

DDS Home & School Council

February 16, 2017

DDS Library

Present: Kelly McLeod, Cammi Dunn, Kari Hanna, Tina Wiebe, Sandra Fremstad, Melanie Fleischhauer, Michelle Marti, Steph Winch

Teacher Rep: Melanie Nishikawa

Principal: Shari Rogerson

Trustee: Craig Whitehead

Kelly M called the meeting to order at 3:41 pm. Agendas circulated, Kari approved Mel sec. Melanie read the minutes from the last meeting and they were adopted by Kari. Business arising from them - Joan allowance for preschool

Old Business:

Field Trips - Kindergarten - petting zoo, Grade 1 - Zoo, Grade 2 - Wear M Out & Spray Park, Grade 3/4 - Buffalo Jump & Fort Mac, Grade 5 - SABC, Grade 6 - Edmonton. Talk about combining Grade 1 & 2 zoo field trip every other year to save on costs. Tabled until next meeting. Grade 6, Mitchell needs to talk to 2 more parents regarding it being a 3 day trip. To charter would be over \$4000 so may do a school bus instead. H&S will still give \$2500. They will be doing a bottle drive to raise funds. Potentially \$50-\$60 per kid, trying to get more concrete numbers.

New Business:

Early Finish Fridays - Since it is the second year of EFF there must be another public meeting, information in the newsletters and a mailed ballot vote in order to continue with them. Note will be sent home Feb 17, then cindervoice the following Monday. Need 70% approval. Timeline as follows: letter circulated, mid Feb to include St. Catherines, newsletter info in Feb and March, Public meeting at PBHS Feb 28 @ 7p.m., ballot mailed out March 20, back by April 3 (2 weeks after mailing), count on April 4. Cannot be anyone on council that does the count. Carol Gibsons mom tallied them last time.

Curling - Mitchell has requested funds from Betterment/H&S to pay for curling for Grade 5 & 6 he is just waiting on pricing from Ken Johnson.

Paul Issak, Juggler - Iron Springs and St. Catherine's both cannot attend so H&S to cover total cost of \$945. Steph motioned to cover cost, Michelle seconded

Cris Koch Presentation - DDS would like to host him in the fall for a motivational presentation. He would do a 30 min presentation for K-3 and 60 min for 4-6. Total cost of presentation is \$1100, Shari will ask if Iron Springs would like to attend. Hoping for 3rd week in September. Tabled until March meeting.

Joan in Preschool - will be asking her again for a list of what she would like.

Betterment Report - \$9000 still from Casino. Total from 2016 Gala is \$19,899.77 less \$100 advertising bill. Betterment has \$26,870.28 for DDS

Lunch Program Report - Kelly S. absent, read by Kelly M. \$1380.25 in hot lunch account. Will be getting a cheque from Shootens for up until end of January for \$655.53. There has been no problem getting parent helpers.

Principal's Report - Junior ATB is launching in the school. Sam Clark-Davies contract was not extended, Carol McNally will be replacing her. Asked for the purchase of additional document cameras. Jason Kwasny has leant one to the school. Approximately \$180/camera. Cami motioned to purchase 2, Melanie seconded. Staff and students would like an increase in portion sizes for some hot lunches. Cost of skating is \$96.52/hour. Would need to book for 7 ½ hours between 3 days. Teachers thought potentially students could pay \$2.50 each plus H&S pay \$250 to help cover cost. Maybe cancel because not all kids enjoy it. Mel Nishikawa suggested to do more swimming rather than skating. Entire table voted in favor. Shari is getting quotes on a new sign, \$25,000 for LED. Palliser is ok if DDS allows advertising on sign. There is a grant that will pay half, how much will H&S cover? Sandra will talk to AGLC to see if we can use casino money to help cover the cost.

Trustee's Report - There was a meeting Feb 7, says there is closure coming. 1st draft of new policies to go out March 1 to school councils, hoping for less policies and more board procedures. Palliser accepted a Muslim school, Horizon Academy.

Around the Table

Next meeting March 14, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 5:02pm