

# **Lorne Akins Junior High School**

## **School Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday December 12, 2017, 7:00 pm

### **Attendance:**

Graham Jackson	Dan Wiles	Brad Shmyr	Kim Armstrong
Roger Scott	Kathy Dyrland	Natalie Visscher	Tracy Moric
Darren Moric	Amanda Hargreaves	Steve Hargreaves	

### **1.0 Agenda is adopted as circulated (Heather Jeffery)**

### **2.0 October 17, 2017 minutes adopted as circulated (Heather Jeffery)**

### **3.0 Teacher of The Month (Ian Steinke)**

Sample or new Math PAT to be done without a calculator. New to Grade 9 this year will be 20 questions in 20 minutes. Implemented because of government push for basic number facts. This is new and stressful for kids and teachers. We will be watching to see how students react to the change and monitor struggling. A hand out is given to parents regarding district numeracy goal. Math department is not doing some no calculator math assignments. A comparison of classes basic fact skills and overall Math is provided.

### **4.0 District Initiatives (G. Jackson)**

**4.1** Trustees visiting some schools. Stakeholder workshop will have a slightly different structure. The district is creating a technology lending library. The 2018-2019 calendar is still being discussed. School fees are discussed.

### **4.2 COSC Meeting (H. Jeffery)**

Dates for blanket exercises and discussion about Truth and Reconciliation dates will be distributed at the next meeting. Guest speaker, David Irvine will provide a session for parents information in January

### **4.3 District Initiatives (K. Armstrong)**

No board meetings since last school council meeting. Criteria for new superintendent is being developed. January 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> are the dates presentations of Ed Plans for all the schools will take place. January 31<sup>st</sup> the stakeholders workshop is taking place.

### **5.0 L.A. Happenings (G. Jackson)**

**5.1** See handout

### **6.0 New Business**

#### **6.1 Fundraising Cards**

See the website for more information.

#### **6.2 Charity Hockey & Ringette Game**

The game is on December 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at about 9:30ish. We are trying to include more students with having periods for Grade 7, 8, 9, for both hockey and ringette

#### **6.3 Cellphones**

We have seen upsurge in kids using cellphones inappropriately. It is received that we are working as a staff to keep a close eye on cellphone usage.

#### **6.4 GSAs**

We have an informal group that is meeting. We are looking at ways to let the rest of the student body know what is happening without creating an uncomfortable situation for the students involved.

### **7.0 Topics for Future Meetings (G. Jackson)**

See Handouts January – Parenting an adolescent – cell phones and APPs.

### **8.0 Adjournment 8:02 pm**

**8.1** Next Meeting will be January 9 at 7 pm