### District SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Monday, November 2, 2015:**  
**Resolution Committee for Alberta School Councils’ Association at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Education Centre**

**AGENDA**

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| 6:36 | 5. Business Arising from the Minutes  
| | a. Constitution and Bylaws  
| | b. Reporting Template  
| | c. Topics for Professional Learning |
| 6:40 | 6. Trustee Report – Keith Fowler |
| 6:45 | 7. Alberta School Councils Association - Allison Pike |
| 6:50 | 8. Reports from District Committees:  
| | *District Policy Advisory Committee*: Allison Pike  
| | *Poverty Intervention Committee*: Joy Morris/ Dayna Tillman  
| | *Healthy Schools Committee*: Trina Tymco/ Lindsey Spring  
| | *Digital Citizenship Committee*: Hollie Tarasewich  
| | *SAPDC*: Allison Pike  
| | *Making Connections*: Brooke Culley |
| 6:55 | 9. District School Council Calendar of Events and Shared Opportunities |
| 7:00 | 10. Superintendent’s Report – Cheryl Gilmore |
| 7:15 | 11. Roundtable Reports  
| | Reports are included with the agenda: an opportunity to highlight a very significant event or for questions from the representatives about information in a written report |
| 7:30 | 12. Presentation – Healthy Active School Symposium for Grade 4-8 students  
| | Lyndsey Spring (15 minutes) |
| | 13. Adjournment |
**District School Council Meeting Dates**

December 7, 2015  
January 11, 2016  
February 2, 2016 – Town Hall  
March 7, 2016  
April 4, 2016  
May 2, 2016  
June 6, 2016 – Dinner meeting

**2015-2016 District School Council Representatives**

- Chair – Allison Pike  
- Vice Chair – Shanea Nilsson  
- Recording Secretary – Lyndsey Spring, Joy Morris  
- Policy Advisory Committee – Allison Pike, Brooke Culley (alternate)  
- Poverty Intervention Committee – Dayna Tilleman, Joy Morris  
- Healthy Schools Committee – Trina Tymko, Lyndsey Spring  
- Digital Citizenship Committee – Hollie Tarasewich  
- SAPDC – Allison Pike  
- Making Connections – Brooke Culley, Hollie Tarasewich
## District School Council 2015-16

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District School Council Minutes for October 5th, 2015

Welcome and Introductions - The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. with Mary Kay presiding. Mary Kay explained an activity for the group to do to get out of their seats and meet some new people, a group 'Mixer Activity'.

Additions or Deletions to the agenda - Mary Kay requested Agenda Item #6 (Elections for DSC) precede Agenda Item #5 (Business Arising from the Minutes); Allison Pike requested Class Lists and Portables be added to the Agenda, Hollie Tarasewich requested District Email System be added to the Agenda, Trina Tymko requested Pro D Days be added to the Agenda. New additions placed under Agenda Item #12 - Superintendents Report.

Approval of Agenda - Accepted as newly presented. Motion by Joy Morris, seconded by Allison Pike. CARRIED unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes - Accepted as presented. Motion by Denise Bryant, seconded by Hollie Tarasewich. CARRIED unanimously.

District School Council Elections & District Representation

- Chair - Allison Pike
- Vice Chair - Shanea Nilsson
- Recording Secretary - Lindsey Spring / Joy Morris
- Policy Advisory Committee - Allison Pike / Brooke Culley (alternate)
- Poverty Intervention Committee - Joy Morris / Dayna Tilleman (alternate)
- Healthy Schools Committee - Trina Tymko / Lyndsey Spring (alternate)
- Digital Citizenship Committee - Hollie Tarasewich (no alternate)
- SAPDC - Allison Pike (no alternate)
- Making Connections - Brooke Culley / Hollie Tarasewich (alternate)

Thank you toast and appreciation given to Mary Kay as the outgoing DSC Chair.

Business Arising from the Minutes: Cheryl Gilmore / Allison Pike reported.

- Superintendent reviewed the outline of the outcomes of the strategic planning session which include actions, measures of effectiveness, and stakeholder groups in regards to making these opportunities a priority for the district: Advocacy & Action, Communication, Parent Engagement and Parents: Process and Voice.
- Superintendent looking for feedback on the new reporting template that was emailed to DSC Reps. Discussion TABLED till further notice.
- District School Council Guidelines / C&B - Trustee Fowler spoke to the history of the DSC current C&B. Trustee Forster suggested to the group that the DSC should figure out who it is before working on the structure. Discussion TABLED by Allison Pike / Cheryl Gilmore till further notice.
- Topics for Professional Learning - Each DSC Rep filled out a survey/form that listed topics of interest and priority in interest. Findings will be shared at a later date.

Trustee Report: Keith Fowler reported.

- School start up was relatively smooth. Transportation and accessibility to transportation caused some issues and confusion.
- Current enrollment is over 10,000 students. SD #51 welcomed two new schools this fall - Immanuel Christian Elementary School and Immanuel Christian High School, as well as 126 students new to Canada.
• The Board approved a new District Communication plan at the September 22nd Board meeting.
• Online mental health survey - http://health.alberta.ca/initiatives/Mental-HealthReview.html
• District Capital Projects - Wilson Middle School still undergoing modernization. Ground was broken for the start of construction of the new Copperwood area elementary school. Final approval for funding to commence the west side middle school project was received. The schematic design is complete.

**Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) Report**: Allison Pike reported.

- ASCA will be doing 'Webinar' Wednesdays throughout the year. Offering different discussion topics, they will also be available to take part in during the day as well as evening. Previous Webinars we be available on the ASCA site. The sessions have been lively, well attended and well received.
- ASCA has emailed out invitations for DSC Reps to be part of the Parent Engagement Task Force. So far 13 parents from the district have joined.
- ASCA has hired a new Executive Director.
- Allison Pike requested input from parents regarding the PAT’s as a meeting with the Minister of Education (MOE) is scheduled for later in the week regarding this topic.
- Allison Pike requested that a DSC Resolution Committee be formed *(APPROVED)* and work to commence as soon as possible. All interested parents to please come a half hour early for the next meeting to see what is all about.

**Presentation / Workshop for all School Councils – October 15**

**Alberta School Councils Association: Effective School Councils** Location: Education Centre

- All interested attendees please RSVP Executive Assistant LeeAnne Tedder.

**Committee Reports**: Cheryl Gilmore / Trustee Forster / Trustee Fowler reported.

- A description of the district committees needing parent representatives and their meeting times was discussed. Positions were filled (done after council elections). Still need an alternate for SAPDC and DCC.

**District School Council Calendar of Events and Shared Opportunities**: Cheryl Gilmore reported.

- Item tabled for further discussion between Allison Pike and the Superintendent.

**Superintendent Report**: Cheryl Gilmore reported.

- 2016 Excellence in Teaching nominations are now available to be filled out.
- Schools web page Scavenger Hunts are now up.
- Student enrollment over 10,000. We have a growing ESL, ELL, and FNMI population in our district which is broadening our wonderful diversity.
- School Board is advocating for new South side elementary school.
- Cheryl Gilmore responded to a question regarding French Immersion and its growth and potential shortage of teachers; that Human Resources is aware of this and as best practice looks into the hiring of French immersion teachers at an earlier date. The board will be having conversations in January around school configurations, boundaries, and the possible need for a new FI elementary school.
- Agenda Addition (1) Class Lists - Allison Pike spoke to the mental health of both students and parents when the class list is not posted till the first day of school, as many parents throughout the district have contacted her with this concern. Clarification regarding if this was a District Recommendation or a District Directive. Group discussion revealed different methods and strategies are used at different schools, and by different levels (elementary school/middle school/high school). Cheryl Gilmore responded that this is usually common practice,
but not a District Recommendation or Directive; that class composition needs to be the priority. **ACTION** - Will take this item for future discussion with the Administrators’ Committee and Allison Pike.

- **Agenda Addition (2) Portables** - Allison Pike spoke to the issues of having portables and acquiring portables. Group discussion on the untimely placement of portables in the district and how healthy or nurturing this space is for students and the school community as a whole. Allison agrees that this is a much larger issue and needs to be addressed at the Provincial level. **ACTION** - Form an Issue Resolution and work with ASCA on this.

- **Agenda Addition (3) District Email System** - Hollie Tarasewich spoke to the inability to send an email to a group of teachers at the same time and the inability to be able to ‘cc’ or ‘bcc’ a copy of that email to have as a record, as well as the ease of finding an individual teachers email address. The group looked at what was provided in the home logic menu for contacting a teacher as well as random school web site staff directory links. **ACTION** - Cheryl Gilmore will look into this further and contact IT and let us know more at a later date.

- **Agenda Addition (4) Professional Learning (PL) Days** - Trina Tymko spoke to the amount of PL Days in conjunction to start Holidays that are in the school calendar for this year, but especially these first few months. That the lack of a full 5-day school week for students and parents alike has been disruptive and not in the best interest of student learning when it comes to consistency. **ACTION** - Cheryl Gilmore will be putting together a committee to start working on next year's calendar, and parent involvement will be part of it.

**Roundtable Reports:**

- Tabled

**Adjournment:** Motion by Allison Pike. CARRIED unanimously. 8:35 pm.
Second Call for Issues for 2016 AGM

Each year, on behalf of parents, school councils and groups of school councils meet regularly in Alberta and discuss education issues that affect the learning successes of their children.

To influence change to these issues at the provincial level, school councils/CoSCs* can send the issues to the ASCA office in order that they can be considered, discussed and debated by school council delegates** province-wide at the ASCA Annual General Meeting.

Advocacy statements that receive majority support from ASCA voting delegate parent council members*** at the AGM become directives for action or belief statements that inform the provincial advocacy work of the ASCA Board and are also utilized by ASCA representatives at provincial education advisory committee meetings to represent the collective parent voice.

**Mark Your Calendars**

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<td>At school council/CoSC meetings, identify issues affecting ECS-12 students that your school community parents would like to see changed.</td>
<td>School councils/CoSCs can start the province-wide discussion by completing and submitting issues to the ASCA Board through the ASCA office. Use the “Effecting Change” form (on page 2) or the on-line form in the Advocacy section at <a href="http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca">www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca</a></td>
<td>First drafts for school council/CoSC review and input emailed to schools/posted on website</td>
<td>Deadline for school council/CoSC questions and input on drafts to be sent to resolution sponsors</td>
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*All school councils/CoSCs in the province are able to submit issues they feel need to change in the Alberta ECS-12 system. Parent delegates from all Alberta school councils/CoSCs are welcome to register to attend the AGM.

**ASCA deals with education issues relevant to parents represented by school councils. Other professionals on school councils have similar opportunities through their respective professional associations.

***Parent delegates who are attending on behalf of ASCA member school councils are eligible to vote on AGM business and advocacy statements at the AGM.

Please contact the ASCA office if you are uncertain as to your councils’ current membership status.
Effecting Change

ISSUE submission form 2016 AGM

Date: _____________________

Submitted by: _________________________________________________________
(name of school council or CoSC )

Regarding this submission, please contact: _________________________________
at this email address: ____________________________________________

The issue(s) that needs to be addressed and the aspects that need to change is/are:
(i.e Transportation –coordination of bussing between districts in the same geographic region )

Students will benefit from these proposed changes because:

ASCA should influence in this area because:

Submit by December 16, 2015

QUESTIONS? Call us toll free at 1-800-661-3470 or 780-454-9867 in Edmonton

Submit by fax to 780-455-0167 or e-mail to parents@albertaschoolcouncils.ca
P15-01 Provincial Dual Credit Strategy - Sponsor: Horizon Council of School Councils

Background:
Between 2008 and 2011, the Alberta government funded dual credit pilot projects while, at the same time, individual school jurisdictions and post-secondary institutions negotiated separate non-government funded dual credit agreements. Through these dual credit opportunities, high school students participated in apprenticeship training and/or post-secondary, college or university courses while earning both high school and post-secondary credits for the same course. In 2012, The Government of Alberta identified six priority initiatives, including education and entrepreneurship, as the cornerstones of a dynamic Alberta economy. The Provincial Dual Credit Strategy contributes to and aligns with the Government’s priority initiatives and creates more opportunities for students to earn credits in high school and post-secondary institutions at the same time, as well as opportunities for preferred placement (post-secondary course exemption) and workplace certification.

The Provincial Dual Credit Strategy saw the province invest millions over a three year period to be available to local partnerships for dual credit programming over and above existing funding to assist school jurisdictions, post-secondary institutions, and business and industry or community partners in expanding or creating dual credit opportunities that:

- Engage students in their learning through pathways that open their possible futures
- Motivate students to finish high school
- Inspire students to learn, work and live in the local community
- Give students the confidence to transition from high school to post-secondary and/or the workplace

Building upon local practices, lessons learned, and the expertise of key stakeholders, the Strategy is a ‘Call to Action’ for school jurisdictions, post-secondary institutions, business and industry to expand their collection effort to develop and expand engaging and relevant learning experiences for Alberta students so they can reach their full potential in becoming ethical citizens and engaged thinkers with an entrepreneurial spirit.

WE Request that to ensure students have more access to dual credit programming opportunities and to personalize their high school experience and build on or discover their career passions and interest that the government implement sustainability practices that ensure students are assured choice and mobility throughout their lifelong learning.

Reference
http://www.albertadualcredit.ca
Wireless Technology Safety in Alberta public schools - Sponsor: Jennie Letwin Individual Member

Background:
With electronic devices becoming increasingly important tools in education and social culture, educational stakeholders need to become informed about the potential health risks and to take steps to minimize the danger. In 2011, the International Agency for Research on Cancer, a division of the World Health Organization, reclassified the microwave radiation emitted from Wi-Fi and wireless devices as Class 2B “possible” carcinogen, in the same category as lead and DDT. Parents were never informed. Currently, levels of radiation in our classrooms are comparable to standing 100m from a large cell tower. In order to ensure students are as safe as possible at school, Alberta Education should examine a “Best Practices” approach to reduce radiation in schools, based on the key messages outlined in the Canadian Teachers’ Federation (CTF) Brief “The Use of Wi-Fi in Schools” (2014).

The CTF recommend the prudent use of Wi-Fi, such as turning off routers when not in use urging that “teachers and school communities have not been informed regarding the implementation of Wi-Fi and any inherent hazards.” School boards rely on Health Canada’s standards to assure the safety of students however the Brief points out that current guidelines do not consider biological effects, which many scientists say puts the health of our students at risk. The American Academy of Pediatrics agrees that there is cause for concern, warning that current radiation guidelines do not protect vulnerable groups such as children and pregnant women and are advocating for updated standards to protect the public.

Surprisingly, the dangers are no longer opinion but part of accepted medical education offered as Continuing Education Credits that Physicians may take as part of licensing. In June, 2012, Women’s College Hospital in Toronto stated that family doctors must learn to detect symptoms of exposure to radiation from wireless devices—including disrupted sleep, headaches, nausea, dizziness, heart palpitations, memory problems and rashes. In 2014, a Physician call to Health Canada asks them to reduce exposure in schools, and to provide Physicians with resources to recognize health related problems related to microwave radiation exposure.

With the WHO cancer warning in mind, along with the fact that doctors are now treating patients for adverse effects, Teachers’ unions in Canada, USA, Germany and the UK, BCCPAC Parent Council, and countries such as France, Germany and Europe have already taken action to minimize exposure to microwave radiation in order to protect the health of their members and citizens. In Canada, MP Terence Young recently introduced Private Members Bill C-648 that would require cancer warnings on cell phones, Ipads and other wireless devices such as home cordless phones and baby monitors.

Rational for a motion passed by Edmonton Catholic Schools calling for a Provincial Symposium to give scholarly consideration to this issue (2014), proposed by Trustee John Acheson states: “because of the growing body of information on the matter that raises questions as to possible health concerns of Radio Frequency Radiation it is deemed to be prudent that the trustees of the province (ASBA), the teachers (ATA) and the parents councils (ASCA) exercise their due diligence on the matter.”

WE Request that Alberta Education provide a copy of the Canadian Teacher's Federation Brief “The Use of Wi-Fi in Schools” (2014) to School Boards advising they implement a prudent approach to the use of Wi-Fi and that a “Best Practices” method be explored to ensure that students are as safe as possible when exposed to Wi-Fi at school.

WE support the ASCA partnering with ASBA and the ATA to organize a Provincial Symposium regarding the safe use of Wi-Fi in Schools.

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<td>will be going to view Skate Canada practices on Oct. 29.</td>
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<td>All classes</td>
<td>are preparing “mission statements” to be videotaped.</td>
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<td>We will be participating</td>
<td>in a joint “One School One Book” event in January, with Lakeview and Fleetwood.</td>
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<td>Senior Choir</td>
<td>will be singing back-up to Chinook’s show of songs from musicals, on Oct. 29.</td>
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<td>Other elementary schools</td>
<td>are doing this on other dates.</td>
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<td>The school has grown</td>
<td>too big to have Christmas at the Fort. We will have 2 Christmas concerts.</td>
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Portables should be ready soon, but we are still interested in advocating for them to be ready when school starts.

### Fundraising *(Do you have a successful event to share?)*:

The donation drive seems to go more slowly each year, and always has to be extended. Some parents love it, some hate it. Some want to buy/sell items, but don’t volunteer to help, and when we put on a bulb fundraiser they complain that not everyone gardens. It seems impossible to win.

### Are there things your School Council is talking about/questions you have for other School Councils?

We would like to move to a cash-free system for our monthly hot lunch program. We need to discuss with District representatives how this can work, in conjunction with allowing students some choice in their orders. Are other schools already doing this?
## District School Council  
### School Highlights

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### Event Highlights:
- Fill the Bug Food Drive Oct 14-22 we brought in 1034 lbs of food to donate to Local Food Banks  
  - [Link](http://gpro.lethsd.ab.ca/view.php?action=object&id=21079&stream=News)

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### Fundraising (Do you have a successful event to share?):
- Terry Fox Walk we raised $830

### Are there things your School Council is talking about/questions you have for other School Councils?
- Feedback on Cashless School system used by other elementary schools – how is it working
# District School Council
## School Highlights

| School: | Fleetwood Bawden Elementary School |

### Event Highlights:

The 35th Annual Terry Fox Run was held on September 30, 2015 and was a district wide event hosted by Fleetwood Bawden School. Almost $15,000.00 was raised that day for the Terry Fox Foundation. Roland Fox (Terry’s father) was in attendance and commented that this event was one of his all time favourites. This is a very meaningful compliment considering that Roland has traveled internationally to Terry Fox events. It was great to see high school students pitch in without being asked to help with distributing water bottles and snacks at the end of the run. They also did a great job of cheering on the younger students.

Eight new parents have joined our school council this year. We are so excited to have new people on school council who have shown a great interest in participating and who have taken on some very important roles this year.

The choir performed at Chinook High School at the end of October and will be performing with the Lethbridge Symphony in November as well as at the Remembrance Day service at the school on November 10.

The Grade 4 & 5 students were invited to the practice on Thursday, October 29 for Skate Canada International.

### Fundraising (Do you have a successful event to share?):

The 1st Annual Read-A-Thon fundraiser has started. The school wide reading goal is to read 125,000 minutes in 21 days! We will wrap up in early November.
**District School Council**  
**School Highlights**

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**Event Highlights for October:**
- October 2 Friday Enrichment Friday options began this week. These will run on Fridays until Dec. 4
- Two Lockdown practices were held on October 6 in the pm and October 8 in the am
- Energy Day Assembly (12:45 pm) and Family Fun Night (6:30 pm) held on Tuesday October 27
- October 29, Thursday Kindergarten Halloween Palooza was held in the gym
- October 30, Friday Halloween parade was completed for all classes

**Participation in Decision-Making and/or Advocacy** *(did you participate in any decisions at the school such as policy or join the school in advocating for something or decide as a School Council to advocate for something?)*
- Discussion of lockdown procedures that occur in the school, especially regarding children that are in the hallways when a lockdown is called.

**Fundraising (Do you have a successful event to share?):**
- DFS Canada Online gift and chocolate fundraiser – raising over $3000 from Oct 8 to Oct 22. Fundraiser to continue until October 28th.
- Terry Fox fundraiser (Toonies for Terry) raising $1032.38 towards cancer research

**Are there things your School Council is talking about/questions you have for other School Councils?**
## School Highlights

### School:

| General Stewart Elementary School |

### Event Highlights:

Parent Council Meeting was held September 16th. Officers were elected as follows:
- Chairperson – Janene Moch
- Vice Chairperson – Tara Tisdale
- Treasurer – Shawna Motte
- Secretary – Callie Craven

### Participation in Decision-Making and/or Advocacy

*(did you participate in any decisions at the school such as policy or join the school in advocating for something or decide as a School Council to advocate for something?)*

### Fundraising (Do you have a successful event to share?):

Parent Council is looking at fundraising options for the year. Initial plans include deJourdan’s portrait sessions, Regal catalogue orders, Christmas raffle and possibly video sale, and our Read A Thon.

### Are there things your School Council is talking about/questions you have for other School Councils?

General Stewart is in the process of implementing the Munch – O – Lunch program for hot lunch. If any schools are currently using the program and would like to share their menus with us, we would appreciate it.
**District School Council**  
**School Highlights**  

**School:** Gilbert Paterson Middle School

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<td>Oct 5</td>
<td>PD day – was great to have all the middle school teachers together – talked about Middle School Philosophy, had a guest speaker talked about brain research and the adolescent brain</td>
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<td>IPP’s and ISP’s – Discussion regarding levels of support,</td>
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<td>Chair attended ASCA workshop and will be looking at childcare, having guest speakers and doing voicecall reminders for council meetings to increase attendance.</td>
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<td>Parent Teacher Interviews – discussion about what would be covered in the short time slot</td>
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<td>every week selling treats that are often donated</td>
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<td>Hot Lunch</td>
<td>first one was in October, used Cash online – will be adding options for ordering.</td>
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<td>Tiger Pride week</td>
<td>will be in November with big donation drive.</td>
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**Are there things your School Council is talking about/questions you have for other School Councils?**
**District School Council**  
**School Highlights**

**School:** Immanuel Christian Elementary school

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**Event Highlights:**

ICES attended the PCCE Christian schools Teacher Convention over the dates of Oct 22 and 23. It was a fabulous time of learning and thinking about our mission and vision.

Immanuel Christian schools (both the high school and elementary) have been chosen to host the 2016 PCCE Teachers Convention. We are in the process of putting together an organizing committee. The Convention will be held Oct 20 – 21, 2016.

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ICES held its own version of the federal election on Monday, October 19. The grade 6 students were the hosts with grades 4, 5 & 6 students voting. This was an important step in helping our students understand the election process.

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<td>Our parent council is hosting another evening of &quot;spooktacular&quot; fun through our Halloween carnival. Many staff and parents have volunteered! We are so proud of the team effort put forth for our students. Also, many grade 5 students have volunteered and organized a bake sale. The proceeds benefit the humane society. We are so proud of their leadership!</td>
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<td>Park meadows has raised over $6000 towards building a Snoezelen room, through generous donations from the community. We appreciate the support.</td>
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<td>This is our first year with a full time dedicated music specialist. All the students are so excited to perform in a Remembrance Day assembly. We are privileged to enjoy a Christmas concert this season as well. Our choir will participate in a performance with three other choirs at Southminister church in November.</td>
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<td>We have two classes (a grade 1/2 and 3/4) who are taking part in our Roots of empathy program.</td>
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