

Penson School Parent Council Meeting

Date: October 19, 2011

In attendance:

Donna Smith, Alwyn Richards, Jessica Lovalee, Karen Mroczek, Rhonda Fedchuck, Elizabeth Dyck, Christine Schlieff, Trina Wright, Jenny McAusland.

The meeting called to order at 7:00 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 \$7,400, Playground fund balance of \$22,000

3.2 Working account within school budget of up to \$1000 from which monies can be borrowed for fundraising and professional development.

3.3 Motion to pay PC meeting babysitting expenses from this account made by Jessica Lovalee, seconded by Donna Smith. \$10/hour for 0-5 children, \$15/hour for 5-15 children, \$20/hour over 15 children.

4.0 School Trustee Report

4.1 The Hon. Thomas Lukaszuk has been appointed the new Minister of Education.

4.2 Fitness equipment has been added to the computer purchase plan.

4.3 Due to recently announced increased funding, budgets are still being drafted.

4.4 Provincial exam scores from 2010/11 academic year showed overall improvement. Penson School scores TBA. Individual scores for grade 3, 6 and 9 (2010/11) will be distributed with first report card or are available at school office if requested.

4.5 Peace Wapiti Board meeting minutes are posted on the pwsd web site. Parents, staff and community members are welcome to attend these public meetings.

4.6 Fundraising idea proposal that our students help with highway clean-up.

4.7 Proposal to develop a book on the history of our school to use as a fundraiser.

4.8 "Position on Educational Resources" by Allison Redford is available to read on school bulletin board.

5.0 Principal's Report

5.1 Shifts are still needed for the Cars 4 Christmas Lottery.

5.2 Very positive start to the school year.

5.3 Library improvements are in the works this month.

5.4 Eureka program- 2 day program for grade 6/7

5.5 Cool Camp- October 26 & 27 for grades 8 & 9.

5.6 Nutrition policy and behaviour policy distributed.

5.7 Penson School technology policy in draft stage- general discussion.

5.8 "Kids in Know" program, an internet security course for students, is available at a cost of \$260 for the entire school. Motion to support "Kids in Know" with Bingo funds made by Rhonda Fedchuk, seconded by Jessica Lovallee.

5.9 Bleacher request of maximum of \$3500 from the Bingo Fund- to follow up at next meeting.

6.0 Early Mapping Project

6.1 Created to address deficits in children entering ECS.

6.2 Penson School is part of coalition of Clairmont, Sexsmith, Teepee Creek and Bezanson Schools. The next coalition meeting will be January 17, 2012.

6.3 \$10,000 seed money is available for approved projects.

6.4 Jenny McAusland will invite Holly Handfield to our next PC meeting, Nov 16.

7.0 General Discussion

7.1 School Calendar for 2012/13, Karen Mroczuk proposes moving June 21 CSW day to June 27.

7.2 Jessica Lovallee will get information on Good Samaritan boxes for this Christmas.

7.3 Jessica Lovallee requested to copy and distribute information about Penson School's sponsored child.

Next Meeting- November 16, 2011

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM