

Horace Allen School

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2011

In attendance: Teri Harrison, Elaine Garner, Dick Pederson, Catherine Graham, Penny Warris, Leah McNeil, Jenny Wilmot, Michele Pitt, Pauline Beech, Michel Collings

1-1 Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

1-2 Adding 2-7 information (future resignation), also Trustee reports being moved to when Dick arrives. 2.5 & 2.6 Tabled

1-3 Minutes, correction to header, motion to accept the minutes, Penny seconds

2-1 PD stakeholder discussion to be taking place, February 3 at the FP Walshe School, Fort MacLeod. Hard copy of letter to describe with minutes.

2-2 Jump rope for heart (Mrs. Garner): the school every second year, we do the jump rope for heart. Supposed to be an alternating activity and fundraising to take place April 15th, funds to Heart and Stroke. The kids love it, and upbeat music takes place. Kids get prizes and other cool stuff.

2-3 Puppet theater residency; April 4-8th, possible she will need some volunteers that week.

2-4 Internal Staffing Changes; format of combined class has been changed. Looked at Myrna's and Lenore's teaching loads, made Myrna the learning support assistant principal and Lenore will be the teacher. Change was made for the kids sake, kids had two teachers that were having a schedule conflict.

2-5 (4-5) Alberta teachers association currently involved in negotiations, called to meeting last Sunday in Edmonton and there are some things the government is proposing. Coming up in Fall 2011 the teachers are coming up to a 4.3% raise. Government does not feel they can afford the raise, and not "tenable" for them. The contract in place now, the Alberta teachers association was not a part of, now ATA realizing they do not have a lot of room to negotiate. In return for a 0% raise the Alberta government is proposing that instructional time for students grade 1-9, 950 per year goes from 900 per year. In grades 10-12, 2013 from 850 to 830 hours. Government is in the process of revising the school act. They are revising how the province goes about education. Finland, one of the highest in the world, has fewer hours. 2011-2012 there will be 12 PD days, currently there are 10. One question: how is the government expecting a decrease in hours without a plan of how to cover the curriculum? (www.teachers.ab.ca) Has the negotiation contract proposals on their website. New agreement will extend the old agreement from 2012-2015. January 26th need to gather information in order to move forward, what is current assignable time? What is current instructional time? Define professional learning, define/clarify

what is professional development, what do we consider professional development. How will this proposal affect your current jurisdiction? What does the 4.3% increase mean for us? What does local bargaining look like? Before the 28th what are your concerns, issues, how can they cut the hours without a plan on the curriculum transformation? Budget will be coming in March.

Negotiations have been going on since October 2010 to retain teachers, the negotiations are critical.

2-6 Teri Harrison will be resigning as of September of 2011 to participate in the ISS School Council.

3-1 School Fee Discussion/Survey: every year we are supposed to bring to school council and to staff the school fee procedure. Elaine has been surveying the staff and now school council if they feel fees are fair. All in favor of school fees.

4-1 School Report

4-2 Fund-raising Report

4-3 Hot Lunch/Milk Program Coordinator

4-4 Meeting adjourned, next meeting March 22, 2011, meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.