

Ronald Harvey School Council Minutes of General Meeting September 19, 2017



Attendees:

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| 1. Randy Roszell (Principal) | 7. Susan Rankin | 13. Amanda Forrest |
| 2. Jeff Birdsell (Vice Principal) | 8. Glenys Edwards | 14. Carla Holt |
| 3. Yogita Kusumade | 9. Amanda Ansah | 15. Gail Daley |
| 4. Krista Parker | 10. Nicole Miller | 16. Tracy Adolf |
| 5. Dana McIntyre | 11. Kim Watt | 17. Amy Pickering |
| 6. Christina Langlois | 12. Amy Buchkowsky | |

1. Meeting opened and called to order at 7:01 pm by Randy Roszell.

2. Election of School Council/Development Society Executive 2017/18. All positions elected by acclamation as follows:

- Chairperson: Amanda Forrest (nominated by Amanda A., seconded by Sue)
- Vice Chairperson: Amanda Ansah (nominated by Amanda A., seconded by Carla)
- Treasurer: Tracy Adolf* (treasurer nomination by Amanda F., seconded Amy B.)
**will only sign cheques and do deposits, no financial reconciliation.*
- Secretary: Amy Pickering (nominated by Amanda F., seconded by Carla)
- 3 x Council Directors: Carla Holt (nominated Amy P.), Dana McIntyre (nominated by Carla), Sue Rankin (nominated by Amanda F.) (All seconded by Amanda A.)
- Randy also noted that there will be the trustee representative for future meetings.

3. Approval of agenda by Amanda A., seconded by Carla.

4. Approval of previous minutes by Carla, seconded by Amanda.

5. School Trustee's Report: Glenys Edwards

- Board received new plan for "**Transition 10,000**" (when district reaches 10K students, currently at 8K). Part of the plan is the opening of Lois E Hole School as well as the Joseph Demco School that is under construction and planned to open September 2018. The District is also looking at attendance boundaries for all new areas including Riverside, Jensen Lakes, and Erin Ridge North.
- **Minister of Education** is not going to proclaim the Education Act. The government will continue with amendments to the existing School Act. Three amendment examples:
 1. Age of access to schools, currently aged 19 now and considering increasing to age 20 or 21; consultation ongoing.
 2. Standardize age of entry for schools across the province; some districts take children younger in comparison to our school district.
 3. Changes to school and transportation fees. Board is most concerned with the new provincial approval required for busing of field trips. Info requested in May prior to the next school year.

6. Principal's Report:

- **Portables** - very excited about the new portables. Only 6 of 7 new portables are being used. Empty room will be a flex space. Roofing and air conditioning is still outstanding.
- **Space Camp** - seventeen students are going from grades 5/6.
- **Cross Country Running Race** for grades 4, 5, 6 on Thursday at District.
- **Picture Day** on Friday.
- **Agile Schools** seminar occurring this week for 5 staff members.
- **PATs** - a change to time limits for test writing - no longer an accommodation for time.

7. **Vice Principal's Report:**

- **Portables** - very pleased that they were completed on-time and teachers worked hard last minute to get classrooms ready for day 1. Technology glitches still need to be worked out but overall happy with results. New portables have allowed for a dedicated French room.
- **Rec Academy** - rec program is full and running along well so far.
- **Hockey Academy** - added two schools in the District. Now over ninety students doing the Academy in the District (33 students at our school). With more schools requires additional coordination and the need for an equipment driver.
- **New Shed** - used for hockey academy equipment.

Questions from parents:

- **Phys. Ed specialist for school?** *Yes, has been considered each year but there are several teachers who do enjoy teaching phys. ed to their students.*
- **Is there a syllabus to reference for our child's class?** *Mr. Birdsell indicated that there is a "year in glance" on the Alberta Education website.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM by Amanda Forrest.