

DDS Home & School Council

September 20, 2016

DDS Library

Present: Melanie Fleischhauer, Kelly Spanke, Cammy Dunn, Kelly McLeod, Kari Hanna, Michelle Marti, Sandra Fremstad, Teacher – Mitchell VanDyk, Principal – Shari Rogerson, Trustee – Craig Whitehead.

Kelly called the meeting to order at 3:41 pm. Agendas circulated with no additions. Cammy approved/Kari sec.

Sandra read the minutes from the last meeting and they were adopted by Melanie/Kelly S sec.

Old Business:

**GALA** – approximately 220 businesses/people approached for donations, need to follow up. Google doc will be updated with items. Approximately 6 ½ tables left. Ticket sales going well. Early bird deadline Sept. 30. A more in depth planning meeting to be held after council meeting.

Kelly S will be in touch with Schooten's and will find out if they plan to use the donated table.

Cheques were issued to Shari with rental agreement for insurance and damage deposit for event.

**Scientists in School** – grade 5 did not have theirs last year, so Shantel did it in Sept. Mitchell will be doing his for grade 6 this fall as well.

New Business:

**Parent council report to go to Palliser.** It's almost done. Kelly S just had to add up \$ in for hot lunch and expenses and will get it to Shari. As our fundraising is all done through Betterment, it will be very straightforward.

**Terry Fox Run** - scheduled for Sept 30. Cammy moved **"we spend up to \$200 for yogurt tubes, bananas and oranges for K-6"**. Kari sec/carried. Kelly S offered to pick it up.

Betterment Report:

Sandra reported that Betterment has decided to try some PR and advertise the society as many still are unaware of PSBSPB. Logo'd Candies were handed out at parade, logo'd pencils given to all students and staff at both PBHS and DDS with a note about what it's purchased and logo'd pens will be used at Gala. Both schools are currently spending proceeds from casino.

Lunch Program Report:

Kelly S spoke briefly with Cody Schooten and they want to continue supporting our lunch program this year. We would still like 1 brought in lunch for \$5 and the Schooten lunch with beef will be free.

Dates are as follows:

October 13 & 27, November 10 & 24, December 8, \*Turkey dinner the 22

January 12 & 26, Feb 9, March 2, 16 & 30, April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25

They are on Thursday to include Kindergarten.

Grade 6 will have hot dog fundraiser once a month on a Tuesday. Exact dates TBA.

Kelly reported we have \$1,838.37, with about \$1000 being for vouchers not yet redeemed.

Discussion was held on how to encourage parent volunteers to help with lunches. Suggestions include offering an entry for something big (TBA) every time a parent volunteers, 1 free hot lunch for 1 child, a volunteer cheque and discounted fieldtrip fees. Kari moved **“everytime a parent volunteers for a council sponsored activity, they get an entry for a big prize drawn at the end of the year TBA”**. Sandra sec/carried.

Kelly S will send out a voucher form for families who need more.

#### Principal's Report

Shari reported that we will have a school review this year likely in April.

We have 150 kids in K – 6 with 23 in ELP. We lost about 5 families over the summer.

(K -20, 1 -19, 2-10, 3A- 16, 3B-16, 4-15, 5-23, 6-28, with 5/6 flex teacher for support.)

School is looking into t-shirts, hoodies, and toques to sell. Would like to get samples to have a table at the gala and perhaps do preorders before X-mas so they can be used as gifts.

She is looking into possibility of getting presenters/motivational speakers.

#### Trustee's Report

Craig reported that the Board has a new executive with Robert Strauss being Chair, Debbie Laturnus the vice-chair and he is the alternate vice-chair.

The Review Panel will have the review done by Oct. 31 and a special meeting will be set where the review is presented to the Board.

A council of school councils meeting will likely happen in November and we are encouraged to look at Palliser policies beforehand.

LBGTQ policy has been submitted to Alberta Learning with recommendation for 1 change which has been done.

#### Around the Table

Discussion was held on fundraising for fieldtrips and class/teacher led fundraisers. It was tabled for further discussion in the future.

We need another meeting to plan the Halloween carnival. Date TBA.

Meeting adjourned at 5:24pm