

Canyon School Council Meeting Agenda
November 16, 2010

1.	<u>Call Meeting to Order: 5:05 pm</u>
2.	<u>In Attendance</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jen Bruder, Shannon Scherger, Lisa Dupuis, Carole Goodreau, Robert Plante, Shannon Schoening, Teresa Balazs, Dena Kuzyk, Chad Kuzyk, Krista Jackson, Peggy Bonertz Cameron, Shelley Schuler, Jodi Duffield, Kelly Little, Savi Houldin
3.	<u>Approval of Agenda</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Change year to 2011</u>• Moved by Dena• Seconded by Robert• Agenda approved as amended
4.	<u>Approval of previous meeting minutes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moved by Dena• Seconded by Krista• approved
5.	<u>Reports</u> <u>Teacher / Staff report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• indoor recess activities have begun for students (similar to those that were going on during cold weather activities last year)• swimming lessons are continuing <u>Principal's Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working on Progress Reports – letter coming home with students and reports next week to help explain them a bit better• Looking forward to tomorrow night's Pinnacle Session• Working on Annual Education Report – which has now been posted on the website<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2 goals: AISI, Behaviour/Positive Citizenship• Pamphlet has been made to highlight the report• Grade 5 teacher has been hired; team-teaching situation is in place and is working well• Will be hiring a new Learning Support Teacher – interviews happening on Monday• AISI – received \$\$ with the new provincial money; will be supporting the new grade 5 teacher and Gail Oxtoby is still working with K, 1, 2 students to support literacy• This week is official Bully Awareness Week; educating students about what “bullying” is – what does it look like? Etc.• Castle Mountain has been in and taken photos of students for the free passes• Good feedback on this year's photographer• Kitchen was supposed to be renovated last month<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ received funding from the Breakfast Club of Canada last year○ hoping that gets completed soon; fantastic breakfast program running in our school○ would love to have people drop in to visit and see the program <u>Treasurer's report –</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Balance on October 31, 2011 - \$3 747.06

	<p><u>Trustee's report</u> – see attached notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Report to schools • Board discussion with government of Alberta and ATA (open, public discussions) • Jamie Volmer's List
6.	<p><u>Old Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter's went home for classroom reps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Apology about duplicate phone numbers • Pinnacle Parent Night set for Nov.17 at 7:00pm this session will just be for our parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not sure about how many people will be attending ○ A letter has gone home with students about the Pinnacle Session ○ Coffee will be set up by the school
7.	<p><u>New Business:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booster's upcoming events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coin Fundraiser (November 28 – December 2)– want to raise \$500 for the library (additional funds go into a Booster Fund for other school events) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will be put up on the school sign ▪ Movie/popcorn will be provided to class that raises the most money ▪ Will set up collection bins in each classroom ○ December 1 – Hot Dog Day ○ Parent council parent reps can call to get volunteers (Jen will help to coordinate with parent reps) ○ Will have something on the website advising parents of fundraising, goals, etc. • Next Booster Meeting: January 4th • Need to spread the word that we are looking for someone who can write grants for our new playground; please let Carole know if you know of anyone who could help with this
8.	Date of next meeting: Wednesday, January 18, 2012
9.	Adjournment – 5:40 pm

November 2011 Trustee Report to Schools – Shannon Scherger

1. A motion was passed at our October board meeting to have the Alberta School Board Association represent our Board's interests in discussion with the Government of Alberta and Alberta Teacher's Association with the aim of concluding a provincial framework agreement addressing: term, school board funding, teacher salaries and a dispute resolution mechanism.
2. November 13th-19th is National Bullying Awareness Week www.bullyfreealberta.ca (info for adults) www.bfree.ca (website for youth) www.teamheroes.ca (website for children)
3. The Date for the Trustee Bi-Election in Ward 3 (Pincher Creek / Fort Macleod) is set for February 13th, 2012 with a nomination date set for January 16th, 2012.
4. ***“Reflective Dialogue...on a regular basis engage in reflective discussions on the practices in schools and classrooms and evaluate new concepts and ideas that bear upon those practices.” Pg 134 Professional Learning communities at Work by Richard DuFour***

A request came from the Board for information from Central Office staff on the effectiveness of early dismissal Fridays as related to student learning, program delivery and community satisfaction. Part of the origination of half day Fridays was to implement a coordinated School day across the division to enhance high school programming. It was decided to open the dialogue on early Fridays through School Council Meetings and Regional School Council under the question: 'Has early dismissal Fridays met the outcomes that were intended?'

5. *News from our New Education Minister Thomas A. Lukaszuk*
 - a. *From November 3, 2011*

Education Act pulled from Fall 2011 Legislative Session “I WANT TO BE THE FIRST TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE DECIDED TO REVIEW AND RE-WORK THE EDUCATION ACT. GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE PROCEEDING WITH BILL 18 IN THE CURRENT FALL LEGISLATIVE SESSION. A NEWS RELEASE WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE AT WWW.ALBERTA.CA .” Thomas A. Lukaszuk Minister of Education
 - b. From November 4th, 2011 Mandate Letter “Specifically, my assignment is to develop a minimum of a three-year funding cycle for education, and to introduce a new *Education Act*.” Thomas A. Lukaszuk Minister of Education MLA, Edmonton – Castle Downs

Handouts:

- LRSD Vision / Mission Statement <http://www.lrsd.ab.ca/about/Pages/default.aspx>
- Jamie Vollmer's list: 'The Ever Increasing Burden on America's Public Schools' - From the book Schools Cannot Do It Alone www.jamievollmer.com
- Ward 3 November Trustee Report www.lrsd.ab.ca

Shannon Scherger Trustee Report for November 2011

What has been happening?

Charlene and I went on a road trip to see Sir Ken Robinson. AWESOME! Sir Ken inspired some great thinking about learning in the 21st century. You can check out his website:

www.sirkenrobinson.com/skr/

CREATE THE LEARNING REVOLUTION

INSPIRING CREATIVITY

You can also be inspired by some of Sir Ken's videos on you tube: Sir Ken Robinson: Bring on the learning revolution! http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9LeIXa3U_I

Divisional Day was hosted at FP Walshe this year. 95 LRSD Long Term Service Awards were presented to staff to start the day of learning. AMAZING! CONGRATUALTIONS LRSD Staff!

Food 4 Thought:

"What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?"

- George Eliot

Great message in this song!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjCbGHI_4Hs&feature=youtu.be

What's coming up?

November 2011

- ◆ 8th – FP Walshe School council meeting 8:30am
- ◆ 8th Board Meeting Central Office Claresholm 11am
- ◆ 11th –  Remembrance Day- No School
- ◆ 13th – 19th National Bullying Week
- ◆ 13th- 19th Addictions Awareness Week
- ◆ 14th-18th International Education Week 'Globally Engaged'
- ◆ 16th – Canyon School Council 5pm
- ◆ 17th – Pinnacle Parent Information Evening 7pm @ Canyon School – Hosted by Canyon School Council
- ◆ 17th - WA Day's Celebration of Learning
- ◆ 17th – GR Davis Monthly Awards Ceremony 2:10pm
- ◆ 20th-22nd - ASBA Fall General Meeting
- ◆ 22nd- GR Davis Celebration of Learning 4pm
- ◆ 25th – Staff Planning Collaboration Day

December 2011

- ◆ 13th – Board Meeting Central Office Claresholm 11 am
- ◆ 21st – WA Day Christmas Concerts @10:15am & 1:15pm (Silver Collection)
- ◆ 22nd – Last Day of School before Christmas Break
- ◆ 23rd – Jan. 3rd Christmas Break

For more learning events and books click: <http://www.lrsd.ab.ca/board/boardactivities/pd/Pages/default.aspx>

“If you're not prepared to be wrong, you'll never come up with anything original.”





Monday Morning Reflection

October 3, 2011

“Public education is a miracle.

And, this is its most hopeful time.”

Jamie Vollmer

This morning I am providing you with a copy of ‘the list’. It is, indeed, a ponderous list. As we move forward with community meetings it might be useful to share this information. It might also be a useful during our upcoming conversations about transformational change in education.

The Ever Increasing Burden on America’s Public Schools

By *Jamie Robert Vollmer*

America’s public schools can be traced back to the year 1640. The Massachusetts Puritans established schools to:

- 1) Teach basic reading, some writing and arithmetic skills, and
- 2) Cultivate values that serve a democratic society (some history and civics implied).

The founders of these schools assumed that families and churches bore the major responsibility for raising a child. Gradually, science and geography were added, but the curriculum was limited and remained focused for 260 years.

At the beginning of the twentieth century, however, politicians, academics, members of the clergy, and business leaders saw public schools as a logical site for the assimilation of immigrants and the social engineering of the citizens—and workers—of the new industrial age. They began to expand the curriculum and assign additional duties. That trend has accelerated ever since.

From 1900 to 1910, we shifted to our public schools responsibilities related to

- Nutrition
- Immunization
- Health (Activities in the health arena multiply every year.)

From 1910 to 1930, we added

- Physical education (including organized athletics)
- The Practical Arts/Domestic Science/Home economics (including sewing and cooking)
- Vocational education (including industrial and agricultural education)
- Mandated school transportation

In the 1940s, we added

- Business education (including typing, shorthand, and bookkeeping)
- Art and music
- Speech and drama
- Half-day kindergarten
- School lunch programs (We take this for granted today, but it was a huge step to shift to the schools the job of feeding America’s children one third of their daily meals.)

In the 1950s, we added

- Expanded science and math education
- Safety education
- Driver's education
- Expanded music and art education
- Stronger foreign language requirements
- Sex education (Topics continue to escalate.)

In the 1960s, we added

- Advanced Placement programs
- Head Start
- Title I
- Adult education
- Consumer education (purchasing resources, rights and responsibilities)
- Career education (occupational options, entry level skill requirements)
- Peace, leisure, and recreation education [Loved those sixties.]

In the 1970s, the breakup of the American family accelerated, and we added

- Drug and alcohol abuse education
- Parenting education (techniques and tools for healthy parenting)
- Behavior adjustment classes (including classroom and communication skills)
- Character education
- Special education (mandated by federal government)
- Title IX programs (greatly expanded athletic programs for girls)
- Environmental education
- Women's studies
- African-American heritage education
- School breakfast programs (Now some schools feed America's children two-thirds of their daily meals throughout the school year and all summer. Sadly, these are the only decent meals some children receive.)

In the 1980s, the floodgates opened, and we added

- Keyboarding and computer education
- Global education
- Multicultural/Ethnic education
- Nonsexist education
- English-as-a-second-language and bilingual education
- Teen pregnancy awareness
- Hispanic heritage education
- Early childhood education
- Jump Start, Early Start, Even Start, and Prime Start
- Full-day kindergarten
- Preschool programs for children at risk
- After-school programs for children of working parents
- Alternative education in all its forms
- Stranger/danger education
- Antismoking education
- Sexual abuse prevention education
- Expanded health and psychological services
- Child abuse monitoring (a legal requirement for all teachers)

In the 1990s, we added

- Conflict resolution and peer mediation
- HIV/AIDS education
- CPR training
- Death education
- America 2000 initiatives
- Inclusion
- Expanded computer and internet education
- Distance learning
- Tech Prep and School to Work programs
- Technical Adequacy
- Assessment

- Post-secondary enrolment options
- Concurrent enrolment options
- Goals 2000 initiatives
- Expanded Talented and Gifted opportunities
- At risk and dropout prevention
- Homeless education (including causes and effects on children)
- Gang education (urban centers)
- Service learning
- Bus safety, bicycle safety, gun safety, and water safety education

In the first decade of the twenty-first century, we have added

- No Child Left Behind
- Bully prevention
- Anti-harassment policies (gender, race, religion, or national origin)
- Expanded early childcare and wrap around programs
- Elevator and escalator safety instruction
- Body Mass Index evaluation (obesity monitoring)
- Organ donor education and awareness programs
- Personal financial literacy
- Entrepreneurial and innovation skills development
- Media literacy development
- Contextual learning skill development
- Health and wellness programs
- Race to the Top

This list does not include the addition of multiple, specialized topics within each of the traditional subjects. It also does not include the explosion of standardized testing and test prep activities, or any of the onerous reporting requirements imposed by the federal government, such as four-year adjusted cohort graduation rates, parental notification of optional supplemental services, comprehensive restructuring plans, and reports of Adequate Yearly Progress.

It's a ponderous list.

Each item has merit, and all have their ardent supporters, but the truth is that we have added these responsibilities without adding a single minute to the school calendar in six decades. No generation of teachers and administrators in the history of the world has been told to fulfill this mandate: not just teach children, but raise them!

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Food for thought on this Monday morning,

Ellie