

Lorne Akins Junior High School

School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 17, 2017, 7:00pm

Attendance: Graham Jackson, Dan Wiles, Heather Jeffery, Sue Havertape, Cheryl Dumont, Roger Scott, Sheena Priddle

Regrets: Donna Nilsson

- 1.0 Approval of the Agenda: Motion-Roger Scott, second-Sue Havertape
- 2.0 Adoption of the November 8, 2016 minutes: Motion-Dan Wiles, second-Heather Jeffery
- 3.0 Teacher of the Month (Sheena Priddle)

Sheena Priddle, art teacher at Lorne Akins. Council members and guests were given a tour of the art room, then the topic of marbling was explained and everyone participated in the process, creating a marbling piece. Images were already created in ink for the purposes of time, but usually students first create their image, then the marbling process involves covering the image with shaving cream, swirled with 2-3 colours from the colour wheel. The shaving cream is then scraped off, leaving the image with a beautiful colourful marbling effect. Sheena explained the importance of knowing the colour wheel, and choosing colours in the same section, so that the end product is a good colour mix, not a purple/brown sludge colour.

Sheena also talked about her monthly art challenge for all students, and the prizes that the winning students can receive for participating. The school instagram site was presented, as was Artsonia, a website where art student pieces and projects are posted by the teacher and families can sign up and view. Families who create an account can also add email addresses for other friends or family members to be notified when the student has new artwork posted. A great way to keep family and friends aware of what the student is doing in art. Artsonia also has a store, with products to order with a student's artwork on, and a percentage goes back to the school when orders are made. They also have monthly competitions for best pieces, and viewers/students vote. A prize is awarded to the winner.
- 4.0 District Initiatives and Policies (Cheryl Dumont)

The Kindergarten Fair was held at Bellerose High School, with a different set-up this year. All booths and displays were on the lower floor, and session/programs on the upper floor. There seemed to be a much better flow. It was estimated that at least 350 potential kindergarten children attended.

January 31 is the Stakeholder workshop from 9:00-noon. The student engagement team, consisting of 2 junior high students, 3 high school students meet twice a year, and will be meeting for the second time in May. The goal is to get a broader base of students, leading up to the student conference. Surveys will be sent out in April and information gathered for the conference presentation topics.

There have been some revamped policies; District Missions and Beliefs-not done in 7 years. It is a 6-week process so all stakeholders can comment. Also, the Welcoming,

Caring, Safe and Respectful Environment policy. New policies include the Trustee Code of Ethics, Role of Superintendent, Administrative Regulations, with a Feb 8 deadline for comment, and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Programming, with a deadline of March 9.

A draft has been completed for the 3-year Metee Education Plan, with input from the Wisdom and Guidance Committee. The goal is to make sure indigenous students are doing as well a non-indigenous, and to help families feel comfortable. The purpose is to answer "call to action" regarding education in the indigenous population. Our school district sits on territory 6 land, a community started by Metee people. Of our 8000-student body, 500 are indigenous, and the non-indigenous need help to understand the history to strengthen educational success.

New fees were passed. Full day kindergarten fees passed, with government funding for half days. For the full day kindergarten program, curriculum is taught for half the day, and enrichment for the other half, so half day children don't miss out on curriculum. Certificates of recognition; December WD Cuts, January, 2 football coaches (Chad Hill and Rod Strucker-PKHS, and BCHS)

Discussion of government funding and the fact that it doesn't go towards building maintenance. This needs to be considered as our school buildings are getting older. Site allocation committee has been notified of the need for a new public high school. Twenty acres in the city is required.

5.0 LA Happenings (Graham Jackson)-See attached blue calendar for January/February

-Sexual Orientation Policy

-VTRA (violent threat risk affect)

Administration and counsellors are in the committee for these two policies.

Grade 9 science exam is the last day of school.

6.0 New Business

6.1 APPLE Day (Dan Wiles)

January 27, packages sent home today.

6.2 Excellence in Teaching Awards (Dan Wiles), deadline for nominations, March 4.

6.3 TTFM (Tell Them from Me) surveys (Graham Jackson), all students, 3 MC questions specific to Lorne Akins, Results will be shared with parents. Will be done online in school.

6.4 Parenting an adolescent-schools and homes (Graham Jackson)

Recommended reading-Chick Mormon, Core Principles in Parenting, and 3 hand-outs (see attached)

7.0 Topics for Future Meetings (G. Jackson)

Discussion of risky behaviour topics, including drugs, alcohol, self harm. Discussion of guest speaker. Graham suggested Sue Huff (Fentanyl)

8.0 Adjournment (Heather Jeffery) Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Next meeting Tuesday February 14, 2017 at 7:00pm

