

Camilla School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 8th 2011

Call Meeting to order: 7:01 pm

Addition to agenda (by motion): AISI – Alberta Initiative for School Improvement. – Motion by Amber Kluthe, seconded by Christine Patrick.

Adopt minutes of January meeting (by motion) – Motion by Michelle Fincaryk, seconded by Juanette Quintal

Attendance: Michelle Fincaryk, Amber Kluthe , Nadine Hoffman, Mike Byrne, Monique Van Rooyen, Juanette Quintal, Shelley Porter, Retelle Poitras, Brenda Kulka, Naomi VanBrabant, DeAnne Lirondelle, Irina Bauer, Deanna Victoor, Christine Patrick.

Old Business

1. Teacher Appreciation update – Teacher Appreciation is tomorrow – subcommittee taking care of that.
2. Plant and Bake Sale
 - a. Would like all SAC members to volunteer their time – April 15th – Juanette will send out email for SAC members to sign up.
 - b. Raffle table: looking for corporate donations – if you know anyone, let Jackie or Juanette know.

New Business

1. Swimming program update
 - a. Teachers' views- staff - running really well. Parents would like to see it continue. No negative feedback from teachers.
 - b. Parents concerns: Lisa Patrick – Lisa not here tonight.
2. Power School
 - a. Will there be a parent information night? Will hold an information night after P/T interviews and report cards – sometime in April – no date set yet.
3. Parent Teacher Interviews-Juanette Quintal
 - a. Would like to set up information table, looking for ideas
 - i. Should we collect more information? Email is very important.
 - ii. Should we have a subcommittee list for future use? Would like to see more subcommittees– new people coming on board.
 - iii. Should we hand out information pamphlets? Put up signs outside classrooms – put up posters in hallways. Need to update handout that have been used in previous years – more bullet point on what is discussed at meetings.
4. SAC nomination process-Michelle Fincaryk

- a. Positions available – Elections are coming up. We will have information available at Parent/Teacher interviews, in Camilla Connection and information will go home to parents.
- b. Voting procedures – Nominations can be made by calling the office. Voting will take place at Annual General Meeting held in May.

Reports:

Please submit written reports prior to meeting via email to Juanette Quintal at Rockhill@cruzinternet.com

1. Trustee – Board Highlights at www.sturgeon.ab.ca under Quick Links. Parents invited to all public Board Meetings – held on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Jennifer Bruinsma and Ivy Kwan nominated for Excellence in Teacher Award – Congratulations to them on their nomination. Ceremony will be held on March 16. WITS Program piloted at Camilla – 3 Year Program. Great Job by Camilla SAC hosting COSC meeting. Morinville Parent Delegation Request within the Town of Morinville. Sturgeon County SAFE Youth Conference April 1 – 3 – for more information go to www.sturgeoncounty.ab.ca
2. Admin
 - a. Timetable schedule – new Camilla Bell Schedule 2011 – 2012. 1 hour blocks. Recess before lunch. Can finish lunch during DEAR. Increases instructional time. Band option for grades 7 – 9 next year.
 - b. Tell them from me survey – junior high students’ complete survey.
 - c. Accountability Survey – went out to parents of Grades 4 and 7 students.
 - d. “Steps to a Healthy School Environment” Resource – binder available to teachers and parents to look at – ask at the office.
 - e. AISI budget – Alberta Initiation for School Improvement. Classroom resources, special projects by teachers, software, study island.
3. Chair
 - a. COSC summary – Camilla SAC hosted Council of School Councils Meeting last month. 8 or 10 school represented – 1 or 2 people from each school. Well received. We are doing well for number of people attending our meetings – average is 10 to 12 people at meetings. Common topic was length of meetings which we have under control at Camilla. One school offered childcare so parents could come to meetings. Headstart provides childcare when necessary.
 - b. ASCA –School Councils Connections conference (April 15-17) – Shelley went last year. 2 members of our SAC can attend. A lot of great information received – about 300 people, different sessions you can choose from. Address bylaws and resolutions different school councils have brought forth. Will be discussing resolutions at next meeting – each member has information in package from tonight’s meeting.
4. Ag Society - none

5. FOC – hot lunch next Tuesday – due tomorrow. Raffle is at break even point. Can now spend Casino money from 2 years ago. By September hope to have promethean board in every classroom. Another casino July 22 and 23. Jennifer Flynn will be looking for volunteers. Will be sharing booth at Boat and Motor show and Farm and Ranch show. Will get passes for volunteers and will be reimbursed for parking. Raffle money is going toward new equipment for 5/6 playground and screen for gym to use for seminars, video conferencing, Ag society can use it for weddings. Casino money will be used for additional sports equipment, library books, laminator, flat screen TV, more equipment for stencilling machine, new uniforms for basketball and volleyball teams. Has requested SAC to pay for half of pancake breakfast.
6. Staff – Art Attack program for all students – art created at home and brought to library March 21. 3 pieces will be selected to be shown at central office and kept in the school. Contact Meagan Berube for more information. Legislature week for Ms. Murray’s class – other class 1 day. Teachers had to attend course in order to go all week. Badminton rackets will be purchased. Badminton tryouts coming up shortly. March 14 junior high options. Sturgeon Night of Music May 5 at 7pm. Grade 2 included in Choir. Connecting Gods Children program - raise money for inner city children. End of March program ends. Average raised \$500 - \$600. Popcorn pig out at end of program.
7. ECS – Year end party, kindergarten open house April 14 at 7pm. Next meeting May 10.
8. Headstart – February went to build a bear – paid for by fundraising and fees, trip to aquarium at WEM.

Additions to Agenda:

AISI – as per Admin Report.

Bouquets:

- Staff Appreciation Subcommittee volunteers.
- All Teachers for Pancake breakfast.
- Thank you to Amber and Deanna for “bringing a friend” to SAC meeting.
- Juanette for baking for Teacher Appreciation.

Adjournment: 8:50 pm

Next Meeting: April 12, 2011