

# **Penson School Parent Council Meeting**

**Date: May 22, 2013**

**In attendance:** Trina Wright, Elizabeth Dyck, Karen Mroczek, Jenny McAusland, Lori Szmul

**The meeting called to order at 6:45 PM**

## **1.0 Review agenda**

- 1.1 No new items to add.

## **2.0 Review minutes from previous meeting**

- 2.1 Motion to accept minutes by Trina Wright; seconded by Karen Mroczek.

## **3.0 Treasurer's Report**

- 3.1 CIBC accounts have been closed and all funds moved to Servus Credit Union.
- 3.2 Bingo fund balance is \$3,940.70.
- 3.3 Playground fund balance is \$7,906.19.
- 3.4 Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Karen Mroczek, seconded by Trina Wright.

## **4.0 Principal's Report**

- 4.1 Four vacant full-time teaching positions have been filled for the 2013-14 school year.  
The .5 position has not been filled and will be re-advertised.
- 4.2 Monthly goings-on:
  - Dump Clean-up, May 30
  - P.A.R.T.Y. program for Gr. 9
  - Wayne Drysdale will be visiting...
  - Bluebird dancers
  - 3 qualifiers in track & field will be going to zones
  - Dinosaur program
  - Farewell staff assembly, June 3rd at 2:15 PM
  - Lots of exams! Lots of field trips!
  - Incentive trip on the 13/14th
  - Grade 9 Farewell on June 20th
  - Saskatoon Island Lake on Friday, June 14th
  - Elementary Play Day, June 25
  - June 27th, last day for kids
  - June 28th, last day for staff

- 4.3 School Improvement Plan presentation illustrates improvements made in all categories (Accountability Pillar). Soon to be available to view on Penson School web site.

## **5.0 Open Discussion**

- 5.1 Discussion about providing gluten/dairy/nut free energy bars for emergency bags in the new school year. Note will be sent home in September to inform parents of children with allergies of ingredients and, if necessary, parents will provide alternative energy bars for their child to be labelled and include in the classroom emergency bag.
- 5.2 Still some concern with pockets of head lice in the school. Fact is, 10% of school population will have head lice at any given time. In the new year school, there is a plan in place to have a health nurse come out and give presentations to each grade before any cases are reported and, moreover, offer parent information seminars.
- 5.3 Hygiene concerns during power outage last week with no running water. District policy for unexpected loss of utilities procedure was followed. Policy states that in unexpected loss of utilities, the utility company will be contacted to determine length of outage. If outage is short term, regular school programming is maintained. If the outage is extended or unknown period of time, the principal with superintendent can opt to close school and send children home, but only after all parents have been contacted by the school. Power went out at 9:30 AM. The utility company informed the school that power would be restored by 12:30 PM. Children were not in any danger during this power outage. Bottled water was available and also hand sanitizer.
- 5.4 Penson School has an open door policy. If parents have any concerns, please bring them to Jenny's attention.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 PM**

**No meetings until the next School Year**