

DDS School Council Meeting

November 21, 2022

In-person @ DDS and Online

Attendance: Danielle Ross, Mandy Zeinstra, Alicia Bourke, Michelle Marti, Laurell Greene, Ashley Mcleod, Shantel Mohrmann (teacher rep.), Crystal McGregor (Principal), Mike Oliver (trustee), Audrey Kluin (Associate Superintendent Human Resource Services, Palliser).

Welcome and Call to order @ 4:02pm

Introductions: Around the table introductions to and from Audrey.

Agenda: Approval and Additions: Roxane approved, no additions.

Previous Minutes: Approved by Alicia.

Business arising from previous minutes: N/A

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

-Christmas Dinner: It was decided over e-mail chain that we will continue Christmas dinner as we have previous years.

There is 142 students and approximately 25 staff (more than last year).

107 lbs of turkey was cooked last year, we will cook slightly more this year. The volunteers who did potatoes last year agreed to do it again if they can get help peeling. Roxane will do stuffing, Mandy can do two turkeys. Will do gravy and veggies the day off. Will ask for donations of cranberry juice because there is lots of left over Sprite from the gala, for punch. Agreed on two bite brownies for desert. Kids can eat in the gym together, finally.

- New Sound System:

DDS needs a new sounds system. Haven't heard back for Palliser but unlikely they will help with the cost. Agreed to find one that comes with some warranty as this one didn't last very long. Will get the electrical system checked out. We will need to borrow/rent, possibly from PBHS, for the Christmas program.

Treasurers Report (Mandy)- Haven't received the latest bank statement. There is \$147.99 in the account. Expecting a cheque for \$158.59 from Schootens as well as money from the school from pizza orders. Still owe Laurell for the last homemade hot lunch.

Hot Lunch Report (Roxane)- Everything is good with hot lunch, focussing on Christmas dinner.

Betterment Report: General account has \$44,399.47 Casino \$2782.37 Outdoor classroom \$3500.00

Casino is March 8th and 9th, please consider volunteering, we need 50/50 representation with the High School if we want 50% of proceeds.

Trustee Report (Mike Oliver) – Attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting. Leanne DeKok to contact Crystal regarding have the choir sing at Midnight Madness in Picture Butte. Agreed this would be a great way for DDS to get out into the community. Crystal will try to get in contact with Leanne.

Principals Report (Crystal McGregor)- Thank you from all the staff for the help with the dance, it was a great success. Also thank you to home and school for arranging the sponsorships for hot lunch. It is great to see ALL of the kids being able to get a hot lunch, they look forward to it so much.

This month DDS is focussing on Wellness with NED's Mindset Mission (Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best). It has been a great success and there is yoyo's flying around everyone. Mrs. McGregor has even been running a yoyo club in the gym at lunch recess.

Numeracy – using Jo Boalers Mathematical Mindset. PD day this Friday will be putting together numeracy game kits for students to take home and practice conceptual understanding. Will be doing numeracy buddies, much like reading buddies.

Had an artist in this month who specializes in wood art and photography. Students grade 4-6 created wood hangings that were hung together on a hoop.

Will be beginning a food drive for the Picture Butte Food Bank starting next week. Each class will be building a structure with their food items to win a prize.

There will be a bake sale coming up that will go towards buying gifts for the seniors at the local care home, for Christmas.

Need volunteers for sorting Little Caesars the week of December 12th. Should know the exact date the week before.

Save the date : December 20th, holiday concert. There will be a special staff performance.

Next two Friday are PD days.

Around the Table: The dance was a huge hit and there is plans for possible having another one in the spring.

Adjourned @4:30

Next meeting TBA, but will be in January so everyone can focus on all the events happening in December.