

School Council Meeting

January 12, 2017

In attendance: Karen Seinen, Kerry Fegyverneki, Sheila Albertson, Jody Beck, Stephanie Damery, Jodi Dombroski, Pam Lyttle, Lorrie Hafermehl, Michele Shera, Terry Slemko, Catherine Bennett (11)

1. Called to order: Called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Sheila.
2. Additions/Deletions: Sheila added Ski Boots and Tell Them From Me Survey under New Business and moved Treasurer Position from New Business to under Treasurer Report.
3. Adoption of Agenda: **Sheila moves to accept the agenda as amended. Michelle seconds. All in favour. Carried.**
4. Minutes: **Michelle moves to accept the minutes as posted. Pam seconds. All in favour. Carried.**
5. Reports:
 - a) Administrator's Report:
 - i) Staffing
Shannon Brushey resigned her position as of December 16, 2016. Her position was advertised and Renata Surcan was the successful applicant. To fill Renata's position, a Secretary/Receptionist has been advertised and interviews will take place next week. A full-time educational assistant position has also been advertised and closes on January 16, 2017.
 - ii) Staff Planning and Development
The staff at OES took part in a planning and development day on Friday, December 2. For part of the day, staff took part in an interactive history of Canada, involving representatives from Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation. Also, for part of the day strategies from Derek Peterson were reviewed about building resilient students by developing anchors for students and a sense of belonging.
 - iii) Celebration of Learning
Teachers will design a Celebration of Learning that fits the following criteria:
 - Showcases authentic student learning, based on outcomes
 - Reflects student voice
 - Involves parents and community
 - Takes place before the end of June
 - b) Trustee Report
 - Discussion continues at the Board level to reduce the number of trustees from nine to seven.
 - The Accountability Pillar is the government report card for schools. It includes test results and various survey results. Surveys that will be included are: Our School Survey for all students between grades 4-12, Accountability Pillar survey for

teachers, and the Accountability Pillar survey for parents and students in grades 4, 7 and 10. The closing date is February 24.

- Meetings and discussions continue with Alberta Education in regard to the \$35 million new school build in Valleyview.
- The carbon tax will adversely affect Northern Gateway in two areas: operations and maintenance (approximately \$80,000 annually), student transportation (approximately \$47,000 annually).
- A common joint use agreement for all schools will be drafted in early 2017.
- A Northern Gateway Public Schools sign will soon be erected along Highway 43 – a kilometer north of the RaceTrac service station.
- All schools in Northern Gateway presented their Results Review to the Board in November.
- Electoral Boundaries Commission is seeking input in regards to redrawing the Alberta’s constituency map and the 87 electoral constituencies.
- The four outreach schools in Northern Gateway have been renamed: Gateway Academy Valleyview #1157, Gateway Academy Fox Creek #1389, Gateway Academy Whitecourt #1552, Gateway Academy Onoway #1551.
- Enrolment in Northern Gateway from September 30 to December 31, 2016 has increased by 5.5 students.

c) Treasurer’s Report

i) Monthly Treasurer’s report

Previous Balance: \$30,338.46

Current Balance: \$19,355.00

November Deposits	November Expenditures
\$185.00 La Montagne Fundraiser	\$546.93 Safe and Caring
	\$4.57 Bank Service Charges
	\$459.90 Monthly Meals
	\$1,369.50 Terry Fox
	\$750.00 FCSS Grant
	\$100.30 Misc. School Council Expenses
	\$2,845.38 Spirit Wear
	\$5,091.88 La Montagne
Total Deposits: \$185.00	Total Expenditures: \$11,168.46

Previous Balance: \$19,355.00

Current Balance: \$27,301.19

December Deposits	December Expenditures
\$9,479.15 Monthly Meals	\$74.46 Bank Service Charges
\$882.75 FCSS Grant	\$3,686.29 Monthly Meals
\$82.00 Spirit Wear	\$1,450.00 FCSS Grant
\$2,864.75 Christmas Raffle	\$219.71 Christmas Concert Raffle
\$68.00 La Montagne Fundraiser	
Total Deposits: \$13,376.65	Total Expenditures: \$5,430.46

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

ii) Treasurer Position

Koren is moving and has resigned her position as Treasurer for School Council. A big thank you to Koren for her dedication and commitment to School Council!

Sheila moves to appoint Pam as treasurer for the remaining term until the elections at the June 2017 meeting. Karen seconds. All in favour. Carried.

Karen moves to spend \$50.00 on a gift of appreciation for Koren. Sheila seconds. All in favour. Carried.

a. Fundraising Report: presented by Sheila

i) Fundraising Event

- La Montagne

The La Montagne fundraiser had 224 sellers from OES that sold a total of 975 units. We sold a total of \$14,284.00 and made a profit of \$6,477.12. A few of the backordered items are no longer available so the money will be refunded.

- Basket Raffle

We spent \$219.74 on supplies and made a profit of \$2,645.00 on the raffle tickets. All of the baskets were claimed on the night of each concert.

ii) School Supplies

- School Start

A company called School Start has contacted School Council about providing school supplies for the beginning of school for students that place orders. After discussion, School Council will continue to use Write-On Stationary to provide school supplies for student orders.

iii) Spell-a-thon

- Prize

The Spell-a-thon will take place on April 10 and pledge money will be due on April 24. The student in the school that collects the most money in pledges will receive a mini iPad with a case. The class that raises the most money, excluding the amount raised by the top earner, will receive an ice cream sundae party. The student in each class that raises the most money in pledges will receive a \$10.00 gift certificate to Landmark Theatre or the Tri Leisure Centre.

Sheila moves to spend the money from allocated funds for the Spellathon prizes. Pam seconds. All in favour. Carried.

iv) Grant Writing

- ATB Grant

The ATB Grant application could be completed to apply for funds for the playground. Kerry and Sheila are willing to work together on the application.

- Artist in Residence

Kerry and Sheila are willing to work together on the Artist in Residence Application. If you are also interested in working on one of the grants, please contact either Sheila or Kerry.

v) Monthly Meal

- Turkey Dinner

Thank you to everyone involved in the turkey dinner. The dinner was a big success! A thank you card was received from the seniors.

- Bulletin

A thank you went into the bulletin to acknowledge the sponsors for the turkey dinner.

Sheila moves to pay the Bulletin \$110.25 out of hot lunch funds, to cover the cost of the advertisement. Lorrie seconds. All in favour. Carried.

vi) Spirit Wear – no report given.

vii) Family Dance

- New Committee Head

Mina is no longer able to be the committee head for the family dance. If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact Sheila.

The planned date for the dance is February 24. The DJ has been booked and the glow bands and prizes have already been purchased. The concession food would still need to be ordered and volunteers would need to be organized for the night of the dance.

Sheila moves that if a committee head is not selected by January 20, then she will contact the DJ to find an alternate date for the dance. Jodi seconds. All in favour. Carried.

e) School Council Business

- i) Bus Driver and Custodian Appreciation – no report given.
- ii) Staff Appreciation – no report given.
- iii) Safe and Caring – no report given.
- iv) Parent Workshops – no report given.
- v) Grade 7 Service Award – no report given.
- vi) Tarmac Painting – no report given.
- vii) Terry Fox Run – no report given.
- viii) New Beginnings Social – no report given.
- ix) Winter Carnival – motion for expenditures.

If you are willing to volunteer to assist with the carnival, please contact Sheila. The carnival will take place on Monday, January 30. Hot chocolate and hot dogs will be provided that day. Jodi will supply the straw bales for the event.

Sheila moves to expend \$882.75 from the grant money received from the town to pay the Canadian Maple Sugar Shack. Lorrie seconds. All in favour. Carried.

Sheila moves to spend up to \$50.00 on supplies for the Winter Carnival. Catherine seconds. All in favour. Carried.

6) New Business

- a) ATB Bank Account

Sheila moves to close our bank account with CIBC and transfer our funds to a new account at ATB in Onoway. Pam Lyttle, Sheila Albertson, Kerry Fegyverneki and Lorrie Hafermehl will have signing authority and Koren and Pam will provide a paper copy of the minutes to ATB to show proof of transfer. Catherine seconds. All in favour. Carried.

- b) Insurance

Sheila moves to pay NGRD \$558.83 for our insurance. Karen seconds. All in favour. Carried.

- c) Cross country skis

Catherine will approach the teachers instructing the after school cross country ski club, to find out if there are some ski boots and/or skis that need repairing and report back to School Council.

- d) Tell Them From Me Survey

Mrs. Damery, Mrs. Beck and Mr. MacEachran are the school coordinators for the survey. The survey will be completed at the school on February 6-8.

7) Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

- 8) Adjournment: **Sheila moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Karen seconds. All in favour. Carried.**