

## **Bonanza School Council Meeting November, 2, 2011**

In attendance: Randy Carlstad, Bobbi Kotak, Amanda Mckay, Tina Hodak, Hiedi Soles, Bree Hamilton, Maxine and Bill Hutchinson, Wendy Kettner, Treena Underwood, Stephaine Evans, Sharilyn Anderson, Linnea Bergen, Penny Lepage, Janelle Murphy, Heather Porrill and Katie Wangler

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm

Agenda Adopted by Heather and 2nd by Stephaine

Minutes read by Katie and accepted by Maxine and Amanda

### **Old business:**

Healthy foods: Had great success last year and was a hit with the teachers and kids. Heather informed us she will be unable to fully commit to continuing the program as she has in the past until after January . Heather also brought to attention that funding will need to take place. Safeway has sponsored us in the past with a \$50.00 monthly donation and we would need to contact them to see if the offer still stands. A meeting with the healthy foods committee will be held after the council meeting to discuss who would be available to continue the program as well as funding ideas.

Remembrance Day Veteran: 2 Veterans were contacted and will be at the school assembly. They will be coming from the Spirit River Legion and will be at the school Thursday November the 10th 2011 at 2:30.

Fine Arts: Randy informed council that the fine arts fund rolled over \$937.82 which was good but fundraising would be needed for any residents to come into the school. Also that there is funding available which is normally granted ever 2 years and we were granted last year as well as the cost to have a resident is a lot higher than which we have.

Fundraising: Alex Konoshuk will be unable to continue to head the fundraising committee. Linnea was nominated to head committee which consists of Tina, Shelly, Bobbi, Amanda and Alex with the guidance of Penny.

Bussing: All issues have been resolved. And a reminder put out to all, as well in the school letter, about educating our kids on watching the traffic and the community about safe and proper highway meetings with the buses.

### **New business:**

Committees: all committee's have been put in place and all is progressing good.

Public Library: All set to go just waiting for the person whom they have hired to accept the position and work out the legalities.

Board policies: It was discussed that there is public participation available at board meetings for the parents and community members. That there is steps that have to be followed in order to get a topic on the agenda for board discussion. One, setting out clearly the issue at hand and two being a 9 day presentation prior to meeting. Also discussed was the relationship between the board and the school council. How information about board policies and minutes are available. And that the board may provide grants to the school councils to support there involvement in council activities. In order to access these possible grants it would be required of us, as the council, to provide the board with our minutes and activities as well as plans and financial reports for the previous year by September 30th of each year. Copies of our minutes must be maintained and available for access to the board and the public. It was also discussed that there guidelines that are required to be followed when advertising for external organizations in our schools. Advertising has to be consistent with the divisions beliefs, mandate and mission is in the best interest of students and is compatible with community values. Advertising can be a valuable resource for funding for the school and can be approved by school administrator/principal. Advertising outside the school on school property would need the approval by the board. Randy to send in acknowledgement and acceptance of policies.

#### Reports:

Council Account: \$1202.64

Healthy Foods: \$253.34

Trustee Report: Board discussing acceptable ride times for children on busses. Also that there is a great need for spare bus drivers that 6 routes were cancelled in the 2010-11 school year and that 9 already in the 2011-12 school year have had to be cancelled due to a lack of drivers. Minister Lukasuk's reported that 107 million dollars has been provided and will be paid out over a seven month period from Sept.2011 to March of 2012. Approximately \$858,000.00 will be going to the Peace Wapiti region. Once the decision's are made on how monies will be dispersed we will be further updated. The monies are to go into classrooms not to be used for transportation etc.. Peace Wapiti also received a huge grant; Capacity Building Grant of \$93,000.00. Grant is an "action on inclusion" that will help children with special needs. There was also a small school of necessity grant loss of \$136,000.00. The sum of the schools involved in the area ( Woking, Spirit River and Rycroft) is 457 combined and must be above 471. We are up to 62 students in our school. Board is also looking into raising the numbers on high school completion. Savana has one of the highest completion rates at almost 100% which is good news.

Principal's Report: Financial report of \$27,000.00 with hopes to increase support staff. SGF approximately \$1700.00 swimming \$1500.00 library \$140.00 and student union at \$3700.00. Stephaine mentioned that the student union bingo is under way the the letters have been sent out and turkey's and donations are coming in. Report cards will be send out November 18th and parent teacher interviews will be held November 24th from 4 pm till 9 pm. We have received a \$2500.00 donation from Spectra for our literacy program.

Next meeting will be on January 11,2012.  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.