

Assiniboia 7th Avenue School – School Community Council Meeting
Wednesday January 10, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Present: Aaron Hesjedal, Janna Zalinko, Rilene Johnson, Amanda Franks, Ashley Karst, Lori Ciocia, Al Kessler

Absent: Chris Bumbac, Dale Gee, Jennifer Pituley, Shannon Moneo

AGENDA:

Old Business:

1. Alternative school week discussion. Lori and Aaron went to a meeting with the other principals and SCC Chairs. We are moving forward with a parent night/vote in May. It will be for the 2019/2020 year. It would be a 2-year pilot program. Information will be sent out each month up to May on how it would look so parents can have some info going in to the meeting so they are not making a rush decision.
Out of this meeting it was suggested that parents/community receive information so they can be asking questions, getting informed leading up to the vote night as opposed to being overloaded with information and then asked to vote. The first bit of info went out in December. There are many details to still iron out as we move toward the vote. One thing to keep clear, if voted in, it will take effect in the 2019/2020 school year.
2. SCC Christmas Movie and Pizza night. Really good turn out and positive feedback. Adding food really boosted participation. Let'd do it again!
3. School Christmas Concert. Excellent turn out! Really good feedback and people loved the ending.
4. Emails to those who want to be reminded that meeting notes are on the website; it is on FB and Twitter, but need to reach out to those not on social media. (Amanda)
SCC email is set up (scc7ave@yahoo.com). Had 2 parents ask to be emailed the minutes. I myself do not remember seeing any communication where parents could have asked to have the minutes emailed, but may have missed it. Pretty sure that was communicated to parents, Aaron will double check.

New Business:

1. Review the amendments to the constitution. Still need to do this.
Now is a good time, less happening at the school. Lori, Aaron, Shannon and Jennifer to get together and do this, then bring to SCC for approval.
2. Family Literacy Day- Jan 27th- Anything happening at the school that we could help with?
Date will be January 25th. Theme will be Glow-Reading (activities with glow sticks and black lights). Try to be timed close to business lunchtimes so parents can come and join in. Any SCC members available can come to run stations or read with kids whose parents cannot make it.
3. Spirit Assembly. Do we know when the next one is? Any volunteers?
Date will be Wednesday January 17 @ 10:50 am. Rilene is going to come and give the RABAN prizes.
4. STP initiative. Any updates (Janna)?
There is data to show from the survey, will bring to next meeting. Good response and conversation around articles posted on SCC FB page, great to see parents talking. Looking to do some "positive ticketing", just working on an idea. Something to encourage parents to park away from the street in front of the school and have their kids walk to their cars, (like on 6th Avenue), and on a week prizes will be handed out to folks who do that. Also, like to attempt "walking school buses" (adult(s) walking with a group of kids who might otherwise all drive), how to go about doing that? Looking for creative ideas.
5. Staff appreciate week February 12-16. Any ideas? Lunch?
Idea to do something small each day of the week to express gratitude to our staff with lunch brought in one

day that week. Rilene and Ashley will coordinate and let other SCC members know how we can be of assistance.

6. Two of the playground structures need to be removed because they no longer meet safety standards. Is the SCC willing to take on a fundraising role to replace these? There is a matching grant of up to \$10,000 that we can apply for. Due date for it is February 1st so we need to decide how to go about this. We do have \$5000 in our playground fund so that may be enough to do something with without having to fundraise. Thoughts? These structures have already been removed. February 1 is a tight deadline to try fundraising. Instead let's go with the \$5000 we have, apply for the matching grant and do something smaller scale. We already have the big climbing structures, so we don't really need another one. Instead maybe we could use some smaller pieces in the sandboxes left behind. Janna and Lori are going to look through playground equipment sites and get some ideas and pull together the application for the matching grant. Ideas are things like the musical instruments by the library, or some "natural-style" equipment like balancing logs.
7. Review School Fundraising plan.
Nothing has changed. Spirit Club has done a great job and the kids are learning about giving. TeleMiracle still to come this year.
8. Learning Improvement Plan progress report.
Superintendent asked that it have some revisions, basically taking the nice fluffy language and making it into concrete steps. The plans themselves did not change, just the wording. Our reading goal remains the same (70% of students reading at grade level). Our goal addressing anxiety was changed a bit, just down into a bite sized chunk. The goal is to have 90% of kids able to explain the Zones of Regulation and exhibit understanding of strategies they can use to regulate their emotions.
9. Email date for SCC elections, time of election and name of local returning officer. We need to pick a date and time.
Date picked of April 24th at 7:00 pm. (This is our Annual Meeting date). Maureen is always our local returning officer. Aaron will notify Prairie South of that. Those with terms up are: Lori, Rilene and Amanda. Lori will not be returning.

Miscellaneous:

Talked about changes to bussing. Over Christmas break it seems that kids have been added onto buses, leaving the buses overcrowded. There are more kids than seats while the bus is in town. Al said he would look into the reason for the changes and anything that could be done to address the overcrowding.

Talked about the short Christmas Break, what is up with that?? No one really had an answer for why, theory that it was to balance out number of instructional days. A good reminder to us all to actually look at the calendars we get to vote on for the upcoming school year.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 @ 7 pm.