

School Council Meeting

October 15, 2015

In attendance: Lynn Shabada, Karen Seinen, Lorrie Hafermehl, Kerry Fegyverneki, Lori Bell, Sheila Albertson, Angela Lal, Sharla Townsend, Tana Silva, Mina Sheppard (10)

1. Called to order: Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Sheila.
2. Additions/Deletions: None were presented.
3. Adoption of Agenda: **Karen moves to accept the agenda as presented. Koren seconds. All in favour. Carried.**
4. Minutes: **Koren moves to accept the minutes as posted. Mina seconds. All in favour. Carried.**
5. Reports:
 - a) Administrator's Report:
 - i. Staffing
We would like to welcome to the staff Jody Galliford, who has been hired to work in play school, as an Educational Assistant in the PUF program.
 - ii. Dare to Care
There will be Dare to Care break-out sessions on January 25 and 26 for students in grades 5-7. During these break-out sessions, students will work in small groups in the gym with a facilitator to discuss bullying. If you are interested in being a group facilitator during any of the break-out sessions, please contact Lynn.
Lynn moves that School Council pay \$400.00 to cover the cost of the Dare to Care parent workshop held in September. Angela seconds. All in favour. Carried.
 - iii. Professional Development and Planning Day
On October 9, teachers participated in a professional development day at the school. In the morning, K-2 teachers worked with Lynn analyzing apps for the iPad and determining which apps would be useful in supporting effective strategies in language arts. Grade 3-7 teachers worked in the morning with Lori, along with the Director of Information Technology from Northern Gateway, learning about Google classroom. In the afternoon, staff members worked on data analysis, reviewing the satisfaction surveys, student surveys and the Provincial Achievement Test results.
 - iv. Student Learning Assessments
The Student Learning Assessments are in the second year of the pilot and have replaced the provincial achievement tests in grade 3. Students write the tests in September so that teachers have data they can use to assist them in identifying student strengths and weaknesses when planning for the year.
 - v. Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews
Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on October 21 and 22 and if you have not yet booked an interview, please follow the link on the school website to confirm a time slot.

vi. Paper Costs

The cost of paper for the bright green monthly meal form is \$50.00 for 500 sheets. Pastel colours and white paper is considerably less expensive so School Council will change monthly meal forms and other correspondence to two different pastel colours. **Lynn moves that School Council pay up to \$200.00 to purchase two boxes of different coloured pastel paper for School Council and Monthly Meal business. Karen seconds. All in favour. Carried.**

b. Treasurer's Report

i) Financial Review (up to May 31, 2015) – completed by Pam Lyttle

Receipts	Disbursements
\$6,600 Alberta Foundation for the Arts Grant	\$7,700 Artist in Residence
\$2,130 Family Dance	\$218 Bank Charges
\$290 Medicine Wheel Books	\$280 Bus Driver Appreciation
\$13,086 Monthly Meals	\$2,383 Choir Clothing
\$7,638 Spell-a-thon	\$1,501 Family Dance
\$6,352 Spirit Wear	\$553 Liability Insurance
\$147 Sports Day	\$308 Medicine Wheel Books
\$800 Write On Stationary	\$11,385 Monthly Meals
	\$328 New Beginnings Social
	\$313 Office Supplies
	\$1,826 Parent Sessions
	\$2,014 Safe and Caring
	\$500 Spell-a-thon
	\$6,984 Spirit Wear
	\$922 Sports Day
	\$486 Teacher Appreciation
Total Receipts \$37,043	Total Disbursements \$37,701

Sheila moves to accept the review as presented by Koren. Mina seconds. All in favour. Carried.

ii) Monthly Treasurer's report

Previous Balance: \$21,542.44

Current Balance: \$22,296.57

September Deposits	September Expenditures
\$763.59 Write On Stationary	\$ 25.20 New Beginnings Social
\$20.00 OES Spirit Wear	\$ 4.26 Bank Service Charges

September Deposits	September Expenditures
Total Deposits: \$783.59	Total Expenditures: \$29.46

Sheila moves to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. Sharla seconds. All in favour. Carried.

c) Fundraising Report: presented by Sheila

i) Terry Fox

Terry Fox money was counted and the total raised was \$4,039.77. The class that raised the most money will receive their name on a plaque.

ii) Spirit Wear

An order form for OES Spirit Wear will go home with students. This year black sweatpants will also be offered. Prices have gone up slightly this year so T-shirts will be \$17.00, Hoodies \$35.00 and sweatpants will be \$25.00, including GST. Spirit wear can be personalized with a student name for an additional \$6.00. A minimum of 25 of each item will need to be sold to complete the order. School Council will set up at SPTIs with a sizing kit to accept orders. If you can help in the evening on October 21 or 22 to accept orders, please contact Sheila.

iii) Family Dance

Mina is the committee coordinator this year for the family dance, which will take place on February 11, 2016.

Mina moves that School Council apply for a FCSS grant by November 1, to cover the costs of the dance. Sharla seconds. All in favour. Carried.

iv) Baskets/Front Row Raffle

Lorrie moves to apply for eligibility for a raffle license from AGLC. Angela seconds. All in favour. Carried.

School Council would like to host a basket raffle at the two Christmas concerts. Each class would be responsible for collecting items to fill a basket with a specific theme. Raffle tickets would be sold and the winner of each basket would be announced at the concerts. One of the baskets could contain a prize for front row seats to the concert. The profits from the fundraiser would be used for playground beautification.

d) Trustee Report: Prepared by Terry Slemko and presented by Sheila.

i. The following people were recognized at the annual Appreciation Night in Whitecourt on October 2.

5 year award Norman Lefebvre

 Kelly Ranta

10 year award Tracey Brown

15 year award Lynette Hailes

	Michele Hetherington
	Soraya Malik
	Liane Wenckowski
20 year award	Lori Bell
30 year award	Lynn Shabada
Retiree	Debbie Clarke
Memorial	Laura Lloyd

- ii. There will be a gathering for School Councils on Thursday, October 29 from 10:00-2:00 at Whitecourt Central School.
- iii. A by-election will be held in Valleyview on November 30 to replace school trustee Beverly Smith.
- iv. The total number of students in Northern Gateway on September 30, 2014 was 5,009 and the total number on September 30, 2015 was 4,959.
- v. The total number of staff in Northern Gateway on September 30, 2015 was 138.5262 support staff and 268.8113 teachers.
- vi. There was some discussion at the last school board meeting about the grade configurations of the schools in our area. Some input was requested from the parents at the School Council meeting.

6) Old Business:

a) Monthly Meal Program

The first monthly meal of the school year will be held on Friday, October 23 from Edo. A complete schedule for the year will be available by the next School Council meeting.

Sheila moves that we pay up to \$5.00 per meal, as per ordered, for monthly meals upon receipt of invoice. Angela seconds. All in favour. Carried.

b) Donation Acknowledgement Committee

Lori, Sheila, Koren, Mina, Lorrie and Tana volunteered to meet together to review the material and set standards for donation recognition.

c) Volunteer Coordinators

This year the coordinators for the committees will be as follows:

- Mina – Staff appreciation, Family dance
- Sheila – Spell-a-thon, Fundraising Society
- Karen – School Supplies
- Catherine – Parent Workshops
- Angela – Safe and Caring
- Andrea – Hot Lunch, Sport’s Day Lunch
- Felicia – Campbell Soup Labels
- Jodi – Bus Driver Appreciation
- Kerry – Grade 7 Service Award, Grant Writing

We appreciate all of the people that have signed up to work on each of these committees and the coordinators will be responsible for contacting each of the

volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering as a coordinator for the New Beginnings Social or for assisting on any of the committees, please contact Sheila.

Lynn moves that School Council spend up to \$50.00 on a memory stick to keep School Council records on. Lynn amends her motion to spend up to \$100.00 on an external drive. Mina seconds. All in favour. Carried.

7) New Business

None was presented.

8) Correspondence

If you are interested in attending the School Council gathering in Whitecourt on October 29 from 10:00-2:00, please RSVP to Lynn.

9) Adjournment: **Sheila moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Kerry seconds. All in favour. Carried.**