

Oct 18th, 2022 | PAC minutes
(Elementary and high school amalgamated)

Attendees: Alexandra Lozada, Roberta Tesar, Charlene Lewandowsky, Daphne Vasconcelos, Jason Potter, Colleen Warrington, Courtney Pyrtula, Laurie B.

Regrets: Jen Ritchie and Kathy Soltys

Call to order: 7:07 pm

Meeting more casual. Not following formal agenda as half of the board members were unable to attend so we skipped the agenda approval and last minutes approval. Therefore, AGM will be moved to November so at least 1/2 plus 1 board members will be able to attend.

Housekeeping: Kids are welcome to come to school during meetings.

Principal report:

Busy start. The enrollment is higher than any other years.
Principal tries to be in both buildings every day.

High school has 143 kids. Grade 9 has the most students
Elementary school has 138 kid. Grade 3-4 has the most students.

High School highlights:

There are credit programs to help kids to get to be where they need to be towards graduation.
There is a leadership team.

Spirit week will be next week. First Halloween dance after a while (grade 9-12). There will be chaperones (staff). Movie night for Grade 7-8.

Sports teams starting (Volleyball and hockey)

Tons of support from Rolling River First Nation. They met twice so far. They support with the funds for an educational assistant through Jordan's Principal.

Two field trips so far.

New volleyball equipment.

Mental health resources are accessible for kids. Teen clinic comes regularly (mental health, primary care, health services, addictions). High number of kids access these services.

The extra room in high school will be turned into the fitness room. They will get equipment from Onanole and Shilo. Donations are welcome. The logistics and schedule will be shared when a concrete plan is developed.

Clubs at high school are taking off as they do not have recess. This is essential.

The kids from the PRYDE (Please Respect Your Diverse Environment) will be doing presentations on pronouns peer to peer.
EA retiring in Dec. and another EA going on medical leave in 11 days (3-month term). Another EA will be needed (5-5.5 hours a day)

Elementary school highlights:

Archery has started again
First Thanksgiving dinner after 2 years was successful. 5 turkeys feed more than 150 people.
More community building events are planned
Christmas concert. Talks about it but will be probably different than other years. Sleigh ride and winter fun day will happen for sure.
Currently there are two educational assistance funded through the Jordan's Principal.
In need of clothes donation. Gear, Jackets, mittens, hats. ECI clothing as well.
Hot lunch on Wednesdays is fundraising for costs like field trips, etc.
Swimming lessons - Ale will inquire prices and dates in Brandon. Grades 3-6. PAC pays for transportation and parents pay for swimming lessons.
Kids Can Shop is happening this year. Donations will be needed.

Common highlights:

Challenges with attendance. High school has incentives for kids that have 90 % or higher per month.
The welcome back BBQ's at both schools were a success. Food was donated by RRFN.
They are community groups (i.e. kids from grade 5 and 6 read to younger kids).
Through Oct, there is the Food Bank drive challenge. Class that gets more donations will have a pizza party.
They are planning Remembrance Day Service Nov 8. It will be combined (elementary and high school)
School pride wear will be available soon.
Any challenges that the school is facing are from outside the building. School staff are trying their best to not have the kids affected by it.
Hot lunch program is back.
There are government mandates and policy frameworks that have to be put in place like:
Telling the truth about our past. Policy framework for Indigenous Education.
Breakfast program available in both schools. School buys food. Every classroom has a bucket with snacks in case some kids need extra throughout the day.

Treasurer update:

Treasurer was unable to attend so we do not know the exact amount in the account.
Talks about fundraising opportunities. 50/50.

New business:

Questions about Rugby co-op formed between Rivers, Minnedosa and Erickson. Laurie will ask the Rivers' principal and the high school teacher about it.

Fundraising ideas:

50/50

Golf tournament @ Sandy Lake

Meat draws

Bingos

Art sale

PAC:

PAC is not only fundraising. We are involved in issues like going to town council meeting to discuss infrastructure around school (i.e., sidewalk safety). Go to School Board regarding concerns from educational standpoint.

Next meeting:

AGM date to be determined

Meeting adjourned: 8:12 pm

