

Schuler School Council - General Meeting

April 12, 2021 7 P.M. Virtually

Attendance:

Kara E, Kerry W, Danielle M, Cathy H, Jacquie N, Chelsi B, Jen D, Jenn B, Nancy S, Jenn Z, Dawn S (via telephone)

Call to Order: 7:01pm

Meetings, when held virtually, will be recorded for transparency, auditing and accuracy of minutes - no objections by those in attendance

Discussion regarding “in-camera” /“closed camera” where no minutes are taken and video is turned off - this needs to be looked into as it relates to School Councils

We currently have not been making motions and voting for approval of agendas and minutes and this needs to be done to carry them forward. As well as decisions need to be motioned and approved by majority this will be addressed in more detail during the Fundraising Association meeting that is to follow.

Kara reviewed etiquette and encourage all to be respectful of opinions shared during meetings.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of agenda: Chelsi B motioned to have the agenda adopted as presented
All in favour

2. Approval of Minutes

Adoption of minutes: Nancy S motioned to approve the minutes from March 15, 2021
All in favour

Minutes are currently not being read out loud at meetings and are being emailed to all members for review. All in attendance fine with minutes continued to be emailed only and not read at meeting

3. Business Arising from Minutes:

a) Year end party

- Kerry will discuss with staff at next meeting and will approach council with ideas
- COIVD restrictions will need to followed

4. Principals Report: Kerry Watson

a) Hot Lunch

- Thank You for the Shevy's pizza hot lunch

b) Easter Activities

- students participated in a scavenger hunt and coloured eggs

c) Ab Education Assurance Survey

- staff, parents and students of Gr. 4-9 are asked to complete
- information including access codes have been mailed out
- a council member voiced concern having not received one contact information to be provided to member to follow up

d) PRSD Assurance Survey

- staff discussed outcomes during the last SI Day
- Increase CTF classes Gr 5-9
- Increase communication with parents
- changes to be put on hold for now due to changes in staffing

e) School Review

- report not provided to staff by PRSD yet

f) Change in Staffing

- Kerry has accepted a Vice Principle position at Irvine school and Jacquie Noerenberg will be retiring this year
- Danika Resch will be moving to the Gr 1/2 class
- both Principle and Teacher positions have been posted
- Jacquie has been a teacher for 35years and 30 of those years has been at Schuler School
- She will be greatly missed. Thank You Jacquie for all you have done for Schuler School

g) Virtual Reality

- Gr 3-8 students had the opportunity to use Virtual Reality goggles
- Gr 3-4 got to look inside of the human ear
- Gr 7-8 looked at forces of nature

April 26 - SI Day - No School

May 9 - Mother's Day staff will discuss activities to take place

May 11-13 - Party Program Gr 9 (virtually)

May 31 - Farm Safety Day (virtually)

June 18 - Gr 9 Farewell

5. Teacher presentation: Jacquie Noerenberg

- Writing and Reading is the main focus in her Gr1/2 class as it is very important
- Students spend time reading the highly recommended book "Big Blue Book of Beginner Books" this is a wonderful book for younger kids
- Students have been learning about story structures and have focused on circle stories: stories that start in one spot and ends in the same spot
- Reading the book "Its Not Easy Being a Bunny"
- Students are working on activities to model circle stories
- an example was read
- Students have also been learning about purposeful writing
- Students completed an exercise about their favourite part of Spring first coming up with ideas and then writing
- completed sentences were written on postcards and sent to Seniors Facilities

6. Trustees Report: Cathy Hogg

- a) COVID 19 Update
 - most up to date information is on the PRSD website
- b) AB Education Curriculum draft - see New Business
- c) ASCA Conference - see New Business
- d) PRSD Board Meetings
 - Cathy inquired if parents would be more likely to attend meetings if they were in the evenings and some parents expressed interest
 - Next meeting is tomorrow April 13

7. New Business:

- a) COVID 19 Update
 - Rapid Testing in schools
 - currently no information regarding this
 - concerns regarding parental consent
- b) Alberta Ed. draft curriculum
 - PRSD will be taking a solution focused approach and will create four working groups to dissect the curriculum draft and report feedback/recommendations to Ab Education
 - Danika Resch will be participating in a working group
 - PRSD is also happy to receive feedback from the community/parents who have concerns
 - concerns should be sent to: PRSD, MLA, Premier, Cabinet, Education Minister
 - concerns regarding timing of new curriculum during a pandemic
- c) Education Minister response to letter of support to ASCA
 - Kara read the response letter and will send copies of both letter sent by council and received by the Minister
 - discussion regarding the disappointment with the funding cut. ASCA provides a lot of support and guidance to School Councils which are mandated by AB Education
 - Danielle wanted to thank those involved who wrote the letters of support to ASCA
- d) ASCA support email
 - Kara received an email request from ASCA asking for a short video or pictures that answers the following questions 1) How does council improve student success and 2) How does ASCA help to support council
 - Jenn B has agreed to organize some photo examples to send to ASCA and will work with Janice to ensure FOIP is adhered to
- e) Principal and teacher openings within the school
 - in the past PRSD has asked parents for input
 - Kal Koch should be reaching out to Kara regarding this
 - Kara will let Kal know of parent interest to provide feedback regarding the filing of positions at the school
- f) ASCA conference April 23-25. Open to any school council members. Must pre-register.
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/177679>
 - Kara has expressed interest in attending and PRSD will cover her registration fee

8. Business from the floor:

a) Volunteering

- anyone who volunteers for a project please remember to follow through with task
please only complete projects that you have volunteered for

9. Next regular meeting: May 17, 2021 at 7pm

10. Adjournment: Nancy S motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:14
All in favour