

Coalbanks School Council

Minutes – September 10, 2018

1. Call to Order – Kara 6:37

Attendance

Parents: Kara Carriere- Chair, Kathi Burnett – Vice Chair, Raminder Bajwa – Treasurer, Bonnie Mikalson-Andron – Secretary, plus 12

Staff: Ainsley Croil, Laurie Chinn, Amiee Gast

Others: Christine Lee - Associate Superintendent, Business Affairs, Cassandra Paul, Family Connections Worker

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

3. Reports:

3.1 School Report - Ainsley Croil

- Pylons in school parking to prevent parents from parking in staff parking
- Wonderful first week, new staff excited to be here
- Portables not ready, aiming for January

3.2 Family Connections – Justina McCarthy

- Classroom messages about health etc., clothing exchanged, funding information for extra-curricular etc.
- In office Tuesday/Thursday, some Fridays

3.3 District Council Report – discuss representation

- Representative from each school, currently represented by Kara and Kathi
- Later discussion about another parent taking on this role

4. Financial Report – Treasurer Raminder*

- Two cheques remaining to be processed leaving current balance of \$8137.00

5. Committee Reports:

5.1 Hot Lunch Sub-Committee – Kara Carriere

- Sept 26th first lunch
- First 4 on School Cash Online

6. New Business

6.1 Motion via email for cost of photocopying Welcome Letter

Motion: spend up to \$50 to make copies of the attached School Council Welcome Letter at Staples to be sent home with all students on Friday, September 7. Burnett/Mikalson-Andron Carried

6.2 Meet the teacher night: School Council representation

- Table to represent staff by executive, with sign-up sheet and draw incentive.

Motion: Purchase three \$10 gift card for school council draw on Meet the Teacher night.
Low/Burnett Carried

6.3 Teacher Requests

- None at this time

6.4 Fundraising

- Set Fundraising goals for 2018/19 school year
 - October, and possible second one in early 2019.

6.5 Dance-a-thon Sub-Committee

- Kaylee, Rachel, Mercedes (printing), Tonya, Julie, Mackenzie
- October – Thanksgiving is a good fundraising time, teacher request to not be on Halloween, Nov 1
- Other ideas and comments
- Pumpkin carving – silent auction
- Timing – split classes up, kindergarten inclusion
- Biggest job counting money

6.6 Grant Opportunity

- Community Foundation Grant – project based
- Teaming with United Way for Grant writing workshop
- Eg Climbing wall, sensory room, 7 Habits
- Need to be applied for by school

6.7 Creation of a Society – Kathi

- Chris – will chair Society/create society, Raminder can assist
- He will be connecting with school district to do application
- Completely separate from council
- Numerous legal requirements outlined by Christine Lee eg. Insurance, yearly filing

6.8 Incentives for School Council meeting attendance

- A draw for a \$10 gift card at each meeting. If you bring a friend you get two draw entries.

Motion: Have a draw for a \$10 gift card for each school council meeting this school year.
Burnett/Low Motion denied

Discussion

- Parents should not need to be bribed to come, they should be working for their kids.
- Agree, but nice to get a little reward for coming.
- Until you come you don't know the value of coming, good to get more people through the door
- Previous years, parent rep for each class that would help on council, represent the class, find volunteers, be the communication point for each class. Bring a classes voice to the meeting

7. Set School Council meeting dates for 2018/19 school year

- Currently 2nd Monday of month, will remain with this

8. Communication – what do you want for communication,

- will be starting a Facebook page
- Remind App might be a good option.
- Reminders about deadlines etc.
- Can't communicate too much
- Digital signage – inside and outside

9. Adjournment 7:39

10. Next Meeting: October 1st, 2018 6:30 pm