

**Lorne Akins Junior High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 10, 2015**

Attendees:

Loretta Manning, Dan Wiles, Sheri Wright, Sue Havertape, Mary Anne Fehlberg, Cst. Jennifer Fraser, Ken Bishop, Roger Scott, Danielle Moffat, Mike Olsson

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion to Approve – Dan Wiles
Second – Ken Bishop

2.0 Approval of the Minutes from January 21, 2015

Motion to Approve – Mike Olsson
Second – Dan Wiles

3.0 District Initiatives

- Stakeholder's workshop was a big success. Two groups of parents, 1 each student's, teachers, administrators and support staff.
- Valuable feedback to the district, compiled into a report to be shared.
- Met with Ministers of Education and met with Chair and Superintendent
He had questions:
 - Inspiring Education – district literacy focus and moving into numeracy.
 - Program Accommodations: we need the 2 schools promised and a future high school.
 - Government budget crisis – 7 billion dollar short fall.
 - Money for planning of K-9 school is already in the budget.
 - We will find out more with the Provincial budget in March.
 - Hoping for no funding cuts.
 - Teachers are due for a 2% increase after 3 years of 0%.
 - Capital region caucus meeting with Stephen Khan who is very knowledgeable about St. Albert issues.
 - Long Service Awards coming up.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Role of the R.C.M.P. School Resource Officer (Cst. Jennifer Fraser, R.C.M.P. Liason)

- Getting to know students to create trust and act as a role model, while working closely with administration.
- Can help with issues and provide education more than enforcement.
- Spending time in the building and participating in activities.
- Helping with our Internet Integrity day and Gr. 8 Drug Awareness presentations.
- Comes from a perspective of caring and safety.

4.2 Teacher of the Month (Ken Bishop)

- Ken has been at Lorne Akins for 15 years teaching Science, Outdoor Ed, P.E. and is the new IA Department head.
- Enjoys the different classroom environment that Industrial Arts provides,
- A huge variety of projects that provide students with the opportunity to learn different skills.

4.3 Information Received about Alberta School Council's Association Awards

- Awards program, nomination forms available on the website, deadline Feb 28th

5.0 LA Happenings: See Handout

6.0 Information Items

6.1 Program Accommodations (L. Manning)

-The announcement of the new elementary for Sept 2016 and 4 portables for fall 2015 means Global Junior High students from ES GISH will be able to stay there for junior high.

6.2 Registration Processes 2015-16 (D. Wiles)

- Grade 6's before Spring Break.
- Current Gr. 7 & 8's after Spring Break.
- Strongly encourage students to make their option choices carefully.
- Their choices have a big impact on the number of sections of options in the timetable and staffing.
- In the fall the option blocks are tight and there isn't much movement available.

7.0 Topics for Future Meetings

7.1 Role of the School Health Nurse – March Meeting (Rebecca Muntean)

8.0 Adjournment

****Next School Council Meeting March 10th at 7:00 p.m. ****