

## **Penson School Parent Council Meeting**

**Date: November 16, 2011**

### **In attendance:**

Karen Mroczek, Elizabeth Dyck, Christine Schlieff, Trina Wright, Jenny McAusland, Rhonda Fedchuk.

**The meeting called to order at 7:05 PM**

### **1.0 Review agenda**

No new items to add.

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

Minutes were not available.

### **3.0 Treasurer's Report**

3.1 Bingo fund balance of approximately \$4000 after subtracting \$4000 for bleachers and \$260 for Kids in the Know program.

3.2 Playground fund balance of \$29,000 plus \$1,000 for wreath fundraiser and minus Lamontagne payment, amount not known.

### **4.0 School Trustee Report**

4.1 Joint School Council's Meeting: final report to come, agenda is available to view on PWSD web site.

4.2 Board news & events handout.

4.3 Spotlight Magazine: will be going from paper to electronic format. Will also be more interactive, with links to our stories in local media. Email/contact Christine Schlieff with feature story submissions from our school.

4.4 Budget meeting is November 17<sup>th</sup>. Transportation department will have a deficit, but new money will go to school programs not towards transportation deficit.

4.5 Discussion of inconsistencies between district schools regarding bus pick-up and delivery times. Handouts of bus schedules distributed.

### **5.0 Principal's Report**

5.1 The school is committed to giving our kids experiences. These experiences aid learning acquisition. Focus on experiences outside of school walls or bringing people into the school.

- 5.2 Technology in the school: The new Tech policy has been distributed to parents with a few minor revisions. Net Etiquette program is underway; 1 new rule will be presented each month for 10 months. Kids in the Know program has been ordered.
- 5.3 Preview of library sketch by Jenifer Schmakeit; wood for reading area to be donated by Jennifer and Jurgen Schmakeit. Fundraising: to sell books on the mural, with family name and title painted on spines.
- 5.4 Change to Incentive Trip policy (grades 6-9). The new criteria for participation is, "good academic standing" which replaces no out of school suspensions.
- 5.5 Outstanding school fees: outstanding fees significantly impact budget and the overall learning experience for all students. Every effort will be made to work with families who have outstanding fees (payment plan, volunteerism) before debts go to collection.
- 5.6 School's Accountability Pillar: Penson School is doing very well in comparison with provincial results, district results, our 3 year average and last year's results.
- 5.7 Thank you to the parent council for funds to purchase new bleachers in the gymnasium, they will be here by Christmas.

#### **6.0 Parent Council on Penson School Web Page**

- 6.1 Will add the names of the Parent Council Executive for the year.
- 6.2 Post Agenda prior to each meeting.

#### **7.0 Fall General School Council Meeting**

- 7.1 A link is available on the PWSD web site to view the meeting minutes. Report to follow.

#### **8.0 General Discussion**

- 8.1 Discussion about possibility to apply for Bingos and share between other community clubs (figure skating club, minor hockey, 4H). Will be discussed at next fundraising meeting.
- 8.2 Volunteers are needed to work at the Santa shop December 13, 14, and 15.

**Next Meeting- January, 18, 2011**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM**