

Camilla School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 1, 2011

ATTENDANCE (*absent)		Parents and Teachers in Attendance
Chair (also Member at Large and RQB Ag Rep)	Retelle Poitras	Kandell Pierce
Vice-Chair (also Gr 7-9 Rep)	Lori Reaville	Annette Kincade
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	Jen Flynn*	

Call Meeting to order – 6:30 p.m.

Addition to agenda (by motion) - Retelle would like to add Chris, Capital Health nurse to speak about Grade 5 and Grade 9 vaccinations. At time of calling meeting to order, we don't have quorum. (All but one member arrives by 6:45 p.m.)

Adopt minutes of September meeting (by motion): No quorum to make motion.

Capital Health Nurse, Chris, attended our meeting to discuss the Grade 5 and Grade 9 girls' immunizations for HPV and Hepatitis B. Next Tuesday she attends the school to make a presentation to the girls. An information sheet will be sent home. If you have any questions, please call Chris at (780) 342-2641.

Old Business

1. SAC Fund Allocation – Retelle explains that we are not a fundraising committee. We hold one fundraiser which is the plant and bake sale that runs concurrent with the Used Book Fair in the spring. Our funds are raised to be used for SAC sponsored school spirit events. We are a social committee that funds community experiences.

New Business

1. Parent Concerns – Protocol – Mr. Byrne will discuss in his report.
2. Teacher Appreciation - SAC will still be hosting this. Discussion is tabled until the new year. Shannon Raabis would like to help. Kandell and Tina are stepping down as organizers for the plant and bake sale. Tabled discussion of Plant and Bake sale to the new year. We thank Kandell and Tina for their hard work and dedication in years past.
3. December meeting – A sign up sheet went around for SAC members to bring an item to our meeting/December social scheduled for December 13th at 6:30 p.m.
4. Volunteers for November 9th and November 23rd School Board Meeting – Christie will go to the meeting on the 23rd. Thank you Christie!

Reports:

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

1. Administration: Protocols and Healthy Interactions – If there is a conflict such as between a teacher and a parent, Administration will redirect the parent to talk to the teacher directly before going to administration. If it is not resolved after going to the teacher, then they can go back to administration. If it is a dialogue involving their child and another child, the school cannot talk about other children. They can only discuss your child. This is school and school board policy. Those two parties who are directly involved are directed to speak to each other. Accountability pillar – program of studies was the only low score; preparing them for careers. The school will take grade 9s on a field trip to Skills Canada in the spring. It is a fair on trades. It has received very good reviews from schools who have gone to the fair. Sturgeon Comp High School automotives has received three awards in previous years in competitions at this event. Janet Vranas may be coming out to teach karate class. There is funding coming back to school division. See below Trustee's report. Farm Safety will be happening again in January or February. At next year's Back to School BBQ the teachers will have name tags. FOC funded big screen will be coming soon and will cost between \$12,000 and \$16,000. Take kids to work is

tomorrow. Parent Teacher interviews next week. Leanne McMillan spoke on the Fiddling and Guitar class. There are 50 children enrolled through grades 4, 5, and 6. Guitar sign up is full. There are a few fiddling spots left.

2. Trustee – Transportation Department did fly by campaign – When school bus stop signs are out, cars are supposed to stop. 47 drivers participated and collected data. 17 had conflict points and of that, 66 instances of fly bys. RCMP are involved and are looking at how to stop it. In Arizona, cameras take pictures of drivers who fly by school buses. It is an idea to be looked at and the school board wants to simplify the strategy of catching offenders. NOTE: Police are patrolling RQB area for speed. Note posted speed limits in the playground zone. Policy about religious exercise and instruction was talked about at board meeting. Senior administration will come back with school opening exercises and religious instruction guidelines. Next board meeting it will be discussed more. The new government windfall – “Redford” money is coming to the division. Senior administration met with principals in the division to discuss this. The division had to down 1.15 million in the reserve funds to maintain some programs. Class size initiative for example was scrapped but our division took reserves and threw it in to keep class sizes reasonable in the younger grades. They are giving it back and it should go to those reserves that were used. AISI funds were also taken and that money has to go back to AISI. They borrowed the funds from savings. We had a decline in enrolment – bums in seats equals money. That decline in students made us lose teachers. We lost here at Camilla but across the division, the division lost 9 students. Where can Camilla use more resources? – what are the hot spots? Mike Byrne asked for teacher time. A .6 teacher in junior high to give relief and also some Educational Assistant time in junior high and primary. This could look like a pull-out program for the split class in junior high where needed, depending on where they are in their curriculum. Decisions have to be made by December and should be implemented shortly thereafter.
3. Staff – Ms Ivy Kwan discussed blogging in grade 2. Technology is where things are going in the future. The kids love to do it. The blog is accessible on the Camilla website. This blogging will be in all grades eventually.
4. Chair – SAC sponsored babysitting course will be offered this month. There are two options proposed: Two-week after school course for 1 hr after school or a one-week course for 2 hrs a day. \$35 - \$40 each babysitter. Dates are Nov 14th to 25th for a two-week course and Nov 21 to 25th for a one-week course. We decided on a one-week course scheduled for Nov 21 to 25. It will be given by a certified instructor. Student has to be 11 turning 12 within a six month period. Retelle and Lori are attending the Council of School Councils on Monday. Babysitting is available at SAC meetings. Please spread the word. Lan DeLeeuw is doing the babysitting for the SAC meetings. She is certified. It costs \$5 per child.
5. FOC – No rep present.
6. ECS – Naomi reports field trip to Stony Plain Multicultural Centre. Two yoga sessions so far and is going great.
7. Headstart - Christie reports field trip to Four Cats paint studio in St. Albert and Paradise Pets. Cookie dough fundraiser order forms have gone out.

8. Calahoo Ag – Reagan reports Remembrance day at cenotaph in Calahoo on 11th. Hay ride on Dec 18th and bonfire after with hot dogs and hot chocolate. Website up and running in two weeks. CFCW Critters coming to Calahoo in February. Yoga in Calahoo on Tuesdays at 7 pm.
9. RQB Ag – Retelle reports membership \$25 per person, \$5 additional adult in household. First Aid Course Dec 3rd. \$100 – Ag members pay \$40. 9-1 in meeting room. \$1 membership if you are part of a work group. Kids first aid course free 10 15 from 2 to 5 p.m. Memberships are available at public skating on Friday nights up until the AGM or at the AGM on Nov 22nd.

Additions to Agenda: Only addition discussed at beginning of meeting (Health nurse).

Bouquets:

To Chris Moore for the outdoor education trip and to Chris Moore and Larry Matthews for boy's volleyball.

Adjournment: 7: 56 p.m.