District School Council Minutes for October 2, 2017

In attendance: Joy Morris (Gilbert Paterson), Tyne Fox (Senator Buchanan), Cheryl Gilmore (Superintendent), Shirley Van Mill (Park Meadows), Alison Alma-North (Agnes Davidson), Heather Paul (Fleetwood Bawden), Locke Spencer (Nicholas Sheran), Allison Pike (Chair), Duane Pike (Agnes Davidson/Wilson/Gilbert Paterson), Kavita Gupta (Lakeview), Laura Scarpelli (Lethbridge Christian/Winston Churchill), Mike Shanks (Mike Mountain Horse), Sarah Musk (Immanuel Christian).

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Additions to the Agenda: 5.1. DSC and ATA School Trustee Candidate Forum
3. Approval of Agenda:
   Moved by Heather Paul, seconded Tyne Fox - approved.
4. Approval of the Minutes from June 2017:
   Moved by Duane Pike, seconded Laura Scarpelli - approved.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
   5.1. DSC and ATA School Trustee Candidate Forum
       The forum will take place tomorrow. It will be live-streamed at https://www.facebook.com/LSDistrict51/. Setting up of chairs will be at 3 p.m. if anyone can help.
6. Elections for District School Council
   We deferred this item in hopes that more people will be present at our next meeting.
   Heather Paul/Tyne Fox moved that all current representatives retain their appointments and are asked to continue on their committees until we are able to elect new representatives at our next meeting. Motion carried.
7. Trustee Report (attached to agenda): Due to tonight’s all-candidates forum, no trustees were present to speak to the report.
8. Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) Report – Allison Pike explained what ASCA is, mentioned that the Board supports our school councils by paying for their membership in ASCA. She mentioned that many workshops are available through ASCA. She also mentioned that the Board covers many costs for every school council to send a representative to the ASCA AGM and Conference in Edmonton in April, which is a very productive and educational experience. ASCA also provides an online “School Council Resource Guide” that covers all the basic information that they expect school councils to need.
9. Resolution Writing Trina Tymko was not present, so this item was tabled.
10. Middle School after-school science programs for girls Joy reported that the girls’ after-school science program run by the university for middle schools on Friday afternoons was no longer happening this year, and when she asked people at the university about this, she was told that the school district had declined to sign on. Cheryl responded that there was some confusion when she looked into this. Initially she was told that the Science Sizzle program had not been renewed based on cost and accessibility. The grades 4-5 participants had a 1.5 day excursion to the university, and 60 students participate altogether from 10 schools. Grade 6-8 have a 1-day excursion to the university. Every school had to send a teacher with their students, and this is difficult for schools to manage.
Associate Superintendent Morag Asquith has contacted the university’s science outreach coordinator Valerie Archibald to clarify about the Girls’ STEM program. Cheryl’s current information is that it was sponsored by Canadian Women’s Science Foundation grant and that its funding has run out. Morag will continue to liaise with Valerie about the opportunity for science outreach programs at the schools.

11. Superintendent’s Report - Cheryl Gilmore reported:

Support for School Councils The Board remains committed to supporting school councils. They pay for the membership in ASCA, registration at the Conference and AGM, and $200 toward other professional development expenses (either toward expenses for attending the AGM in Edmonton, or other training they may choose to secure for their council). Trustees are assigned to liaise to particular schools, but should be invited if you wish them to attend your meetings, and may not always be available. If they are given time on the agenda, they can present some elements from the monthly trustee report.

School Council Membership List The District has established a new method for parents to sign up to receive information from school councils. Parents can sign up on school web sites to become part of the communication list for each school council. Their contact info is automatically entered into a spreadsheet for that school and that school council can use this list. It would be helpful to have some way to convert the spreadsheet data easily into an email list. Joy Morris will serve as the liaison to Garrett Simmons to ensure that this data is in a format that is as useful as possible for school councils. Anyone with concerns or suggestions about how this data is being provided should email joy.morris@uleth.ca or talk to Joy.

12. Roundtable Reports

are in the agenda for information. Information about pre-DSC workshops for the rest of the year was circulated and will be attached to these minutes. The December meeting will be replaced by a 2-hour Blanket Exercise. Numbers for this need to be known in advance, so people need to commit to attending (or not attending); how to sign up will be decided and made clear nearer to the time.

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