

## **Horace Allen School**

School Council Meeting

April 27, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:05

1-2 No additions to the agenda

1-3 Motion to accept the agenda, Teri seconds

2-1 Pat updates, Grade 3s will be writing the provincial exams May 11<sup>th</sup>, in June will be writing Part B of Language Arts (reading), second week in June - Tuesday and Thursday will be Math, new format for the new curriculum. Kids are allowed up to 30 minutes extra time, can not run in tests prior to the hours allotted.

2-2 Budget was turned in, based on 40 Kindergartner's, 112 Grades 1-3, allows for 9.05 equivalent teachers, temporary contracts will be done at the end of June. If enrollment allows bringing back temporary staff, than we can. Will be meeting with Lundbreck regarding staffing, will keep second Kindergarten teaching position open, just keep open until final numbers are in. Mines are hiring like crazy, which is bringing many new residents to the area. Amount of families that Brighter Future shows, means enrollment will be good. 17 students pay for one teacher. New assistant principle will teach and allow for prep times. Garner may be teaching art, will not have a full time administrator. Music will be taught (under discussion) by Becky Pirchurski, a lesson once a week for the school. Staffing changes have to occur. Projected budget, based on figures that we know... and figures can change over the summer with people moving, there is room for change. Art and music program, hopefully parent council can hire outside speakers to come in, and add to the curriculum, also we can ask for art supplies in the community. The more we can utilize the Community, the better it will be.

2-3 Early dismissal Friday feedbacks - do teachers feel they are given the adequate amount of time to get the lessons in? Our school days this year went too long, so the early dismissal was not an issue this year. So many PD Days because of the amount of hours we currently have. A little ridiculous as the getting home times are wasted, organizing kids schedules. Everybody going the same time of school, and then the same time coming home. Even if they alternated Friday's rather than an early dismissal, it may depend on any changes in the bussing schedule may affect parent's schedule. 1:00 does not work for working parents.

3-1 School books; in the past Parent Council has always bought books in the past, another idea school books are nice to receive, but for many of those children who knows if it is even read. I have been reading about how to get families involved in reading, a novel and it becomes a focus over a month; read a chapter a day, and a home schooling project. It engages in the reading; look into audio books for low reading level kids. One per family verses one per child. The entire school would receive the same book. Perhaps partner with Cheryl, are partnering with the 'recess queen' whole month will be focuses. Would have to order the book in the fall. Order the books for this year, but order the family book for the next year. Teri makes a motion that in lieu of buying books for the kids, we buy books for the entire school. Kim seconds, all in favor.

3-2 Busing, Parent Group: There are a few concerned parents, who did a presentation for the Livingstone School Range. Presentation submitted and attached to minutes. Can I have an electronic copy - each individual school board makes the busing. Your voice is through parent council. Is our voice being heard? How can we make it louder? We can fully support this cause; can parent council have a partnership with this? Why are all of these changes being made? Never Given a straight answer, when costs are discussed, they are also contradicted. Teri motions that we need to create a busing committee, Kim, Leah, are both on the busing "team" Cornie Patrone, Cam and Carry Mertz and Lisa and Larry Larson. Teri motions Parent Council throws its entire support and create a task force committee to represent Parent Council. Does the school have a position, we have policy and procedures that they have to follow.

3-3 Music Monday, May 17th, Elaine Garner is requesting Parent Council pays busing cost, approximately \$100 fee for Music Monday, Teri motions, Kim seconds, all in favor.

3-4 Swimming Bus Fee Request, should be about \$500 to take kids swimming, 4 times before end of school. Teri motions, Kim seconds, all in favor.

#### 4.0 School Reports, attached

4.1 Hot Lunch/Milk Coordinator - played tag with Chad Patrone regarding hoodies, missed business hours, what we have from his so far are prices regarding hoodies, he asked if we have a mascot? If we do not have a mascot, design a mascot contest? Individual faces on hoodies? Change logo/design each year? Add on's that can come on the form, name, etc. Horace Allen wear, coordinator year after year can submit form. All apparel available. Color brochure, we would need to decide for next year. Create them an ongoing fundraiser. Promotes school pride. Could do a walk-a-thon, if there are not a lot of changes. June 7<sup>th</sup> may be the day that works the best. Teri motions we donate \$400 to buy prizes, Kim seconds, all in favor. Call radio, call newspaper, kids get pledges for walking, prizes for kids, prizes for grades.

4-3 No hot lunch in April because they were all so busy, will have one in early May, will go with subway, last hot lunch made \$170, one in early June.

4-4 Teacher Rep - tabled

4-5 Trustee report - no report

5.0 Meeting May 25, will be the last meeting for this school year.

6.0 Adjourned at 8:40