

Legal School Council Minutes

October 12, 2021

Attendees: Lisa Kleparchuk, Amanda Prefontaine, Nat Smith, Cathy Proulx, Krista Pawlachuk, Ashley Zilinski, Pamela Durdle

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm

1. Prayer
 - a. Lisa Kleparchuk
 - b. Krista Pawlachuk
2. Approval/ Requests for Additions to the Agenda
 - a. Items v and vi added to chairperson's report
 - b. Approved: Nat Smith
 - c. Second: Ashley Zilinski
3. Approval of Minutes from last meeting
 - a. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - b. Approval: Nat Smith
 - c. Second: Amanda Prefontaine
4. Reports
 - a. Chairperson Report - Rhea Jussen
 - i. School Council Engagement Grant inquiry
 1. \$500 grant available for school council use
 2. Deadline has passed.
 3. Rhea will investigate details so that we could apply next year
 - ii. Proposal for funding to Alberta School Council Association
 1. Lobby the provincial government to provide additional funding to the ASCA so that the ASCA can offer workshops, conferences, and programs to local school councils free of charge
 2. School councils have been teaming up to split costs
 3. Rhea to bring up the suggestion of lobbying at the GSACRD council of council meeting to determine if there is interest. May be more effective to tackle the issue as a division.
 - iii. SC Parent Engagement Survey
 1. Paper survey sent out in October (150 forms)
 2. No response – Lisa will double check to see if any have come in
 3. Survey will be sent out again by email
 - iv. ASCA meetings and weekly webinars
 1. Rhea attended a meeting and webinar this month
 2. Open to all members of school councils
 3. Meetings are held monthly
 4. Weekly Wednesday webinars (~\$25 fee)
 5. Upcoming webinar: activities for family engagement during COVID
 6. ASCA email: @Albertaschoolcouncils.ca
 7. Website: Albertaschoolcouncils.ca

- a. Username: schoolcouncil.legal@gmail.com
 - b. LegalCouncil21!
- v. School council engagement opportunity
 - 1. Zoom meeting with ASCA Nov 27 1-4 pm
 - 2. Send email to schoolcouncil.legal@gmail.com if you would like to attend
- vi. Grant request
 - 1. Group grant request due November 22
 - 2. Two-page submission required
 - 3. Grant proposal idea: Chromebooks
 - 4. Pamela Durdle and Ashley Zilinski have volunteered to help Rhea to prepare application. Lisa Kleparchuk will provide quotes for Chromebooks.
- b. Trustee Report - Cathy Proulx
 - i. Board Organizational Meeting
 - 1. Chair: Joe Boss
 - 2. Vicechair: Greg Schell
 - 3. Cathy Proulx sits on the following committees: board planning, Legal chamber of commerce, capital, first nations comm, awards , support staff negotiations, sturgeon county committee
 - 4. Conferences
 - a. ACSTA -
 - b. ASBA
 - i. Edwin Parr Award for first year teachers
 - ii. Innovation and excellence award for school boards: GSACRD community of hope project won the award.
 - iii. Long Serving Trustees recognized: Cathy Proulx with 25 years of service
 - iv. Motions passed: internet for all, take restrictions off board surpluses, highlight to the government that more environmental material be added to the curriculum, add extra funding for busing, review and piloting of second draft of curriculum
 - 5. Town of Legal now has a Doctor's office staffed by a medical doctor and psychologist part time until demand increases
 - c. Administration Report
 - i. PT Interviews, PowerTeacher Pro, and IPPs
 - 1. Report cards will be available in PowerSchool Portal when term ends on Dec 6.
 - ii. Grade 2/3 literacy/numeracy grant support funds
 - 1. Division applied for and received the grant
 - 2. Able to increase Ms. Boudreau's and educational assistant time so they can help with literacy
 - iii. November events:
 - 1. Christmas Hamper Project
 - a. Information will be in the Friday Nov 19 WAAG
 - 2. PD Day - Nov. 26
 - 3. Advent liturgy - Nov. 29
 - 4. Report cards - Dec. 7

5. Chaplain in residence - Dec. 9-10
6. Christmas Concert – virtual
 - a. Recording Nov 30-Dec 3
 - b. Available for viewing Dec 10
- iv. Assurance School Plan Goals
 1. Two surveys
 - a. Alberta and Division assurance surveys
 2. Alberta Assurance
 - a. Only 10 parents (10%) filled out the survey. The feedback is important to the school. Would like to achieve at least 25% participation
 - b. Welcoming , caring, respectful and safe learning enviro: 84.7%
 - c. Parental involvement 78.5%
 - d. Student learning 77.5%
 - e. Areas to celebrate: Safe and caring environment - % who agree that the school is a safe and welcoming environment
 - i. overall increase from 86.8 to 88.1%
 - f. Area of improvement: Student learning engagement- % who agree that students are engaged in their learning
 - i. New measure
 - ii. Teachers: 90%
 - iii. Parents: 83.3%
 - iv. Students: 58.2%
 3. Division Assurance
 - i. 10% of parents filled out survey
 - ii. Areas to focus on/opportunities for growth
 1. My child receives ongoing feedback to improve
 2. My child has opportunities that supports engagement in school
- v. Suggestion to increase survey participation and school council engagement
 1. Talk about the survey, importance of the feedback and school councils at the Christmas concert
 2. You tube messages
 3. Add mention to top paragraph of WAAG
- vi. Teacher Representatives
 1. Mrs. Krista Pawlachuk
 - a. Kids are more resilient in the second year of COVID
 - b. Kids are getting along well and are very accepting of each other
 - c. Placing an emphasis on writing skills
 - d. Using reading assessments developed by Dr. George Georgiou
 - e. Small group guided math based on math assessment results
- vii. Friends of Legal School Society
 1. Pamela Durdle – president
 2. Playground fundraising project
 - a. Meeting scheduled Friday with playground company to get a quote
 - b. Allow kids to vote on playground options

3. Funding will be provided for a new water fountain in the Division 1 area
4. Will bring back information to the FLSS regarding funding for ASCA webinars and programs
- viii. Question was asked as to how things are going with the daycare located within the school
 1. Going really well
 2. Operator is very happy, bought new washer and dryer for the program
5. Closing Prayer
 - a. Metis Prayer from Theresa Fritz of Slave Lake Alberta

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm

Next meeting: January 11, 2022