

STAVELY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2011

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Stavelly Parent Advisory Council was called to order at 7:04 pm on Wednesday, September 14 by Leanne.

Present:

Charlene Dunlop, Kelly Hall, Jim Watson, Amanda Vandenberg, John Norgard, Leanne Watson, Tara McLaren, Candi Marchbank, Leona Boyle and Louanna Jones

A. Approval of Minutes

The May minutes were approved as circulated by Amanda.

B. Reports of Officers

- **Community Report** Jim advised us money is needed by the town for the park. Grants have been applied for and decisions on them will be known by the end of September. Ideally the park will be done for the 2012 Anniversary celebration on August 24, 25 and 26. Discussion about the school submitting a parade entry.
- **Trustee Report** was presented by Kelly as summarized below:
 - First board meeting of the year was yesterday.
 - An agreement with Kanai (Pikanni is already done) has been finalized that may lead to reciprocal funding.
 - The policy committee is working on 4 amendments.
 - The technology update summarized where things are at with wiring upgrades. All computers older than four years were removed from the jurisdiction over the summer leading to 30,000 pounds of recycling. FP Walshe, WCCHS, GR Davis and JT Foster were all equipped with brand new computers; any equipment taken out of those schools within four years of age was redistributed around the rest of the division.
 - Maintenance was very busy, (WCCHS modernization).
 - Grant money from AB Education lead to over 20 new SmartBoards in LRSD which brings us very close to one in every classroom.
 - Working on Admin Procedure #140 leading to students bringing in their own computer equipment.
 - WCCHS modernization – grade 8 and 9 students will be moving to the main WCCHS site on Monday now that the portables are ready. Asbestos removal at WCCHS can now start. September 20 will be the general contract tender which will lead to the actual modernization work being done.
 - Enrollment last year was 3669.5, 3450.5 was budgeted for this year, so far we are actually at 3605.5.
 - On October 12 the LRSD audit is starting at Central Office and 4 to 5 other sites.
 - Vollmer debriefing at which time Kelly shared books and articles with us.
 - The Art Gala last night had 63 pieces exhibited.
- **Treasurers Report** was distributed by Candi

- Agendas from last year were paid for and this year's will be as well.
 - SmartBoard amount of \$1162 has not yet been paid
 - Tara will get approval from Casino to pay for Evergreen Theatre
 - Tara and Candi to work together on teacher wish list items
 - **Principals Report** was presented by John as summarized below:
 - School focus
 - AISI continuation of last year and the three plans for Math Engagement, math journals will continue to be a focus, as well as the Math Fair
 - Pinnacle- Implementation of new reporting and assessment program
 - Start looking at the direction we want to take for the next three year planning, will need to look at how we will tie this into the community Great Conversations to happen
 - Community Service - as a school we would like to thank the community for all their support by each grade doing some kind of community work. Ideas are welcomed.
 - Enrollment: 7 Kindergarteners, 6 Grade 1's, 6 Grade 2's, 9 Grade 3's, 8 Grade 4's, 9 Grade 5's, 7 Grade 6's for a current total of 52 students.
 - Upcoming activities;
 - **1st and 3rd Mondays** – during the first 15 minutes of the morning is when assemblies will occur
 - **September 19-30** – Magazine sales (with QSP for Readers Digest)
 - **September 21** – Golden Eagle Award program begins
 - **September 28** – Terry Fox run at 10:15. Volunteers are needed to help the Fire Department at corners. Meet at the school for this.
 - **October 5 & 6** – 3 Way Interviews from 4:00 to 7:00
 - **October 24** – School Pictures
- C. Reports of Special Committees**
- **Calendar** – Louanna had to admit that she has not even opened the package but will start it next week. Help would be appreciated. Tara stepped forward to do the community event dates.
 - **Education Foundation** – Casino is coming up the first quarter of 2012
- D. Old Business**
- **Food Safety Course** – John has put his name on a list to attend this 2 day session held in Fort Macleod when it comes available. Jeannette may also go.
- E. New Business**
- **Community Service** – It was suggested that the school could go back to doing a town clean up the weekend before the Stavely Rodeo.
 - **Swimming Lessons** – Price has increased but Parent Council still supports this. John asked for input as to times as some parents didn't like having everyone the same week. The parents in attendance didn't find this to be a big issue although some of them don't like them when it is super cold out. John was directed to book lessons when it best suits the school.
 - **Welcome Back Breakfast** – thanks to the staff for a great event and super menu idea!

- **3Way Interviews** – Louanna will provide a meal for staff on the Wednesday night, Leanne will pick up sandwiches or something light for the Thursday night.
- **Terry Fox** – Amanda moved that PAC provide juice boxes and granola bars for this event. Tara seconded. Carried. Amanda volunteered to get the groceries.
- **AGM Chair** – Leanne will see if Ian Sundquist would agree to chair this meeting as per tradition!

Meeting was adjourned by Amanda at 8:15. Our next regular meeting and AGM will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 12.

Minutes submitted by: Louanna Jones