

Minutes of Oyen Public School Parent Council Meeting

November 19, 2018

Parent Council met in OPS Library.

Parent Council Members Present:

Sarah Hagens, Lacy Rowan, Angie Boyes, Kendra Girletz, Lucille Hertz, Vicki Robertson

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Kendra Girletz.

Minutes of previous meeting were read on our own.

2. Approval of Minutes

Sarah corrected the spelling of Lacy Rowan then adopted the minutes as corrected. Lacy seconded.

3. Principal Report – Angie Boyes

-Operations: Lunch hour was changed back to eating first then recess. This seems to work better for the students.

-Lock down to happen when RCMP is back to full staff before Christmas.

-Jr High: The students now have a longer lunch with no recess. They are spending this time visiting with friends and attending lunch clubs. They are not allowed Chrome Books during this time.

-Purdy's; the hope is to buy tables for the Grade 2 class and there are 10 days left in the fundraiser.

-There will be 1 more Grade 4 student soon making the class total 30. We have 183 students total in the school and we may lose one student in Grade 2.

-Reports cards go home on November 23.

-Panther's Pantry to open soon. Will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and provide a variety of snacks purchased locally and at Costco.

-K – 3 are reading with Mrs. Woods and they enjoy this time with her.

-Volleyball is done and we had a successful season

-Halloween Carnival was a great success

-There is a French Immersion class happening once per week at OPS and includes 7 students.

-Upcoming SI Day will include literacy in math and helping students become more successful. MIPI results for Grades 2, 4, and 6 are good!

-Mini Volleyball for Grades 5 & 6 went great.

The Jr High will have an honor roll this term with goals set. Goals will be refined for next term.

-Shared Reading will be writing Dear Santa letters this week. They not only read but do all kinds of activities with their reading buddies.

- Remembrance Day ceremony did not get captured on camera due to a camera malfunction.
- Grade 4-6 students visited the high school library and worked with HS students on Halloween treats. They will go again on Nov 28.
- Curing has begun for Jr High and they will also host a dance soon.
- Also more lunch clubs this month

Lucille Hertz –

Bus Safety – Jersey Girletz and David were the winners and the superintendent would like Derek Beck to come to our school and present the awards next year.

January 16 Meeting – Roger wants to meet about the declining population. Location is South Central HS.

Hockey Academy - Willie not physically there but his principals/methods are being used. There is also talk of a hockey academy in Oyen.

REAL Report:

After school program is running and doing well. RCMP will change their program from Wednesday's to Tuesday now. This will run every 2 weeks all year.

We received a JumpStart grant from Canadian Tire for this program.

We also have art with Connie Heath & Wednesday is Lego club until Christmas.

We had no volunteers for our Archery program so this is postponed until the spring.

Kendra and Amanda attended the Violent Threat Risk Assessment conference and came home with lots of great information. They will do a 2 hour info session regarding this on the SI Day.

Kendra is working on a universal program for Grade 1-3 for the month of December. They will be making a Christmas craft.

ASCA (Alberta School Council Assoc) Stacie Bedwell; \$60 Annual Membership and this allows us to vote on hot topics at the annual conference. They also send a list of topics and issues that we as a council should be talking about. Our goal is to become more involved and buy a membership.

Sarah makes a motion to ask the Fundraising Committee for \$60.00 to purchase the ASCA membership. Lacy seconded.

Highlights - New furniture around the school and our hot lunch program.

Mission Statement – something like...."Focus on Connection" but will work on the proper wording for this.

Hot lunch – started Nov 2; Special Events, Christmas Breakfast

Lacy Rowan makes a motion to have the Christmas breakfast again this year. Sarah Hagens seconded. This will happen Dec 21 with dismissal at 2 pm.

Christmas Concert – to be held at SCHS and we will be using the stage.

Next meeting is January 21, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm