

## DDS School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday September 25, 2025

**Attendance: Online: Laurell Greene, Crystal Neels. In person: Michelle Marti (Chair), Mandy Zeinstra (Treasurer), Crystal McGregor (Principal), Mel Nishikawa (Teacher rep.), Danielle Ross (secretary), Amanda Burke, Willow Baarda, Janae Emond, Martha Dyck, Eva Penner.**

### **Welcome & Call to order at 3:46**

**Agenda:** Approved by Amanda

**Previous Minutes:** Approved by Mandy

### **New Business:**

- PB firefighters (Rep: Sarah VanGunst)- sponsored meal for the school.
  - They would like to come into the school and prepare a meal on October 26 in honor of fire prevention week. Crystal M will reach out the firefighters to see if it would be better to cook for everyone or have kids order through school cash to get an accurate number.
  - Side note: the firefighter would also like to attend a fire drill and build a relationship and awareness on fire prevention with the kids.

### **Principals Report (Crystal McGregor):**

- Thank you to council for the Corn Maze Trip. It was a huge success.
- There is 160 attending DDS this year which is more than normal.
- Lots of new things with the curriculum. There was already changes with Kindergarten to grade 3 and now grade 4,5 and 6. Mostly changes in Language Arts and Math with K to 3 also having a new science curriculum. The school is busy training, planning and purchasing new resources.
- DDS will be launching Edsby later this week. Families will get an invite explaining how to set it up. The app will be used for attendance, e-mail communications with teachers and staff and will also have a newsfeed and school calendar.
- The grade 6 girls and boys have had to opportunity to join the PBHS junior volleyball team
- Mini Volleyball will start up at DDS in a few months and mini basketball will also be offered later in the year.
- The Terry Fox run will take place September 28<sup>th</sup>. The school has already surpassed last years funds raised. Students who raised the most money will get a change to 'pie' or 'dunk' a teacher or representative on October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Orange shirt day is coming up. The students will be learning the significance and meaning behind the orange shirt.
- DDS has applied for funding for a sensory room. Crystal will keep us updated on that.
- Two new positions were filled this year. Ashley Mcleod in grade 1 and Ashley Angenant in grade 4. There is a posting up for an EA that will be shared between DDS and PBHS. A new counsellor is also in the process if being hired. It will also be a shared position between DDS and PBHS.

### **Trustees Report (Mike Oliver): Attached**

- Budget update: Palliser is waiting on a lot of things that were promised
- Chamber meeting notes: The library is looking at offering the babysitters course through St. Johns Ambulance. Contact them if interested.
- The library also has a seed bank where people have donated seeds and community members can go and pick them up to plant.
- Midnight madness planning is happening. Possibility of DDS to participate with the choir. Leanne Dekok is the contact for more information on that.
- Bussing is half of the price of what it was last year so that will help cut costs for field trips.

#### **Hot Lunch Report (Laurell Greene):**

- We have the same hot lunch sponsors again this year. 6A Cattle Co. and Schooten and Sons will both be donating 1 meal/month.
- Mrs. Elashuk (making connections) is trialing doing hot dog day every 3<sup>rd</sup> week.
- Christmas dinner projected to take place on December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- There is 128 orders for taco in a bag and 117 for sloppy joes.
- Laurell can't attend taco in a bag day but has found replacements.
- Any help would be greatly appreciated even its at 11:30 for plating and delivery. Please contact Laurell to make arrangements to help.
- Looking for someone in Picture Butte willing to store beef delivered from Vauxhall meats. Danielle offered if they are willing to go out of town. Laurell will follow up.

#### **Treasurers Report (Mandy Zeinstra)**

- There is about \$715.00 in the account. This provides a good buffer to be able to pay Laurell before invoicing the sponsors.
- Without having student paid lunches there is no opportunity to make extra money. Will look into some paid lunches in the new year. The hot lunch program will need more help to be able to do this.

#### **Betterment Report:**

- There was about \$32000.00 in gala funds. A portion of that has paid for the Corn Maze trip and a new sound system.
- It was asked if getting fans for the classrooms would be on the approved list as they could really use them. Michelle will look into this and send out the list of things approved to use casino fund for.

#### **Around the table:**

- Mel mentioned that it would be great if the school could get new bright colored pinnies or shirts to be able to take on field trips as well as new stage curtains that aren't falling apart.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:31, next meeting will take place October 16<sup>th</sup> at the school at 7:00.**

- Meetings times will now alternate between 3:45 and 7:00.