

Legal School Council Minutes

March 4, 2020

Attendees: Renee Trottier, Lisa Giacobbo, Stephanie Cornelius, Amanda Prefontaine, Jen Muzichuk, Cari Last, Cathy Proulx, Susan Pearce, Laura Tymchuk

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

1. Prayer by Lisa Giacobbo
2. Approval of Agenda and Request for Additions to the Agenda
 - Requests: none
 - Approved by Amanda Prefontaine
 - Seconded by Cari Last
3. Approval of Minutes from last meeting
 - Approved by Cari Last
 - Seconded by Amanda Prefontaine
 - Business arising from last meeting: none
4. Guest Speaker – Susan Pearce, Town programming and FCSS (780-961-3773)
 - Works at the town office, coordinates community services and recreation for the town
 - March is fraud protection month. Class on March 11 from CPA financial on fraud awareness
 - Community kitchen: last one in April
 - Primary Care Network: mindful eating class on April 22
 - Red Cross Babysitter training on March 13, \$26.25. Ages 10-16
 - Bike safety program on May 7
 - Spring recreation programs for adults. If you have ideas for kids' or adult recreation programs, feel free to contact Susan
 - Summer Playground format is changing. One field trip per week will be offered along with other programming. Ages 4-16, field trips will be age appropriate.
 - Parent volunteers may be needed for some field trips, e.g. Rotary park in Whitecourt
 - GSARD voice project: will be doing summer programming. Offered out of the Citadel Centre.
 - July 27-30: elementary
 - Aug 17-20: Junior high
 - Family Day August 14
 - FCSS – program ideas
 - Roots of empathy program
 - Family violence prevention and education
 - Suicide prevention
 - Jessie's House: educational piece on safe houses
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Chairperson report – Stephanie Cornelius
 - Town of Legal Welcome Bag – school provided brochures and school tattoos
 - Council of Council meetings
 - School council members shared ideas that their schools do

- Table at school open house for school council. Encourage other parents to get involved
 - Provide coffee/tea and cookies at school council meetings
 - Poutine Fridays
 - Grant for a Peace Garden
 - Lego wall
 - Christmas and year end dance
- Alberta School Councils Conference and Annual General Meeting April 24-26
 - Fee to attend is ~\$395
 - Suggestion to ask Friends of Legal to sponsor one person to attend
 - Alberta School Councils organization offers workshops for local school councils
- Alberta School Councils Motions
 - Legislation on vaping: motion approved
 - Diploma exam weighting (maintain at 30%): motion approve
 - Provincial government to negotiate price for EpiPen: motion approved
 - Equitable public education: define public education as public, francophone and separate systems, all schools to have a full and balanced curriculum, reduce class sizes, integrate charter schools into the public system, remove funding from private schools except special needs private schools. – motion approved
 - Class size and complex classrooms – motion approved
 - Informed adequate funding for classrooms and schools. Restore education spending to pre 2019 levels – motion approved
 - Access to funding for public schools and fees. Prioritizing funding for education in areas of high student density and allow students in these areas equitable access to k-12 – motion voted down
 - Mental wellness training incorporation in the curriculum - motion approved
 - Student education advocacy. – motion approved

5.2. Trustee Report - Cathy Proulx

- Motion to move grade 10-12 from Margret Youville to St Albert High passed. Will start in 20/21 school year
- Memorandum of agreement from the ATA was accepted.
- Accident report
 - In Legal: 17 accidents, all low and medium
- Capital project and maintenance report
 - All exterior lights replaced with LEDS, renovated 2 bathrooms, staff room cabinets and flooring
 - Next year: Front door camera, center court camera
- Vandalism report
 - In Legal, only two incidents in the last 4 years (~\$900)
- Suspension report
 - 2018/19 school year: 6
- Fee Waiver report
 - No fee waivers utilized for Legal School
 - Teacher numbers at each school

- 10.2 FTE reduced to 9.7
- Spring Provincial Budget
 - Shouldn't have too much of an effect on GSACRD
- Rural School Board Conference
- 5.3. Administration Report - Renee Trottier
 - 5.3.1. Provincial budget
 - Funding formula for schools is based on a weighed 3-year average (previous year, current year and projected enrollment for the next year).
 - 5.3.2. School Fees
 - Unchanged from last year except for the agendas. The price has increased by \$0.50
 - Student council fee added to the elementary fees
 - Suggestion to do away with the agendas, do the students actually use them? Renee will bring this up with the teachers as the decision will ultimately be up to them.
 - Dynamic Options
 - Suggestion to fundraise for the rec program to purchase t-shirts for the kids
 - Grades 4-9 will be offered Dynamic Options
 - Course selection is completed with school registration
 - Options fees must be paid prior to start of course
 - Motion to approve 20/21 fees: Stephanie Cornelius
 - Seconded by Jen Muzichuk
 - Voted in favour: Amanda Prefontaine
- 5.4. MSCHS presentation to Grade 9s on March 11
- 5.5. MCHS open house March 12, 6-8pm
- 5.6. Legal School open house March 12, 5:30-7:30
- 5.7. District Calendar for 20/21 has been approved and is on the website
- 5.8. Math and Numeracy night for preK -grade 3
 - 5.8.1. April 15 5:30-7:30pm
- 5.9. District Admin learning walks
 - 5.9.1. Admin tours other schools to learn about what they are doing
 - 5.9.2. Tour of legal school took place on March 4. Tour group was impressed with how the different age groups interacted and how well the dynamic options were working
 - 5.9.3. St Patrick's Day Week Activities
 - Pie day
 - Contest to see who can say the most numbers of pi
 - Find the leprechaun contest
 - Wear green and shamrock scavenger hunt
 - Lucky charms activity - separate marshmallows from the cereal with their mouths
 - Mint chocolate ice cream for everyone
- 6. Teacher report: Laura Tymchuk
 - 6.1. Junior High starting term 3 options: foods, photography
 - 6.1.1. Drones have purchased and will used for the photography class
 - 6.1.2. Flash mob idea
 - 6.1.3. Use of green screen in maker space
 - 6.2. Big Structures

6.2.1. Students chose a structure and used elements from different units to explain the structures

7. Parent reports:

- No reports

8. Friends of Legal School Society

8.1. Next meeting March 5, 2020

8.2. Movie night was a success. Pre-orders 80 people, extra 20 at the door.

8.3. Family dance is in April. May be changing the date to April 18th or 25th from the 4th.

9. Next meeting: April 1, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm