

Camilla School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 11, 2011

ATTENDANCE (*absent)		Parents and Teachers in Attendance
Chair (also Member at Large)	Retelle Poitras	Jackie Morin
Vice-Chair (also Gr 7-9 Rep)	Lori Reaville	Daphne Lindquist
Secretary (also Community Rep)	Jennifer Haddock	Shannon Raabis
Treasurer (also Community Rep)	Nadine Hoffman	
Gr. 1-3 Reps	Kimberley Boddez	
	Amber Kluthe*	
Gr. 4-6 Reps	Melissa Lirondelle*	
	Brenda Kulka	
Gr. 7-9 Reps	Charmaine Krywko	
Members at Large	Lisa Patrick*	
LAC Rep	Naomi Van Brabant	
Headstart Rep	Christie Kieftenbeld	
Staff Reps	Michael Byrne*	
	Leanne McMillan	
Ag Society - Calahoo	Reagan Schinbein	
Trustee	Shelley Porter	
FOC	Monique Van Rooyen	

Call Meeting to order – 6:33 p.m.

Addition to agenda (by motion): Charmaine made a motion to add grade 9 behaviour in class; Jennifer seconds. Motion carried. Shelley motioned to add PAT results and The Lords Prayer; Nadine seconds. Motion carried.

Adopt minutes of September meeting (by motion): Retelle made motion; Nadine seconded; Motion carried.

Old Business

1. Back to School BBQ
 - a. Report on costs – There were 300 – 400 people who attended; \$338.68 total expenses. \$1949.38 balance minus BBQ cost: \$1610.70 in our account. There were people coming up for more than one hamburger. Could we sell the burgers at our BBQ? Or give a ticket to be redeemed for a burger. Teachers should wear nametags or shirts to identify them or possibly a flyer given out with teacher's pictures and a bio of each. Tabled for a later date.
 - b. Review of information table spreadsheets – 24 surveys were completed. Results were: Swimming high priority, karate big interest, power and figure skating had good interest, toddler skate and skiing had a good interest. Not a lot of interest in babysitting after school. We may circulate something through school as it may be the people filling out the survey may have been a parent who doesn't work or have older children. A lot of people wanted babysitting at SAC meetings. A Babysitting course is in the works. Possibly to be scheduled in the new year. No ideas given for guest speakers and workshop ideas.
2. Babysitting for SAC meetings trial – Today's meeting had 3 being babysat. Hopefully with word of mouth, more will use the babysitting. Email to be sent out advising of babysitting available at our meetings.

New Business

1. SAC focus for this year – Retelle wants to engage parents in community and school spirit. In the past there have been guest speakers, etc. Instead of that, we could host events like a family movie night and use the new projector. Charmaine suggested incorporating a movie night into the Christmas season. Jackie suggests it could be like a gift from the SAC as we won't be doing the Christmas celebration like the past few years. Retelle suggests that it could possibly also be used as a fundraiser.
2. Volunteers – Retelle advises she has dates of School Board meetings – 2nd and 4th Wed of the month and would like to set a goal that a SAC member attends 5 meetings. One meeting per person. We welcome our new Calahoo Ag Rep – Reagan Schinbein.
3. Financial Statement - Our bank balance as at June was \$1874.38. What has SAC projected to spend money on? Teacher appreciation – get kids involved and appreciate their teachers. It is still being discussed. It was suggested that we put some of our bake sale funds made at book fair back towards the library. The money made from the used book fair in the arena in the spring goes to the library. The money made from the plant

and bake sale portion at the Used Book Fair goes to the SAC. The plant and bake sale at the book fair is the only fundraiser SAC does for the year. We will talk about where our money will go at a later date.

4. Camilla website
 - a. Do you use it and how do you use it? Shannon relies on it. It is very up to date and the homework portion is handy. We asked for a direct link for the bus service in winter and it is now on the home page of the Camilla website.
 - b. Do you know that the website has surveys, parent portal link, school news, newsletters and announcements among other things? There is currently a survey to be filled out on the website.

5. Council of School Councils – different for Alberta Council of School Councils. – The meeting is on Nov 7th. Chairs and vice-chairs from different schools in division meet and discuss what is top of mind in the school. Retelle and Lori are attending and will bring it back at December meeting.

Reports:

Please submit written reports prior to meeting via email to Retelle: retelleforcamilla@gmail.com

1. Administration - PAT results are back and they are quite good. Most of the marks are higher than the province. Accountability pillar: career resources were low. It will be looked at. This is a survey sent out to parents of grade 4, 7, and 9 students. It is a good measure for our school so we can see what we need to work on. There is survey on the website for parents to fill out regarding changes to the school calendar. It is available until Oct 31st.
2. Trustee – Shelley brings up the survey on the parent portal. Call the school if you need a password for the parent portal. Tell Them from Me surveys are scheduled for Friday. This survey asks Grades 7, 8, and 9 students various questions from drug and alcohol use to how things are at school. It is filled out anonymously. Alberta Mental Health has given funding for community resource coordinator. She would work with Shannon Galloway, the counsellor. Our division was looking at an electoral ward review. It follows the schools. There is a problem with Guthrie – too many people. They may redraw the ward boundary. The new Morinville school is also an issue as to where they would fit in. Alberta Health Services will be doing a parent information evening before giving the HPV vaccines to girls in Grades 5 and 9. This needs to happen before Christmas.
3. Staff – No school staff at meeting.
4. Chair – November 1st is the next meeting at 6:30 p.m. We received a card from Dianne Doerkson expressing her thanks for all the kind words, gestures of SAC.
5. FOC – AGM was scheduled for earlier in the day. A new executive was elected: Jen Flynn is president; Leanne Boissonneault is vice president; Monique Van Rooyen is treasurer and the position of secretary is vacant. The last Tuesday of the month is earmarked for hot lunch. Bianca Patterson will be still running it. The new projector will be installed before Christmas. Casino numbers aren't in yet. The grant application for promethean boards is in and we are

hoping for additions to the promethean boards. Financial statements will be provided in the Camilla Connection and the Camilla website. Jen Flynn is gathering information on the Casino in Fort McMurray.

6. ECS- Kindergarten are going on a field trip to Ouimet's farm and will be taking yoga classes too. Grade 4s will help teach it.
7. Headstart – Cookie dough fundraiser starting – In-Dey-Go cookie dough. 6 less kids enrolled this year. Headstart will not participate in Christmas concert due to it running later and too many anxiety issues for the children.
8. Calahoo Ag – Finished a huge fundraiser. They are trying to fundraise for a hall. They usually have a February dance also. Upgrading their website and it will be up and running soon.
www.Calahoo.org
9. RQB Ag – Retelle will provide an Ag report until someone volunteers. Country Christmas – November 26th. It is a fundraiser for RQB Hockey. Small businesses can use it as a staff party. It is a dinner and a dance. A Luau is scheduled for October 15th. Teen Gym Night is happening also.
www.rqbag-society.org

Additions to Agenda:

The Lord's Prayer – Shelley advises that there are a few parents at Sturgeon Heights against the Lord's Prayer being recited at Sturgeon Heights. Shelley would like some input from parents at Camilla as to whether or not they would be interested. Camilla currently does not have the Lord's Prayer but we have a religion program. If we decide against the option for the Lord's Prayer, it would encompass the Religion program. The decision has to be board directed – principals cannot make that decision. Parents have to go to the principal who would then go to the board. History: 1884 before Alberta was a province, they couldn't decide how to separate the schools. They made a law that the Lord's Prayer could be said at the beginning of the day and that religion instruction would be in the last half hour of the school day. In Alberta, schools are allowed to have the Lord's Prayer. Other provinces have laws against it. A parent suggested that we should always have the option to say the Lord's Prayer or not. Children can opt out and not say it or leave the room while it is being said. We discussed the issue and advised Shelley that we would like to have the choice to have it at our school.

Grade 9 Behaviour in Class – Charmaine has heard concerns about Grade 9 class behaviour. The school is aware of it and Grade 9 teachers are working on it. Any parents with concerns can call the school directly.

Bouquets:

To Teresa Sheehan for starting up paper recycling. To Leanne McMillan and administration for starting Guitar and Fiddle class.

Adjournment: 8:21 pm