

Penson School Parent Council Meeting

Date: November 17, 2010

In Attendance:

Christine Schlief, Roxanne Gulick, Trina Wright, Tanya Frith, Cynthia Engler, Donna Smith, Noelle Hughes, Don MacAskill, Karen Mroczek, Opal Hansen

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM

1. Review agenda

The agenda was reviewed.

2. Minutes from last meeting

2.1- The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved. Parents and teachers are reminded that the minutes are available on the school website as well in the school office.

2.2- Instruments- Roxanne explained to Don what discussed at last council meeting regarding purchasing instruments.

2.3- Meeting structure- Roxanne made available to those in attendance proper structure of a parent council meeting. She expressed her concern regarding lack of teacher presence at parent council meetings to Don. She also discussed the requirement of a community member presence on council. Council agreed that some effort should be made to advertize that position on council. Council agreed it should be in the community bulletin as well as on the community board. Also, posting meeting times and dates on board would be beneficial in trying to encourage attendance at the meeting.

2.4- Roxanne discussed the Joint Council meeting her and Christine Schlief attended in Sexsmith in October.

- Online resources for children

- Diploma Exams

- Nutrition Policy

- Inspiring Education

- School Act being updated

- Grad Attire- if student cannot afford there is financial help- very very anonymous. Contact school board office for more information.

- Annual Provincial meeting in Edmonton in April.

2.5 Playschool- Someone in the community has contacted Doris Gordon to start playschool in Grovedale.

3.0 Trustee Report- Christine Schlieff

3.1- Forum- issues brought up:

- Bus times- Christine made available the earliest and latest bus times of each bus route in our school district
- Two of the CSWs are actually PD Days- Christine made available topics available to teachers.
- Within the new board many are on different councils. She made available a list of which committees each trustee in our school division sits on.
- Nutrition Policy- All of the schools in our school district either have a policy or have a draft, she handed Don a Nutrition Kit to distribute to the health teachers in the school.
- Junior Achievement- This is a program geared at grades 3-12. It is business education.
- Spotlight Magazine- Again nothing has been submitted from Penson School.

4.0 Principal Report

4.1- Don congratulated Christine on being elected.

4.2. - Don passed out a FYI sheet that outlined:

- Incentive trip- Nov 19, 2010
- Parent Teacher Interviews- Nov 22 and 24
- Soc Hop- Nov 25
- Photo Re-takes- Nov 29
- Christmas Concert- Dec 16\

4.3- Milk Program- It's going well. Prices however need to be raised to \$7.00 for 5 milks.

4.4- Nutrition Policy- Don passed out copies of Penson School's Nutrition Policy.

4.5- Code of Conduct- Don passed out copies of Penson Schools Code of Conduct. A parent questioned why there was not mention of suspension in the Code of Conduct.

5.0 Treasurers Report- Nothing reported

6.0 PWSB Policy of the Month- It is available on school board's website. Comments to be submitted via email by Dec 15, 2010.

7.0 Digital Citizenship- Council discussed the benefits of having someone come and talk to the students and parents about internet safety. Don is going to line someone up from the school board to talk at the next parent council meeting.

8.0 Info for Parents

8.1- There is an e-parenting tutorial on ASCA website. www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca.

8.2- Win a visit from Robert Munsch- Family Literacy Day- ASCA website.

8.3- Discussion on future role of parent council/school councils.

Next Meeting- Jan 19, 2010 at 7:00PM- NO MEETING IN DECEMBER!

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM