Specifically, do they have a model of how the voting went down between two schools?  
We decided to be proactive and Lori will contact the SCC Chairs at AES and the high school to see how we can get the conversation going again.
- We had decided to look at ordering shirts and bunny hugs in the fall – everyone still in favour?  
Good to go head with ordering again, plan for before Christmas. Rilene will look at a few non-clothing options as well.
- Storage shed – looks awesome. Aaron – Was it filled with equipment yet?  
Going great. It is benefitting the kids. Not filled yet but an order will be going in shortly. Karen has also been moving items from the gym to the shed for use.

**New Business:**

- Clubs – Janna and Aaron were at the town registration and information night handing out club information at the door.  
Lots of different options. More clubs for Grades 1 and 2. A hand out was offered at the Town registration night, more details will be heading out soon.
- Raban – SCC still to attend the assemblies to help reward students who get a blackout.  
The prizes have always been books, but we are out of books and the coupons used to purchase them. We decided to expand the prize offering to include things that promote both reading and writing like pencils, journals, books. Funds for this do come from the SCC budget. Lori and Shannon will look into getting the prizes ordered.
- Open House & Family BBQ – Thursday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm – need help with getting hot dogs ready. Do we want to do an SCC poster? Need pics or selfies from everyone – for the SCC fb page too. Do we want to do a comment/suggestion box again?  
We would like to switch it up and do something different (taco in a bag, burgers). We do not want to do hot dogs for this year's social in June. Jen will look into what we need to have in place in order to offer alternatives

(ie Safe Food Handling course). Also the idea of a purchased hot lunch once a month was brought up. Nothing was decided on that.

For the open house, please submit a selfie to Lisa Martin right away so we can make a poster, update the Facebook page. Decided to ask a specific question at the Open House comment box. What is one thing you like about 7th Ave.? What is one thing you would change? We will review the submissions at our next meeting.

Helping out with the food will be Janna, Dale, Shannon, Amanda, Aaron, Ashley.

- Meeting tomorrow at 6pm at AES with Darran Teneycke on reporting/grading systems. We will discuss at our next meeting if we want to go ahead with a parent meeting on the topic. Most of our SCC will be in attendance and right after the decision will be made whether to go ahead with a parent night or not.
- Discussed in the spring about:
  - o Reviewing and amending the constitution to update it. How do we want to go about it? Decision was made to have a sub-committee go over the constitution and amend it, then we will review it as an SCC. The changes we make will have to go to the Board for approval. Wanting to change it to be less specific so we can operate within it. To make it reflect what we do, not just ink on paper. Jen and Aaron (with Lori and Shannon as needed) will be the sub-committee to make the changes.
  - o Looking at how we communicate and be more effective – share minutes, dates and times of upcoming meetings with a link perhaps on the school web page or something. Let parents and community members know where they are if they want to read them – through FB, twitter, etc. Decided to make the SCC meeting notes open to the public by posting them to the School page and sending out links via social media and email. We will need to create an email list for that. We will also announce meeting dates and times in advance.
- STP Initiative – Janna – any updates? No updates yet.
- Review School Fundraising Plan We approved the Fundraising Plan submitted from the staff.
- Review Extra Curricular List This list looks awesome. Big thumbs up all around.
- Email SCC Meeting Dates and Times This is something we're doing well, (keeping the Board in the loop). Just keeping doing what we're doing.
- 1. Treasurer's Report – Rilene Johnson Still working on getting access to the specific numbers. Aaron will try and track them down so we can see what we have to spend and decide where it should go.
- 2. Principals Report – Aaron Hesjedal Aaron gave his report and we discussed 2 items.
  - #4- Bus 10/Dual Run Bus in Town. A bus was added for in-town kids. This bus does 2 loops meaning some kids wait at the school until 3:40 to be picked up and taken home. Bussing continues to be an issue. Hopeful that the new Transportation guy has been hearing concerns and although he has a few other fires to put out he has intentions to come to Assiniboia and see what can be done.
  - #5- Farm Credit Canada. A donation was made to the school's nutrition program. It will be used to provide a healthy snack at school once a month or so. The idea is to give kids opportunity to try new things and educate them on healthy snack options.
- 3. Trustee Report – Al Kessler Al was unable to attend this meeting.

**Next meeting will be Wednesday November 1 @ 7pm.**