

Lorne Akins School Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2020

In Attendance

Graham Jackson
Elaine Wong
Ammanda Cole
Tracy Moric
Darren Moric

Dan Wiles
Susan Komlenic
Marian Johnson
Allison McNutt

Constable Fraser
Amanda Hargreaves

Call to order 6:59 pm (Susan Komlenic)

1. Approval of the Agenda (Susan Komlenic)

Dan Wiles first
Ammanda Cole second

2. Adoption of the minutes February 13, 2020

Ammanda Cole first
Elaine Wong second

3. Teacher of the Month (Constable Fraser)

Constable Fraser is the School Resource Officer for Lorne Akins. She walks around and talks to kids and has positive interactions with the kids. She educates the school community on topics such as vaping. Seeing more vaping so education on vaping is important and how it affects the kids. St. Albert allows the RCMP officers in the schools and is supportive of the collaboration. The goal is to keep kids out of the criminal justice system with early intervention by talking to parents and kids if they are having difficulties. Its about community connections and not enforcement.

4. LA Happenings (Graham Jackson)

Handout

Running Room Games - all teams made it to the semi finals!
Parent teacher interviews is up and running online
March 17 - Akins got talent
Presentation for Irish dancing and then a performance
March 19 - Marmot ski trip
April 9 - Open house
April 16 - School Council meeting cancelled?? Graham will check

5. New Business

a. Registration process 2020-2021
Current grade 7 and 8s will be rolled over automatically
Grade 6s will have a manual registration
A Link or email will be sent to confirm registration
Paper registration for options

b. Timetable Changes 2020-2021

Next year there will be semestered options out of necessity.
Unfortunately, All probationary staff will be released so there will be fewer teachers and fewer options.

French and band will be more difficult to semester.

If there is lots of interest in an option, for example IA, then half the kids can take it in semester 1 and the rest in semester 2.

There is no prerequisite for the options, for example foods or IA. If they start foods in grade 9 they just learn what is presented in the option.

Hockey option - can be expensive

c. Atrium Changes

New flooring in the common area.

The garage doors will be installed over the summer.

d. Next Year plans

Staffing - classes for grade 7 is sitting at 33 per class. The goal is 7 x grade 7 cores and we'll see how it goes. Could be rolled back to 6 cores depending on the surplus availability.

According to the cohort - Grade 8 (180)

Grade 7 (200)

Mr. Buffie, Mrs. Croll and Mr. Dolan will be leaving :(

e. Fundraising

Bake sale was a huge success

Healthy hunger? Will be put on the agenda in the future for further discussion

6. District Initiatives and Policies (Glenys Edwards)

Graham Jackson on Glenys' behalf

Educational assistants - policy for jurisdiction, job description

Graham will be sending the minutes from the board meeting

- Money concerns.

- Coronavirus concerns. The school will communicate to parents pertinent information and reporting to appropriate channel.

Collective agreement says teachers can't work more than 1400 minutes a week. So extra days off in the week is not feasible

Bussing has to be considered. Possibly elementary starting earlier and high school later.

7. Topics for Future Meetings (Graham Jackson)

Vaping

Grade 9 farewell plans

8. Adjournment (Susan Komlenic)

Adjourned 7:57 pm

Next Meeting May 14, 2020 at 7 pm

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