

## **Annie L. Gaetz School Council**

**October 17, 2018**

Jason Moline led with a presentation on the new report cards being used by RDPSD. The focus is on where the student is currently, rather than an average of the term. Marks being used are Beginning, Approaching and Achieving.

Sarah Boettcher called the meeting to order at 6:53.

Those present were Tania Smith, Erin Quintillio, Sarah Boettcher, Josie Jackson, Waneta Usher, Jackie Pinset, Kyla Rollinson, Nicole Buchanan and Larry Hartel.

- Book Fair numbers were about the same as last year, with the proceeds going directly to the school library.
- Admazing Books made a profit of \$2282.

### **Principal Report**

- There are a number of staff going through medical difficulties. It was suggested that, as a council, we could do some things to help lift up the staff in this emotional time.
- There will be no Christmas concert this year, but they are considering the idea of a Spring Concert
- Family Fun Christmas Night is an idea being considered as a replacement for the Musical. This could also be bumped to January to work in conjunction with the Winter Games.
- There are 2 replacements coming in for Moira Milne until January. Diane Melnik for Music and Cindy Phillips for Kindergarten.
- The School Results report was shared. Our results have improved across the board, thanks in part to improved response numbers from parents. Mr. Hartel is looking for feedback on this report and will welcome comments between now and mid November. The reports are available to view for those interested.
- The budget for 2018-2019 was shared with the council
- There was discussion about the field trip fee form. It was clarified that Council is still planning to help cover the cost of field trips, but due to lower fundraising amounts last year, this fee had been chosen as a way to relieve the fundraising burden. It is something that can be revisited each year, if need be.

### **Treasurer Report**

- Current Balance is just over \$16,000.
- New furniture in the library was purchased over the summer by School Council.

### **Committees**

- A social committee will be formed for anyone interested in planning a Winter Festival of some sort. Josie, Erin and Sarah are willing to help with that, but more volunteers would be welcome!

### **New Business**

- Kyla raised the question of purchasing insurance for our council. There was much discussion, but as we did not have enough present to hold a vote, this was tabled until the next meeting.
- Nicole Buchanan has accepted the invitation to come speak at our next meeting. She will speak on the duties of a Trustee.

- Next meeting will be November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30.
- Many options for gifts for staff members were discussed
  - Meals for Moira
  - Fuel cards for Harold
  - Starbucks cards for Deanne
  - Dinner out for Lauren Tait

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49

Parent Association was called to order at 8:49.

There were not enough present to vote, so the meeting was adjourned at 8:50.