

District School Council
Monday, November 5, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Technology Presentation:

Students can access the work they do at school at home

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Michael Krokosh, Education Technology Lead Teacher, contact: Michael.krokosh@lethsd.ab.ca

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REGULAR MEETING

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of the Agenda – added 9 c. Boundaries
 - Hollie Tarasewich moves to adopt the agenda as amended. Edna Asem seconds the motion. All in favour, none opposed. Motion passed.
3. Approval of the Minutes
 - Hollie Tarasewich moves to adopt the minutes as presented. Shannon Pratt seconds the motion. All in favour, none opposed. Motion passed.
4. Business Arising
 - a. School Hot Lunch Programs
 - There have been some schools that have been quite diligent about enforcing the district policy about encouraging children to choose foods from “eat most often” category.
 - At this point, as Hot Lunches do not occur regularly, this policy does not have to encompass the entire Hot Lunch program.
 - b. School Council Learning sessions
 - There was discussion last meeting around the different types of learning sessions parents would like to see. The topics of interest have been scheduled (attached). All parents/community members are welcome and are not required to stay for the council meeting afterward.
 - December topic: How a council can make their meetings more attractive, inclusive and welcoming for the FNMI parents.
5. Trustee Report
 - International Trip Approval - Immanuel Christian Secondary School has submitted a request for approval for an international trip to New York City. Estimated cost is \$2600 per student. Fundraising opportunities are available for students.
 - FNMI Open House was held in October, and there was a good turnout this year.
 - Response to September Public Forum Question on Student Transportation – the Board responded to concerns raised by a parent about the changes in bus transportation without proper communication. The issue was resolved.
 - Canadian Award for Financial Reporting - Lethbridge School District No. 51 first Canadian School division to receive the CANFR.

- Urban Indigenous Youth Grant has been provided to Lethbridge SD 51. Update on how the grant will be used will be shared by Associate Superintendent Morag Asquith.
 - Next Boarding meeting will be on Tuesday Nov 27, starting @ 3:30.
6. Alberta School Council Association – Hollie Tarasewich
- Board meeting this past weekend where the Minister of Education was in attendance and heard the concerns from parents around the province which primarily focused on transportation and curriculum.
 - The Minister also discussed results from PATs relative to Math.
 - ASCA has changed the resolution process and the deadline is extended is now Jan 15, 2019.
 - Also looked into how to use innovation to the benefits of the board. For example, have put out short 1-3 minute clips done by the president of ASCA for information.
7. Reports from District Committee
- a. Policy Advisory - Joy
 - Met on Oct 24. 6-8 policies have been emailed out to all school council chairs. Any feedback can be emailed to LeeAnne or Joy Morris.
 - b. District Wellness – Shannon
 - Met on Oct 15th. Alberta Ed Nutrition Grant - fruit and vegetables are delivered to each school. Discussion within the schools about how to distribute and offer help if necessary (cutting or distributing). Divided into zones on when each school receives the fruit and vegetables.
 - There is a subcommittee that is working on a Wellness policy that will address wellness holistically, not just healthy eating.
 - Health Promotion Coordinator for AHS talked about three areas of focus for building healthy schools: Healthy Eating, Active living, and Positive Mental Health
 - c. SAPDC
 - Looking into innovation; how to reach out.
 - Shelley Moore is a leader and renowned speaker in inclusion; there has been interest expressed for having Shelley for a parent session.
 - d. Community Engagement
 - Meeting was on October 9th and there was a bit of discussion on the ICE Scholarship Breakfast in February. Marty Parks is the keynote speaker booked for the breakfast. There are three sub committees: event planning, sponsorship, selection.
 - Town Hall - group recommended discussing the same questions over a couple years so that stakeholders can see progress.
8. District School Council calendar of events
- The district calendar of events is on the School district website.
9. Superintendent Report
- a. 2018-19 CIF Allocations
 - Last year the Classroom Improvement Fund was allocated. The funds are designed to go towards improve the classroom so that learning and education is improved. Staffing (support, EAs, Teachers).
 - b. Curriculum Highlights
 - K- 4 curriculum is up and slated for implementation for the 2019/2020 school year.
 - Timeline provided. Draft Grade 11/12 is expected to be done in 2022.

- Conceptual-based curriculum and instructions uses an inductive approach. Karen Rancier, Curriculum Director will host a parent session regarding the most significant shifts with the new curriculum. Link to new K-4 Draft Curriculum: <https://education.alberta.ca/curriculum-development/what-will-students-learn/?searchMode=3>
- c. Boundaries
- Communication plan is being developed, there is a committee and there has been no decision made regarding the boundaries that affect Chinook High School. The committee comprised of Westside Principals, District administrators, and Board, is currently looking at data with respect to growth. The plan is to communicate information starting in December with parents. The primary concern is to not provide misinformation. The district does not want to provide information to the public until all information is collated. Decision-making regarding boundaries will be a process that engages stakeholders in looking at plausible solutions.

10. Roundtable Reports

- Ecole Agnes Davidson School, Coalbanks Elementary, Gilbert Paterson, Immanuel Christian Elementary, Wilson Middle School, and Fleetwood Bawden have all submitted round table reports.

11. Adjournment at 8:06 p.m.

District School Council Presentations 2018-19

Date	Special Notes	Presenters
November 5, 2018	Technology – what programs do students access at school/ have access to at home? Websites that support student learning	Michael Krokosh
December 3, 2018	Engaging FNMI parents in School Council	Andrea Fox
January 14, 2019	Curriculum – significant shifts	Karen Rancier
February 5, 2019	Town Hall	
March 4, 2019	Inclusive Learning	School administrators
April 1, 2019	Social Media	TBD
May 6, 2019	Innovative practices in science and technology in the District	Invite to schools to present project based learning
June 3, 2019 Dinner Meeting		

Stephanie Wierl is the Health Promotion Coordinator for AHS. She is interested in connecting with Parent Councils and to offer supports in continuing to create healthy school communities.

From Stephanie to School Councils:

In my role as a [Health Promotion Coordinator](#) with Alberta Health Services, I am passionate about supporting schools with health and wellness resources and providing guidance for using the Comprehensive School Health Approach to build healthy school communities.

The three areas of focus for building healthy schools are **healthy eating, active living and positive mental health**.

I would like to offer a few ideas of how I might further support any work you are doing to build healthy school communities:

1. Sharing resources with parents:
 - I am looking to build a network of school council wellness champions. If you have anyone within school council that would like to be added to my wellness news email distribution list, and who will volunteer to share relevant news with your council as appropriate, please respond to this email indicating you would like to be added.
 - For example, I wanted to highlight a few NEW nutrition tools that are very helpful in creating healthier hot lunches or fundraisers – they can be found here: <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/nutrition/Page6459.aspx>
2. Presentations:
 - If your school council would like a presentation on any of [these topics](#), please email me to determine a date/time.
3. Project planning:
 - If you are working on a project related to any of the three focus areas above, it would be my pleasure to support you in the planning process by attending meetings, or providing resources related to your project. Please email me to discuss this further.

I look forward to hearing from you, and learning more about how you are building healthy school communities.

Sincerely,

Steph

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