

Adjala School Council

Sept. 23, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Chris Russell (principal), Joan McDevitt (non-teaching rep), Karin Ibscher (teaching rep), Andrew Stewart, Ian Michel, Kerri Grech, Karen Van Der Linde, Shira Henderson-McIntyre, Trish McDermott, Lisa Prasuhn.

Executive

Andrew Stewart acclaimed as Chair, Ian Michel as co-chair, Joan McDevitt as treasurer, Karin Ibscher will take minutes until a parent steps up to take the secretary position.

Principal's Report (Chris)

Re-organization was necessary (as per letter home). Current student population: 240 (down from Board-projected 262) so intermediate classes reduced from three 7/8s to two: one Grade 7 and one Grade 8. Teachers declared surplus: Danelle Wood and Carolyn Jazwinski. Robyn Leoni moves to ELK and a .6 LTO for planning time is currently posted. Declining enrolment likely to continue for the next few years but no boundary changes or possibility of school closing is imminent.

Standing Reports

Treasurer's Report (Chris)

No change from last year, as per handout.

Hot Lunch (Shira)

Need more volunteers for distribution of food.

Vendors in place, ready to go whenever enough volunteers step forward, no major changes to the menu are anticipated.

Spending Motions (Chris)

Leftover money from last year (\$3000) to be divided between books and athletic uniforms. Books not yet ordered but will be when Joan has time. Parent may be able to get uniforms as well as some "Adjala Swag" (clothing plus hats, mugs, lanyards, pens and pins). Chris to look into this.

PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant (Andrew)

Grant was approved - \$1000 for an interactive website to enhance parent engagement and communication to support student achievement. Money must be spent by next June.

Zehrs Tapes (Karin, Kerri)

Not being accepted after Sept. 26 - Kerri to total tapes we have currently so that we get the last of our money.

Field Trip Plan (Chris)

Proposed trips have been posted by teachers. Chris to prepare spreadsheet to send to superintendent and Council, to be approved by Oct. 15. Need a balance over the grades.

Fundraising Plan (Andrew)

Priority setting plan - forms submitted last year (approximately half of parents responded). Priorities: music, athletics, tutoring (in that order). Now fundraised money will be directed to those three as opposed to supporting field trips, etc.

New Business

Meeting dates: Continuing alternating Monday and Wednesday nights, starting at 6:30 pm. Possibly providing daycare (grade 8s as community service) would increase attendance.

Field Trip Price Increases (Joan)

Significant increases due to bus prices and reduced enrolment. Possibility of joining up with other small area schools to reduce prices by sharing busses and program costs.

Yearbook (Chris, Karin)

2012-13 yearbook has been submitted after numerous delays. Ship date is October 26. For this year, Chris wants to go with an online company to eliminate office issues (bounced cheques, deadlines, complaints). Karin would like to continue using Herff-Jones and could begin immediately once a commitment made and software is made available.

Out of the Cold Club and Games (Chris, Karin)

Chris has decided that the library is not to be used for these programs so they will not run.

Computer Safety Program (Ian, Andrew, Chris)

Could be done through the OPP and could use PRO grant money.

Bus Patrollers (Ian, Chris)

Will be in place soon. OPP training to be arranged ASAP

Next meeting: October 9, 2013, 6:30