

# Lorne Akins Junior High School

## School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 18, 2016, 7:00pm

**Attendance:** Graham Jackson, Dan Wiles, Heather Jeffery, Sue Havertape, Wendy Jennings, Donna Nilsson, Cheryl Dumont

- 1.0 Call to order. Welcome and introduction to Lorne Akins School Council (G. Jackson)
- 2.0 Approval of the Agenda: Motion-Donna Nilsson, second-Sue Havertape
- 3.0 Adoption of the April 12, 2016 minutes: Motion-Dan Wiles, second-Sue Havertape
- 4.0 Annual General Meeting (D. Wiles)
  - 4.1 Election of school council chair (Heather Jeffery), and recording secretary (Sue Havertape)
  - 4.2 Election of 2 parent officers (Donna Nilsson)
  - 4.3 Election of teacher representative (rotating monthly)
  - 4.4 Election/appointment of community school representative (Roger Scott)
- 5.0 District Initiatives and Policies (C. Dumont)

Invitation to everyone extended to St. Albert school board meetings, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. Agenda is posted in the Saturday St. Albert Gazette. Number of board policies has been reduced, and new board policies will be circulated soon.

**Meeting with the minister** of education in early September. Everything going very well in St. Albert School District. Shortage of available school sites. Need for a high school, 2.6% overall growth in the past year.

**Breakfast for Learning** has not provided funding to St. Albert schools for the last 3 years due to the means test not being met. Looking for other sponsors. Saint City Rotary has donated \$5, 000 each year for the next 3 years, to an initiative "Appetite for Learning".

**Board Strategies** -key messages. Transition 10,000,  
*Engage stake holders and wider community*, stakeholder workshops will continue. Year-end stakeholder engagement report.

*Educate community re. future planning*. "Thought Exchange" to be initiated with broader community re. areas going well, and not so well. Ideas brought forward will be sent out in follow-up email for public view and comment.

*Celebrate student voice*-student advisory meetings (2/year) will continue, next meeting Nov. 7. Feb./Mar. Student engagement team, made up of junior and senior high students. March-surveys. April-Student conference, 100 students to review results from surveys.

*Celebrate staff*.

- Regional Collaborative Service Delivery Team Report**, covers 4 different areas including mental health therapy, and speech and language occupational therapy.
- First Nations (Inuit & Metis) students.** Wisdom and Guidance Committee (covers use of land etc.). St. Albert First Nations students do well academically, compared with across the nation, but not as well as non-first nations students in St. Albert. Youtube video of First Aboriginal Day Celebration, held in June at Sir George Simpson JH.
- 6.0 LA Happenings (G. Jackson, see green sheet)
- PEERS.** Grade 7s, Ways to make friends at a new school. Do's and "Doo-doo's" (don't do these things). See attached sheet.
- PowerSchool**-plans to include communications, homework, daily bulletin.
- National Post** article. Creating a Compassionate Classroom.
- Discussion of upcoming Rob Nash presentation, Feb. 7, and sharing with other schools (Donna Nilsson).
- 7.0 Teacher of the Month (W. Jennings), social studies, PE, and coordination of:
- GLS-Gator Learning Support.** Available to all grades. Extra help in organization, test taking, assignments. Students identified by core teachers. Communication with parents. Students attend GLS every 2<sup>nd</sup> option class. Two staff work with each grade. Wendy Jennings works with grade 9s. Seven students last year. Flexibility with grade 9 students. Doesn't affect option mark.
- No ILP students.
- Gator Catchup.** Tues. & Thurs. at lunch. Forms given to students by teacher to attend. Time for homework, assignments, writing tests, and a quiet place to work.
- 8.0 Topics for Future Meetings (G. Jackson)
- November-Healthy bodies/technology and physical and mental change  
(*Discussion of technology/Phil McCrae, integration of coding into the curriculum-trustees investigating*)
- December-Adolescent onset mental health conditions
- January-Parenting an adolescent-schools and homes
- 9.0 Adjournment (H. Jeffery) 8:30. Next meeting Tuesday November 8, 2016, 7:00pm.