

GH Primeau School Council
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 14th, 2016 @ 6:30 pm

In Attendance:

Noreen Radford, Charmaine Enns, Jessica Chvojka, Cynthia Wandler, Jennifer McRae, Tanya Sloan, Jackie Luker, Allan Menduk, Cara Mazur, Tracy Strand, Holly Tibble, Rachael O’Gorman, Kerri Pimm, Joyce Herceg

Call to Order at 7:04 pm

Welcome & Prayer - Allan Menduk

Approval of Agenda— Motion-Cynthia, Second by Jackie

Approval of Minutes from last meeting (June 8, 2016) - Motion to approve the minutes as read – Cynthia, second by Jessica

Introduction of all present

Student Council Report - No Report

Trustee Report – Noreen Radford

- Provided overview/background of District Board. Reminder that bi-election vote will take place on September 19th for residents of St. Albert only as Ward is located in St. Albert.

Friends of Primeau Report –As of the Bank Statement is **\$403.77**.

- Items carried over from last year are Red T-shirts, Baba’s Own, Boston Pizza & FundScript.
- A request was made to School Administration to have a Link on School Website for School Council and Friends of Primeau, as well as a dedicated page in School Newsletter. Allan set up links by end of meeting and agreed to PAC/FOP having a page in Newsletter.

Admin Report- Allan Menduk

Reviewed a few specific topics from the report, including:

- 2016/17 class sizes. Administration was able to keep single classes throughout all grades. All classes under 30 students. No split classes.
- GHP has started the year on Budget (398 students budgeted, 400 enrolled with 1 additional student starting next week). School is on Budget!
- There was a quick review of new Faculty
- Safe and Caring Schools. Traffic enforcement has been well received. There have been no major issues with enforcement. Town Bylaw presence is being well received with Bylaw and student engagement.

- New Electives for 2016/17: Performing Arts grade 8 (1 term); Advanced Art 7 & 8; Men of Honour; Health & Nutrition 7 & 8; Sewing 8; Innovations 5, 6, 7 & 8
- Parental Engagement – Email is the communication of choice – fast and convenient. Other forms of communication are daily announcements, school website, XL, newsletters, report cards, Twitter/ Facebook, Google Classroom, PowerSchool, parent-teacher interviews and....telephone.
- Please see the GHP website to read the Admin report in its entirety .

Old Business

- Elections – all positions filled.
- Allergy Awareness – Stop signs are posted at classrooms around school to indicate allergies in class and for awareness of allergies and food sensitivities

New Business

- Flexible Learning Environments and classroom updates (tour) – Allan took all in attendance on a tour of a typical grade 6 and grade 5 class with the new Flexible Learning Environment (FLE) in place. FLE has been applied to all grade 5 and 6 classes.
- Art Room – dedicated Art room has been relocated to a classroom at front of school with natural light
- French Immersion – District Level is showing Support for program by dedicating Marie Gamache as a district wide resource for the French Immersion Program
- Safe Arrival – Automated system being tested at MCHS and VJM. Automated system linked to PowerSchool (operates similar to synervoice). If parents do not call in an absence an automated call out will be initiated to ensure student safety, especially important in inclement weather conditions. Information will be sent home to parents with more details in the next 1-2 weeks. Question was asked if system will be able to determine the difference of a person answering the phone or an answering machine. Allan to clarify.

Adjournment at 7:44 pm

Motion by Jackie second by Tracy

Next meeting – October 12th, 2016 @ 6:30 pm