

School Council Meeting

September 10, 2015

In attendance: Lynn Shabada, Terry Slemko, Karen Seinen, Lorrie Hafermehl, Kerry Fegyverneki, Lori Bell, Sheila Albertson, Pam Lyttle, Angela Lal, Michelle Shera, Andrea Kohut, Catherine Bennett (12)

1. Called to order: Called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Sheila.
2. Additions/Deletions: None were presented.
3. Adoption of Agenda: **Lorrie moves to accept the agenda as presented. Andrea seconds. All in favour. Carried.**
4. Minutes: **Karen moves to accept the minutes as posted. Michelle seconds. All in favour. Carried.**
5. Code of Ethics: A copy of the Code of Ethics was presented and read aloud.

6. Reports:

a) Administrator's Report:

i) Staffing and Enrollment

Currently there are 461 students enrolled at OES, which is a full time equivalent of 433.5 students. The enrollment is slightly over the projected 428 students. Mrs. Blount has been hired this year to teach the life skills program and instruct the Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) Program. Mrs. Belseth is the Inclusive Education Facilitator and will be overseeing the PUF program. At this time, Lynn and Lori are full time administrators. There are currently two staff members out on medical leave. Mrs. Blount and Miss Modien are two beginning teachers that will be working at our school this year and each will have a mentor within the school. The school division is funding five for the beginning teacher and mentor to work together on planning throughout the year. Mrs. Lapachuk is the Learning Assistance Center (LAC) teacher in the morning and will also teach grade 7 math and French. Mrs. Lapachuk will also be participating in a Community of Practice project which focusses on emergent writers and technology. She will be sharing her learning and ideas with staff.

Enrollment

Kindergarten	3 classes	55 students (15, 21, 20) + 5 PUF students
Grade 1	3 classes	56 students (18, 20, 18)
Grade 2	3 classes	63 students (21, 20, 22)
Grade 3	2 classes	46 students (23, 23)
Grade 4	2 classes	54 students (26, 27)
Grade 5	3 classes	64 students (21, 21, 22)
Grade 6	2 classes	56 students (28, 28)
Grade 7	3 classes	67 students (22, 22, 23)

ii) Dare to Care

Dare to Care is a new school wide anti-bullying program and will kick off on September 16th and 17th. Students will participate in an assembly and break-out sessions. Parents are encouraged to attend an evening session on September 16th from 6:30-9:00 p.m., sponsored by School Council. On Friday, September 18th, OES staff will do a workshop on Dare to Care and in January, the Dare to Care facilitator along with staff and parent/community volunteers to work with small groups in grade 5-7 students in the Take the Time program.

iii) Technology

The exterior of the school has been activated with key fobs. Each key fob can be deactivated if lost. A lock down of the exterior of the school can be done with one switch. The exterior doors have all been programmed to unlock and lock during recess breaks and at the beginning and end of each school day. The doors can also be manually unlocked for special events or in case of a power outage. Each classroom was upgraded with a new FM system to improve the clarity of instruction.

iv) Parent Library

The parent library has been moved out into the main hallway to be more accessible to parents. Resources can be checked out by Twyla Lesko from the Learning Commons. The school has library software which the parent resources can be uploaded to.

Lynn moves that SC pay up to \$100.00 to reimburse Mrs. Lesko for her time spent incorporating the Parent Library resources onto the library software. Angela seconds. All in favour. Carried.

v) Meet the Teacher

Meet the teacher night will be held on Tuesday, September 22. A BBQ will be held from 5:00-6:15 serving Johnsonville hot dogs, baby potatoes and water. The school will also be open during this time for families to meet with teachers. At 6:30 a one hour magic show will begin in the gym. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with set up, clean up or serving, please contact Lori.

c. Treasurer's Report

i) Financial Review – OPEFA – still awaiting review.

ii) Monthly Treasurer's report

Previous Balance: \$24,407.11

Current Balance: \$21,542.44

June Deposits	June Expenditures
	\$ 501.65 Safe and Caring
	\$298.76 Bus Driver and Custodian Appreciation
	\$193.55 Staff Appreciation
	\$592.31 Parent Workshops
	\$6.00 Bank Service Charges

June Deposits	June Expenditures
	\$ 747.68 Monthly Meals
	\$109.90 Spell-a-thon
	\$170.21 Tarmac Painting
Total Deposits: \$0.00	Total Expenditures: \$2,620.06

July Deposits	July Expenditures
	\$ 183.98 New Beginnings Social
	\$4.00 Bank Service Charges
Total Deposits: \$0.00	Total Expenditures: \$187.98

August Deposits	August Expenditures
	\$ 52.63 New Beginnings Social
	\$ 4.00 Bank Service Charges
Total Deposits: \$0.00	Total Expenditures: \$56.63

Lori moves to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Andrea seconds. All in favour. Carried.

c) Fundraising Report: presented by Sheila

i) Terry Fox

The Terry Fox run will be held on October 2 from 2:00-3:00 pm. Packages will go home with students on Monday, September 14. If anyone would like to help count money please contact Sheila.

ii) Spirit Wear

We still have some stock left and will plan to sell spirit wear at Meet the Teacher night on September 22.

d) **Trustee Report:**

Northern Gateway school division has a total of 18 schools and 4 outreach schools. This year there are 72 more students across the division than last September, with a total of more than 4,700 students. The completion of the Onoway High School replacement is on schedule and is set to open in September 2016. On Friday, October 2, the division will be hosting an annual staff appreciation event in Whitecourt to recognize employees for their years of service. This year, Onoway High School will have a resource officer for a half a day a week. The administration at the high school changed over the summer. Mr. Trodden accepted a one year position with Alberta Education and Mr. Lobo is now the acting principal. Amy Villneff was hired to be the acting vice-principal. Over the summer, upgrades were done to Darwell, Mayerthorpe, and Pat Hardy schools.

Student learner assessments (SLA's) are replacing the provincial tests in grade 3. This is the second year of the pilot for grade 3. The SLA's will begin next week, and students will complete performance tasks in numeracy and literacy, as well as digital questions. SLA's are a tool that can be used at the beginning of the year to show student strengths and growth.

6) **Old Business:**

a) **Monthly Meal Program**

The first monthly meal for this year will be planned for the middle of October. The committee is still looking into the cost of software that could be used to accept monthly meal orders and payment. The committee will also look into the cost of additional delivery carts. The monthly meals will continue to use bright green paper and other school council correspondence will be printed on a different colour to avoid confusion. A school wide Christmas dinner will again be planned for December. If you wish to volunteer to count monthly meal money or deliver meals, please contact Andrea.

b) **New Beginnings Social Feedback**

The committee met at the end of August to fill the gift bags with community information and small welcome gifts. On the first day of school, new families were invited to the library for cookies, coffee, and an opportunity to be welcomed by School Council members. A member of School Council also greeted every kindergarten family during each staggered start for students. If you have any feedback, please contact Sheila.

c) **Meeting Dates**

The meeting dates for the remainder of the year are as follows:

October 15 - 7:00 p.m.

November 5 - 1:00 p.m.

January 14 - 7:00 p.m.

February 11 - 7:00 p.m.

March - no meeting

April 14 - 7:00 p.m.

May - no meeting

June 9 - 6:00 p.m. (potluck).

d) Parent Engagement Task Force

If you are willing to act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors for the Alberta School Councils Association, please contact Lynn for the link that is required. The deadline to submit your name is September 30th.

e) Volunteer Form

The parent volunteer form was sent home with students and due back to the school on September 11th. Once all of the forms have been received, the names and contact information will be forwarded to committee coordinators. Committee coordinators are responsible to contact volunteers and ensure contact information is correct. Volunteers will then be contacted again just prior to the event they signed up for.

f) Safe and Caring Kids

No report was given.

7) New Business

a) Calendar of Events

The calendar of events for School Council was presented and reviewed. If there are any events that need to be included, please contact Sheila.

b) Committee Coordinators

If you are interested in becoming a coordinator for a School Council committee please contact Sheila. Once all of the volunteer forms have been collected, a meeting will be organized with all of the committee coordinators.

c) Parent Workshop

School Council has sponsored two previous workshops on technology and is considering offering the third in the series. Sheila will look into some possible dates, costs and some additional topics that may be of interest to OES families.

8) Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9) Adjournment: **Sheila moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:49pm. Andrea seconds. All in favour. Carried.**