

Lorne Akins Junior High School

School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 8, 2016, 7:00pm

Attendance: Graham Jackson, Dan Wiles, Sue Havertape, Donna Nilsson, Cheryl Dumont, Lisa Buchanan, Cathy Lamoureux, Sally Rudakoff, Roger Scott

- 1.0 Approval of the Agenda: Added New Business, 7.3 COSC Report, Donna Nilsson. Motion-Roger Scott. Second-Donna Nilsson
- 2.0 Adoption of the October 18, 2016 minutes: Motion-Donna Nilsson. Second-Dan Wiles
- 3.0 Healthy Eating, Healthy Living (Lisa Buchanan)
Lisa has been running the Lorne Akins concession for 3 years, and is working to provide healthier concession options for our students. Lisa is asking for input and suggestions from parents & students for healthy, nutritious options, that are liked by students and hoping that council will assist with this.
Currently available are chips, chocolate, freezies, pizzas, pizza pops, apples, soup, noodles, veggie bags, muffins. Fridays, "Candy Bag Day".
Restaurants re. being involved with the school. All ordering and payments is done electronically, and families can order for the whole school year.
Information from Lisa to the parents will be on the school website with a link to the form for Healthy Hunger.
- 4.0 Teacher of the Month (Sally Rudakoff)
Coding in the Classroom
Coding is mandatory in BC and NS for K-12 students. Children have been shown to be able to code before they can read, starting with "drag & drop", and moving on to more difficult concepts. Coding can be used in any class and any subject. Sally provided iPads for all council members to use, and experience the types of exercises available for students, via a website. Examples such as Minecraft coding games (see attached sheet, "Coding in the Classroom"), were demonstrated.
Cheryl Dumont-St. Albert board pushing for coding to be included in curriculum for AB.
- 5.0 District Initiatives and Policies (Cheryl Dumont)
See attached sheet.
B7: "Provincial Test Results" are available on School Board website. Excellent results, and excellent participation rate.
- 6.0 L.A. Happenings (Graham Jackson)-See attached sheet (emailed to attendees after meeting)
Breakfast for Learning and Appetite to Achieve (AA). Juice boxes and granola bars placed on table today and all were gone. Concession punch cards to be considered.

A new shed for storage of gym equipment is to be constructed. All mats etc. removed from stage in gym to allow for new bleacher seating for spectators.

Discussion of continued PowerSchool problems in creating report cards.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Stakeholder Workshop, attendees encouraged to invite new reps. To attend, as always same parents. No reps selected at this time.

7.2 Thought Exchange, deadline for participation November 11. Responses to 4 questions in preparation for 10,000 students. Currently at 8,100.

shareyourthoughts.at.spschools.org@email.thoughtexchange.com

COSC Report (Donna Nilsson) regarding possibility of Dr. Phil McCrae presentation at the Arden theatre. Recommended Dr. Michael Rich for larger presentation. Will be presenting "Growing up Digital" at Fantasyland Hotel, March, 2017. District will be given the opportunity to purchase 14 tables, and each school council will be given 10 tickets, with the opportunity to buy more at \$15 each if desired. Unfortunately, will clash with Casino Night on March 2 & 3, 2017 (Roger Scott).

7.3 Additional handouts (Graham Jackson): "Brain Foods Your Kids Need", and "Why are Teenagers So Sleep- Deprived?"

Stress and Anxiety in Children Workshop, December 1, 2016. Filled up very quickly last time. Link for registration emailed to council members after meeting.

8.0 Topics for Future Meetings (Graham Jackson)

- December: Adolescent onset mental health conditions
- January: Parenting an adolescent-schools and homes

9.0 Next meeting Tuesday December 20, 2016. Adjournment 8:20pm.