DDS Home and School Council Minutes
Tuesday October 25, 2022– DDS Computer Lab

Attendance: In person – Steph Winch, Kate Chronik, Mandy Zeinstra, Michelle Marti, Roxane Drake, Mike Oliver (trustee), Crystal McGregor (principal), Elyse Mastel (teacher)

1) **Called to Order @ 3:56**
2) **Agenda –** Approved by Roxane – No Changes
3) **Previous Minutes –** Approved by Mandy
4) **Business Arising:** None
5) **Old Business:**
   a) **Gala**
      i) Do we want to keep the lights for future events? Decided no – can look at borrowing/renting if need be in the future
      ii) Discussed running a little ad in the Sunny South to thank our sponsors – Kate motioned to spend up to $150 for an ad – Roxane seconded. All in favor. We will do up a Thank You letter to go out to DDS family, onto the school's website/Facebook, and we'll mail it to donors over a certain financial contribution.
      iii) Betterment does a $100 award at the end of each year for 1 grade 6 student but they've been wondering how to fund it going forward. Mandy motioned to set aside $200 from gala funds for the next 2 years of awards. Steph seconded. All in favor.
      iv) Gala was a great success – we raised $40, 192.18 after expenses with one final donation cheque expected to arrive in the coming week.
6) **New Business:**
   a) PSBSPB Casino is on March 8 & 9, 2023. Please let Michelle know if you are interested in taking a shift and she'll pass your information along to Sandra.
   b) November Student Dance – the school would like council to run a concession that evening. It will be for grades 4-6 from roughly 6:30-8pm. Date to be decided by school staff still. We have left over Sprite & some cranberry juice from the gala that we can use for a punch. We can decide on what we want to do for the concession.
7) **Treasurer's Report (Mandy Zeinstra)**
   a) Laurell has a couple of cheques that need to be deposited and Schooten's has been invoiced. After those cheques, we currently have $668.77 in the account. We need new bank books so Mandy will get a blank one for $4. There is also talk from the bank that they will look into us being able to do e-transfers.
8) **Hot Lunch Report (Roxane Drake):**
   a) Things are going really well and running smoothly with the help we have. Laurell is hoping to take over as lead in the new year.

9) **Betterment Report (Kelly):**
   a) Kelly wasn't there but with gala deposits still to be made, we'll have an updated number in November.
10) **Trustee's Report (Mike Oliver):** See attached
11) **Principals Report (Crystal McGregor) :**

a) They will be hiring a couple new EAs and one will be going from part time hours to full time. Mrs Wobick has accepted a position over at Sunnyside so Val Thomson has been hired as EA in gr 6.

b) Staff had a numeracy PD on October 21. They reviewed the fall assessments for grades 2 & 3. They will be doing a number sense focus for the coming months. Family kits will be created for Christmas break allowing families to practice number sense over the break.

c) November 8 we will have a guest speaker, Ned Show, about growth mindset. It will be virtual in the gym with all grades attending. Parents are welcome to come and the school will look at sending the link out prior so parents can tune in from home/work. Growth mindset remains our focus.

d) Little Cesar's fundraiser will start later this week and will be delivered around December 10. The student leadership group wanted to participate in a fundraiser as they really enjoyed the ga-ga ball pit at SABC and are wanting to get one for the DIV 2 end.

e) Mentorship program – A couple high school students come over on Tuesdays as part of a mentorship program run with Big Brothers & Big Sisters. Katie West is helping lead this program. Currently there are only a handful of kids in the program and more would like to join however we need more kids from high school to participate.

12) **Around the Table:**
13) **Next meeting: Sometime the week of November 21 – see email for more info**
14) **Adjourned:**   @ 4:30pm

Council of School Councils

Palliser School Division is gearing up to introduce a council of School Councils. Chairs and representatives from school councils across our division will be invited to meet with Senior Administration and members of the Board of Trustees for discussion, training, and development. This opportunity will help our division's school councils understand their legislated role, hold more effective leadership, and enhance parent engagement in the school community. The meetings will also highlight special topics of importance. Three meetings will take place throughout the 2022-2023 school year. Invitees will attend in person at convenient central locations throughout the Palliser region and will join together virtually. Training sessions from the Alberta School Councils' Association will be a key part of these meetings. The first will be held in November with the date to be confirmed soon.

Occupational Health and Safety

The Palliser Occupational Health and Safety Coordinator provided a presentation on the Palliser Occupational Health and Safety process. The presentation highlighted the pillars of workplace health and safety and highlighted individualised training modules for new staff, as well as a yearly refresher for all employees. The Board also watched a demonstration of the training portal. One of the areas highlighted in the presentation was the module on workplace bullying and harassment and the processes the division uses to deal with these incidents.

Board Set to Tour New Coaldale High School Site

The new joint Coaldale High School and Recreation Centre is taking shape. Ward Bros. Construction is making great progress on the building which consists of cast-in-place piles and grade beam foundations, structural steel superstructure, and mass timber features. The structural steel on the recreation center side has been erected and the exterior block walls will soon be completed. The project is on target and The Board of Trustees is pleased to be meeting with Council from The Town of Coaldale in October for a site tour.