

Lorne Akins Junior High School  
School Council Meeting  
Tuesday November 17, 2015  
7pm

**1.0 Adoption of the Agenda**

S. Havertape

- Agenda adopted by C. Hayes and MA Fehlberg

**2.0 Approval of the Oct 20 Minutes**

S. Havertape

- Minutes Approved by C Hayes and D Wiles

**3.0 District Initiatives and Policies**

Trustee Armstrong

- Trustee Armstrong unable to attend, school board update postponed until November meeting

**4.0 Associate Superintendent, Planning & Instruction**

M. Barrett

- Loretta introduced Marianne Barrett who is new to the District
- Curriculum, early education
- Translates direct from Govt for school district
- Program accommodation – manage enrollement, capacity and programming
- See attached draft Policy and Regulations Development F-140 Student Accommodation

**5.0 Teacher of the month**

D. Ferguson

- 18 years with LA
- Language Art teacher. Gator Aid and Chomp Council
- Reading, writing, speaking continuation from elementary
- 25 min and 10 min (at the start of each LA class) compulsory reading every day
- Grammer approach focused from grade 7-9
- \*Grade 7 – story is the focus point of lives, as they advance, research is based on story.
- Biggest change – student have choice with reading, there is a model novel that the teachers use to demonstrate the LA skills. Students can then choose their own novel to work through.
- Grade 7 novel is “Fire Girl”, Grade 8 “Outsiders or Star Girl”, Grade 9 “Empty”
- Stepping up strategies and parts of a Nelson program - Grade 7 – CAB test. Helps identify students that may need extra assistance
- Expository writing used in other subjects such as Social Studies, Science
- Use the reading/comprehesion skills with other subjects
- Teachers have to work on actual reading skills with students – guided reading examples in short stories, novels, poems,
- Questions – How is spelling taught? No spelling books anymore, included novel study
- Texting words usage – lower case, acrynims, phonics, - Reteaching students on correct grammer

## 6.0 L.A. Happenings

L. Manning

- See Attachment

## 7.0 New Business

### 7.1 COSC Meeting

S.Havertape/D. Nilsson

- Breakfast for Learning – the food donations from the Hockey game is donated to the Kinettes Xmas hamper food fundraiser. Could this fundraiser go to support breakfast programs in the District as well as the Kinettes? The Breakfast for Learning national program funding does not go towards any St Albert Schools.
- Some discussion on Board priorities
- Do we participate in and Alberta School Council meetings? School Council Chair can received the information, questionnaires and contribute
- Stakeholders meetings – parents feel that kids are dealing with high stress and anxiety. What resources are available for students and parents? Bring forward at December meeting with School Health Nurse.

### 7.2 Parent/Teacher/Student conferences

L.Manning

- see information from LA Happenings

### 7.3 Power School report card

L. Manning

- Report card template choice not working for teachers
- Current fall report cards have all the information but not in an ideal lay out
- District working to get the issues resolved asap
- Goal would be to have new template ready for role out for Term 2

## 8.0 Topics for Future Meetings

- Role of the School Health Nurse/Mental Health for December 15<sup>th</sup>  
(Sasha Schintzler)

## 9.0 Adjournment

S. Havertape

Adjourned 8:10pm

Next Meeting Dec 15th

### Attendees:

Loretta Manning

Dan Wiles

Chris Hayes

Mary Anne F

Donna Nilson

Darlene Ferguson

Marianne Barrett

Sharleen Edwards

Shauna Beauschesne

Danielle Moffat