

Camilla School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 12th 2011

Guest Speaker

Presentation by Mark Lockwood on the use of the Parent Portal (Power School).

Interesting facts...

- parent portal is more detailed (in-depth) look at report cards to give a better picture to parents especially between reporting periods
 - can link all children to one account (even if at different schools)
 - email notifications...if you are signed up to receive announcements, you can receive bulletins from the school or teacher. New feature but if enough interest it can be set-up as a communication tool
 - more comment room for teachers will be available starting in the fall (has already been addressed)
 - click on anything in blue – it is a link to further detail
 - Betty McGrath is the central office contact person for Power School – Parent Portal (780-939-4341) (If parents haven't received the log-on letter, they should contact the school first)
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Meeting called to order – 7:25pm

Attendance: Jackie Morin, Lisa Kluthe, Dolores Majeau, Naomi VanBrabant, Brenda Kulka, Jackie Warmington, Michael Byrne, Marlo Berezan, Amber Kluthe

Additions to Agenda (by motion) – none

Adopt minutes of March meeting (by motion) – Brenda made motion, Naomi seconded, carried.

Old Business

1) Plant and Bake sale –

Kandell and Tina are lead organizers with help from SAC/volunteers.

Opportunity for Future Leaders! - next year they will be stepping down as organizers of this event

2) FOC Request –

Request for SAC to help out funding pancake breakfast next year (2012). Bring forward to May meeting and new council.

3) ASCA Resolutions

– Information was sent via email to council members for feedback/vote on what resolutions should go forward (agree or disagree).

Resolutions to put forth via majority votes received (via email):

- school bus safety
- physical education
- tech support

New Business

1) Awards Criteria –

a) New report system & awards - Mike has new criteria (in line with new report card) for honors/merit and will make it available on the website for parents.

b) Awards Presentation format – last few years it has been a different format and changes were made/tried because of suggestions made by staff, presentations lasting too long, evening for those who knew they were getting awards (ie. Sports/academic) An idea was suggested that it is done by class (class is called up and all awards for that class are presented)

*Action - Mike will present 2 options to staff at the next staff meeting:

- 1) day awards (shortened presentation)
- 2) book award during daytime, sports & academic during the evening

Reports

- 1) Trustee report (Shelley apologizes she couldn't make it & Mike brought forward report)
 - a spring contest (will be put on website and communicated to staff/students)
 - long term service awards – parents and SAC wants to be made aware of who is retiring so they can show/express gratitude (ie. Diane Doerksen retiring this year)
 - parent concerned and inquired about paper recycling – do not have it here at the school. Had it in the past but was not successful - looking for ideas and suggestions (talk to Mike)

- 2) Administration report (Mike & Jackie W)
 - Education week May 2 – 6...teachers have great projects about ecosystem and recycling. Any money raised is going towards purchasing trees for the school grounds. Teachers want to collection amount of recyclables (ie. paper and bottles) to show kids
 - Kids Sports – provides grants to kids to help them participate in sports – feel free to approach school and they will make a recommendation/contact a family. Will be posted on website
 - School Budget (brief description addressing any concerns about budget)
 - o does not include staffing/payroll – majority budget is for operational expenses but also for substitute staff when regular staff are in training (ie. 3 staff coaches will take professional development training (paid by AISA) and bring back to train other staff in the school. Substitutes may be paid out of budget to allow additional staff to participate & be trained by coaches
 - o \$97,168/yr for budget in Camilla, and \$12, 500 AISA funding (*which will be cut next year by approx. 50%)
 - o budget allocated at the beginning of the year (into pots) ie. Initiate band program (\$10,000), maintenance & repair, memberships, supplies (large expense – photocopy and paper), ...able to leverage and move money under direction of central office. So far doing well, 2/3 of year through and still in the black (around \$40,000) for rest of the year.
 - o Library has allocated funds from school budget – there was concern that we do 2 fund raisers for library and it was questioned if the library had any budget allocated by school
 - two student teachers (gr. 2 & 6) organizing a garbage free lunch day on April 20th
 - changes to Jr. high – band (beginning and advanced group) next year and looking at offering Leadership as full year program. Will survey students for option classes so that a variety are offered to students (and they all don't want the same ones). Voids regarding optional classes are left when teachers leave (some teachers bring options based on talents/skills ie. Woods) always looking for volunteers or someone to share talents. Contact the office (Mike) for more info.

- 3) Chair Report (Jackie M)
 - will bring forward any reports to next meeting
 - reminder of new sac committee/nominations/etc
 - spread news of Annual General Meeting and anyone interested

- 4) FOC update (brought forward by Mike)
 - raffle at around \$8,000 or \$9,000 over break even point
 - wish lists have been talked about for funding raised this year

- 5) Staff (Marlo)
 - Tawatinaw gr 4-6 ski trip was awesome – kids were happy (was previously cancelled due to weather)

- 6) LAC/ECS
 - 14th is registration night
 - many new parents are interested in joining SAC

- 7) Headstart (Naomi)
 - kids recently went to telus world of science and have next field trip scheduled to sea lion caverns
 - have installed smart board (from puff funding)

Bouquets

- Tina Soetaert & Kandell Pierce - for always helping out and willing volunteers in many school events
- Kathy Stuart – helpful and assisting others

Adjournment at 8:04