

ISS School Council Meeting

October 17 – 2011

6:10 pm

Opening of Meeting: Teri Harrison called the meeting to order and last meeting minutes were adopted.

In Attendance: Teri Harrison, Mande Brown, Annette Woodward, Tina Rogers, Lyle & Lori Stella, Scott Warris, Jamie Thomson, Paul Pichurski, Russell Gopp, Marnie Davidson, La Vonne Rideout, Kim Lewis, and Dick Peterson.

Information Items:

1. Budget Information from Paul Pichurski.
See attached.
2. Joint Meeting with HAS.
On November 01- 11 ISS and HAS will have a discussion regarding joint fundraising for both schools, meeting at HAS at 6 pm. We will also discuss getting the schools to collaborate regarding puppet shows etc. First half hour will be joint then regular council meetings will commence separately.
3. EC Mapping Project.
The EC Mapping Project is Alberta wide and it's about collecting data from kindergarten teachers to determine how the community is doing preparing our children for learning. Right now 27% of our kids are arriving at school without all the tools they need to be successful. Check out their website at www.ecmap.ca
- 4.Regal Fundraiser for Boy's & Girl's Club.

Jamie Thomson has set up a fundraising site with Regal. It is a catalogue where you can order an array of items and the B's & G's Club will receive 30-35% on all orders placed. We agreed to send out photocopies to our students to help make a positive impact for the club.

5. P.A.T results have been released. *See attached.*

Action/Discussion Items:

1. Official Vote

Teri Harrison Chair

Mandee Brown Vice Chair

Annette Woodward Recording Secretary

2. Sandra O'Brien

Motion was passed to acknowledge our librarian Mrs. O'Brien for 35 years of service with a gift certificate for \$50.00.

3. Hot Lunch

Memory Pearson is heading the Hot Lunch program. Any one wanting to help out is welcome to contact her or the school. It will likely be Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Reports:

1. School Reports by Paul Pichurski

See attached.

2. Teacher Representative: Mr. Gopp

Mrs. Groat's 4/5 class is doing physical regions of Alberta and creatively encouraged the kids to write songs about it, with great results. Mrs. Koentges' grade 5 class is reflecting on their writing and

teachers and other students help out. Grade 6 have created two towns, fictional in nature, and are learning about campaigning for mayor and council positions. Mrs. Davidson's grade 4 art class outdid themselves while creating "A Perfect Scream".

3. Trustee Report by Dick Peterson
See attached.

A joint meeting will be held at HAS between the two schools on November 22, 2011 at 630pm, discussing the possibility of fundraising together.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

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Principal's Report

1. Budget Information

- a. The surplus from 2010-11, combined with the increase in student count (8 students more than projected in the spring) allows for staffing increases.
- b. We will be increasing teacher FTE at the beginning of the second term (December).
 - i. Increase in Learning Support/Coaching Time
- c. Restored Education Funding
 - i. At this time, we are unsure as to what this restored funding will be at our school; how much it may be, if the school will have choice as to how it is spent, etc. We expect to have these questions answered over the next two weeks.

2. Summary of Activities Since Last School Council Meeting

- a. Terry Fox Walk on Sept. 22 – well attended and successful
- b. Intake Interviews Sept. 29 & 30 – generally well-attended
- c. Celebrate Literacy (CNP Literacy Foundation) – students compiled more than 500 hours of at – home reading. Each class has been given \$100 to use to supplement their classroom library – students will have input into the books to be purchased.
- d. School Clothing – school clothing is now available for purchase – students will be able to try samples on in the office. Orders are due in at the office by Oct. 28.
- e. Nutrition Program September Numbers – 17 School Days: 65 Breakfasts, 14 Snacks, 26 Lunches served. Mrs. Hungar coordinates the Nutrition Program
- f. Crowsnest Conservation Society/Sustainable Resource Development Apple Round Up – Gr. 5 students travelled to Bellevue and collected apples as part of this annual event. Sponsored by Devon.
- g. Volleyball – Monday, Oct. 17 was the first day of drop-in Volleyball. Open to all students, from dismissal – 4:15. Mrs. Bevans (Gr. 4) is coaching.
- h. Kilometer Club – during September, student walked/ran 143 kms. Open to all students, from dismissal – 4:00. Mrs. Tkachuk, Mrs. Koentges, Ms. Steele are supervising.
- i. NIT Service Learning – Beginning Oct. 19, two NIT students will be volunteering in the ISS Art Room on Wednesday afternoons. Mrs. McKinlay and Mrs. Davidson will be supervising.

j. As of last week, Student Council Reps have been elected. Student council will meet next week.

k. Classes are participating in the Legion "Postcards to Troops" program

3. Upcoming Events

a. Oct. 31 - Halloween – students are able to wear costumes; there will be an assembly in the afternoon

b. Nov. 1 – no school for students – Divisional PD Day in Fort MacLeod. Sandra O'Brien will be acknowledged for 35 years of service.

c. Nov. 10, 1:00p.m. – School Remembrance Day service

d. Nov. 11 – No School – Remembrance Day

e. Nov. 25 – No School for Students – Staff PD Day

4. Other

a. Thank-You to Mr. Gopp for his work filling in for Ms. McKinlay throughout the start of this school year. Ms. McKinlay plans to return to school Monday, Oct. 24.

Beliefs, Values and Mission

We Believe:

- In the inherent goodness of children
- Parents have the primary role in the education of their children—schools supplement that role
- The school will provide a positive learning environment
- That communication between the school and community must be fostered
- Education should strive to provide a vision for the future
- All children must have an opportunity for success in education
- Children have the responsibility to respect the rights of others

We Value:

Respect—for ourselves, others and the learning and physical environment

Integrity—honesty with ourselves and others; trust, fairness and sincerity

Citizenship—responsible and cooperative interactions

Health—the well-being of the whole person

Learning—for learning's sake

The mission of Isabelle Sellon School is to complement the role of parents and community in providing educational experiences which will permit students to reach their potential, and achieve a happy, productive, responsible life in our changing world.



Isabelle Sellon School



Fall 2011
Annual Education
Results Report



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2010—11 Parent Satisfaction Surveys

indicate that parents are:

- 93.9% satisfied with student behavior in our school
- 97.6% satisfied with the level of safety provided by the school environment
- 100% satisfied with efforts the school makes to provide a caring environment
- 100% satisfied with the overall climate in our school
- 100% satisfied that the school responds effectively to the literacy needs of students
- 95% satisfied that the school responds effectively to the math needs of students
- 100% satisfied with the help and support provided to students by staff
- 98.8% satisfied with the use of technology to help students learn
- 96.3% satisfied with their understanding of their child's learning strengths and weaknesses.3
- 96.3% satisfied that our school provides a quality education
- 95.1% satisfied with the opportunity for their child to receive a broad program of studies

Provincial Achievement Test Results—2010-11

Gr. 6 Language Arts	School	Province
Acceptable Standard	82.4%*	91.4%
Standard of Excellence	11.8%	20.4%
Gr. 6 Math	School	Province
Acceptable Standard	68.1%*	80.7%
Standard of Excellence	12.8%*	19.4%
Gr. 6 Science	School	Province
Acceptable Standard	79.6%*	84.3%
Standard of Excellence	16.3%*	28.1%
Gr. 6 Social	School	Province
Acceptable Standard	72.5%*	78.9%
Standard of Excellence	9.8%*	21.1%
* notes an improvement from the previous year's results		

2010—11 Student Satisfaction Surveys

indicate that students are:

- 75.4% satisfied with student behavior in our school
- 94% satisfied with their personal safety at school
- 88.5% satisfied that our school provides a caring environment
- 84.6% satisfied with the level of school spirit and morale
- 93.1% satisfied that they can read well enough to be successful in school
- 88.5% satisfied with their understanding of what is being taught in math
- 89.2% satisfied with the extra help available to help them learn
- 95.4% satisfied with the use of technology to help students learn
- 93.8% satisfied with the quality of education being provided in our school
- 82.4% of students have learned how to safely work and play on the internet

Board Highlights

October 11, 2011



Board Organization Meeting

The Board elected Dick Peterson to serve as Chair and Martha Ratcliffe as Vice-Chair. During the Organizational Meeting the following trustees were appointed to committees or to serve as representatives of the Board within the zone:

<u>Audit / Superintendent Evaluation</u>	<i>All Trustees</i>
<u>Appeal Committee</u> (<i>all board members as alternates</i>)	Clara Yagos, Chair Kelly Hall Dick Peterson
<u>ASBA Zone Representative</u>	Martha Ratcliffe, Chair Clara Yagos, Alternate
<u>ATA Executive / LRSD Trustee Working Committee</u>	Ellie Elliott, Chair Dick Peterson Martha Ratcliffe
<u>ATA Negotiations Committee</u>	Kelly Hall, Chair Martha Ratcliffe Clara Yagos
<u>Awards Committee</u>	Charlene Dunlop, <i>Chair</i> Martha Ratcliffe
<u>Discipline Committee</u> (<i>all board members as alternates</i>)	Kelly Hall, <i>Chair</i> Charlene Dunlop Dick Peterson
<u>Community Relations</u>	Clara Yagos, Chair Charlene Dunlop Shannon Scherger
<u>First Nations Working Committee</u>	Martha Ratcliffe, Chair Shannon Scherger Clara Yagos
<u>Negotiations Committee - Support Staff</u>	Dick Peterson, <i>Chair</i> Charlene Dunlop Kelly Hall
<u>Policy Review Committee</u>	Kelly Hall, <i>Chair</i> Shannon Scherger Clara Yagos
<u>Professional Development Committee</u>	Shannon Scherger, <i>Chair</i> Clara Yagos

The Board agreed to hold 2 Board meetings a month. Formerly the second meeting of the month was a Board Planning meeting. The Board supported the idea of the second Board meeting being held in Livingstone Range school communities.

Board Highlights – October 11, 2011 Board Meeting

Teacher Retirement

The Board of Trustees supported an arrangement for teacher retirement and the granting of a term contract for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school-year to teachers who wish to retire and avail themselves of retirement benefits. Participating teachers need to resign from their current positions effective January 31, 2012 with the condition that the Board of trustees offers them a temporary teaching contract from February 1, 2012 until June 28, 2012. The Board has offered this program over the past several years.

2011-2012 Infrastructure, Maintenance and Renewal Expenditure Plan

Mike Mahaffy, Coordinator of Facilities, presented the Infrastructure, Maintenance and Renewal Expenditure Plan to the Board. The plan included a list of repairs in LRSD schools ranging from boiler replacement, CTS program storage to roof replacement as well as school names and the costing for each item. The Board of Trustees approved the 2011-2012 plan as presented.

Pre-Audit Meeting

Mr. Darren Adamson from Young, Parkyn and McNab Chartered Accountants met with the Board to discuss the upcoming 2010-2011 audit which is scheduled over the next month. Mr. Adamson will present the audit to the Board on November 29, 2011.

Superintendent Evaluation

On September 30, 2011 Mr. Terry Gunderson from the Alberta School Board Association facilitated the evaluation of Superintendent, Ellie Elliott. The Board expressed their appreciation for Elliott's leadership and put forward a motion to extend her contract for a year to support leadership succession.

Operating Reserves as at August 31, 2011

Don Olsen, Associate Superintendent Business Services, provided information related to Divisional Operating Reserves. Livingstone Range School Division received an additional 1 million dollars in revenue due to a significant increase in the number of CEUs completed by high school students.

201-2011 CEUs earned

Don Olsen presented a summary of the total number of CEUs earned by high school students during the 2010-2011 school year as well as historical summary of CEUs over the past 10 years. The average number of CEUs earned this past year was 37.99 an increase from 36.28 in 2009-2010 which in turn was an increase from the previous year of 35.43. On average, this provides about \$100 more per student this year.

September 30, 2011 Enrolment Count

The 2011-2012 enrolment count for Livingstone Range School Division is 3,624 FTE students. This is down 45.5 FTE students from September 30, 2010 but up 173.5 FTE students from the number projected in the Spring. Don Olsen also provided September 30th historical enrolment data from 1995 when there were 4,972 FTE students in the Division.

Board Self Evaluation

On September 30, 2011 Terry Gunderson led the Board through its annual self-evaluation. Dick Peterson, Board Chair, presented the evaluation. The Board identified the following priorities for 2011-2012:

- Develop a written orientation package for new board members
- Practice community engagement
- Continue to expand political advocacy efforts, especially at the municipal level
- Build an understanding of education transformation
- Focus on celebratory events.

Transformation Agenda

Trustees Martha Ratcliffe and Dick Peterson reported on the 'Zone VI Transformation Session' they attended in Lethbridge. The session was hosted by Alberta Education. Two local ATA representatives, Ian Baxter and Bart

Heine, Ellie Elliott, Superintendent and three representatives from Alberta Education formed a round table to discuss questions put forward by Alberta Education. Each table reported their ideas to the whole group. Alberta Education will collate ideas from across the provincial and will share the themes that emerge.

Community Engagement

Chair Dick Peterson attended the October Admin Council meeting and led the administrators in the SWOT analysis process to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the session with Jamie Vollmer entitled, 'Schools Cannot Do It Alone.' The process allowed for better understanding of the connection between the Board's assurance framework and planned community conversations as well as related processes and timelines.

Professional Learning

Trustees Clara Yagos and Shannon Scherger provided trustees with input on the Professional Development survey that was completed by trustees in June. It identified 3 common areas for professional growth including professional learning communities, governance and jurisdictional priorities as well as some areas for personal growth including fiduciary and human resources. Trustees then watched the video, 'How to develop a Professional Learning Community.' A copy of DuFour and DuFour's book was also available for trustees to borrow.

Diploma/Provincial Achievement Results

Trustees began a discussion of student performance by reviewing the 2010-2011 Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exam results. Overall, students continue to perform well on the Grade 3 and 6 PATs. Student performance on the Grade 9 PATs is a concern. Overall, students continue to perform above the provincial average in 8 of 10 high school courses. Trustees began a discussion about next steps that will be developed based on student results. The discussion will continue at the October 25, 2011 Board meeting.

Due to a time constraint, Reports and Committee reports will be given at the October 25, 2011 Board meeting.

A copy of the Superintendent's report can be found on the Livingstone Range School Division website at www.lrsd.ab.ca/board/agenda/Pages/default.aspx

If you require further information on any of the Board Highlights listed above, please contact the Chairman of the Board, Dick Peterson at (403) 563-3212 or (403) 625-7071 (cell).