

St Elias Community School Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2017

Present: Danielle Drummond, Diane Strand, Sharmane Jones, Millie Joe, Catherine Allaway, Brian Eleniak, Maggie Mann

Regrets: Heather Grantham

1. Call to order: 5:40 pm
2. Adoption of Agenda: 1st Diane, 2nd Catherine
3. Adoption of December minutes: **Tabled**
4. Old Business

4.1 Christmas Silent Auction:

- The Auction went very well. The total raised \$3883.50. There was a late donation cheque for \$200 from Castle Rock that was very much appreciated.
- Plan to invite Student Council to our next meeting to discuss the funds raised and for Student Council to put together a proposal for how the funds could be used toward revitalizing the student lounge.
- Danielle and Maggie will meet with Student Council to discuss the outcome of the Silent Auction and some concerns regarding students not following through with distributing their donation letters.

4.2 Planning Session Review:

- Student Council: School Council will write a letter to invite them to attend the next meeting.
- TRC: Diane to write letter to Deputy Minister Judy Arnold to ask what recommendations are relevant to Education. At Diane's request, Danielle will send email to remind Diane to write the letter.
- First Nations 101: Discussion regarding whether someone from CAFN has done the training. More meaningful if the course is done in person and with a local instructor.

- Blanket exercise: Danielle received 2 phone calls and one email from attendees stating how great the exercise was and wanting to do it again.

- Attendance Initiative: A concern with the way attendance was documented regarding absences with the new system. If a student is on a School field trip they are marked as an excused absence. There is an in-house focus on afternoon lateness and attendance data. Overall decent increase in attendance overall.

-Anti-Bullying: We discussed PBIS and the Behaviour Matrix last meeting. There were 2 sessions to students and parents before Christmas on cyber-bullying, internet safety. There will be another session later this month.

- Discussion around where we are at with the Community wide Anti-Bullying Policy. The plan is to start small and have one venue at a time have a meeting and dialogue around current school practices. Plan to have the Arena involved first and ask the manager/staff to look at the school policy and offer suggestions and feedback on what can or cannot be done at the arena.

Bicultural Initiative: A letter was sent to Paula (CAFN Director of Education).

- Maggie met with Sean Sheardown to discuss where we are at and what dreams and wishes we have for the revitalization of the Bicultural Program.
- Plan to have Amanda W work with FNPP for education about the program. Penny P to talk with the Principal of FH Collins for Colleen Joe-Titus to meet with Amanda.
- Discussion around how to make traditional activities count for school credits. How do we do this? It has been done in Dawson. How did they do it? How else can we do it?

- School Needs Discussed: Change the entrance. The School Board is aware. Property management is aware. \$5800.00 is set aside for this. Plan for School Council to look at the school entrance during next meeting to see what the vision is. Also plan to look at the FN language room and discuss the possibilities for an Elders Room.

#### 4.3 Arctic Oven Follow Up:

- SECS has ordered two 12' x 14' external frame wall tents. These tents will be versatile enough to be used for the WISE program as well as other outdoor School Wide events and programming. Danielle will update the parent who made the initial request about the purchase of these wall tents. If it is felt that these tents are not sufficient, the School Council can look towards partnering with the parent or WISE program in a fundraising effort.

## 5. New Business

5.1 Literacy Fun Night: **Motion to purchase snacks.** 3 Veggie trays, 3 Meat trays and 3 fruit trays. 1st Catherine, 2nd Sharmane  
Staff will pick up trays in Whitehorse and invoice School Council.

5.2 Heritage Fair: April 25th. School Council to cover cost of snacks.

5.3 School Supply Top Up: We received \$500.00 top up for extra students.  
- There is yet no invoice from Staples.

5.4 RPAY Application: The Teen Action Challenge Grant is due Feb 10th. It is for teens age 13-19 to help increase levels of physical activity. Danielle will forward the email about the grant to Sharmane.

5.5 School Council Spring Conference: It will be April 27-29. All council members look to see if they will be able to attend this year. Diane is unable to attend.

## 6. Reports

6.1 Principals Report: There is a new Kindergarten Student

- Maggie spoke with Penny about the fact that our enrolment is only 3 students less than it was when we received the 1.0 FTE Cash management position last year.
- The 1st semester Final Exams were last week. Report cards go out this week.
- The main boiler burned out last night and was off this morning There was a small amount of leakage in the boiler room. Property Management cleaned up the spilled oil and confirmed that it was safe for students and staff to remain in the building.
- REM update: Department of Ed consultants were out to see if HJ and SECS would be a good fit to host REM. These were preliminary efforts and conversation.
- Staff update: Mr. Preto on leave this week and possibly next. Gwen Watson to substitute.
- Today was the first day of Semester 2.

6.2 Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's report.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Next Meeting: February 20th, 5:30 pm at the School Library

9. Adjournment: 1900

