

RF Staples School Council Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2018 – 7pm

Next meeting date: Sept 25, 2018

Executive: Kerri Wiegand (chair) Celina de Zoete (secretary) Leta Whidden (social media)

*Shawna Vollema (treasurer by association)

Directors: Kari Byvank, Leanne Punko, Margaret LeBlanc, Leta Whidden

A Call to Order / Welcome & Introductions / Additions & Amendments to Agenda

- 7:03pm
- In attendance: *Kerri Wiegand, Ellen Barrett, Jason Wiks, Kari Byvank, Wayne Rufiange, Perry Kulmatyski, Wendy Scinski, Bonnie Jespersen, Karen Gabel*

B Adopting of Agenda / Adopting of Minutes from March 20, 2018 meeting

- Agenda approval: Bonnie Jespersen Seconded: Kary Byvank
- Minutes approval: Karen Gabel Seconded: Kary Byvank

C Old Business

C1 – casino - Fri June 22 and Sat June 23 - **ALL Shifts Covered - could use spares!!!**

Dayshift: 10:30 - 7:00pm Evening shift: 6:30pm - 2:00 am Late shift: 11:00 - 2:00 am

- Can shift reminders be sent out?

C2 – Grad Volunteers required! June 28 & 29

Sign-up thru facebook on RF Staples Grad 2018 page – search Volunteers

C3 – Operation Education – save (or get a duplicate) of your BP's & McD's receipts!

Turn in to office – proceeds go to RF parent fundraising committee
just over \$1000 have been received since 2013

D New Business

D1 – Friday Focus Presentations (jr. high)

May 16 – Kids for Cancer

May 25 – Veronica Scallion – Jasper Photography trip

- June 1 – CEO of Compuvision
- June 8 – gr 9 band performing (also performing at WES)
- June 15 – drama 9 doing air-guitar

D2 – 'Selfies, Sexting & Snapchat' – by Colleen Teske – Tues June 5th – 7pm Multipurpose Rm

- Add to event loop info on electronic sign

D3 – Vaping presentation – early October ???

- End of October better timing

D3 – Do you think the Focus block should continue?

- Comments from Mr. K – the Focus 'journey' began 5 years ago with high school redesign... Education Minister asked "how can minutes of the school day be restructured to better meet students' needs"... RF decided to implement TAG (Teacher Advisory Groups) where a teacher meets with a certain group of students to discuss academic and/or non-academic matters pertaining to their school success.... And

the FOCUS block where students are given time to ‘focus’ on what they need to address. This has been the 2nd year for TAG groups and Focus blocks.

What do you think of the dress code as presented?

- Parents present appreciated the guidelines as presented

Any timetable suggestions?

- Continue with TAG groups and Focus

What do you think of the blocking of Instagram & Snapchat in the RF building

- No objections

E Principal’s Report & Questions

- Lockdown drill conducted – went very well
 - Loud areas of the school may need a visual indicator of lockdown
 - Plan B was discussed - if office was under threat and couldn’t send out message
- School and transportation fees schedule was presented and discussed
 - Suggested that course fees be indicated on RF website and presented on the course selection sheet delivered to the incoming grade 6 students
- 3 teachers have been approved for early retirement
 - Due to budgeting, only 1 teacher will be replaced as enrollment is down
 - Will see larger class sizes at the senior high level – will be reevaluated once enrollment is confirmed in the fall
- Feedback was sought regarding grade assignment in reporting student achievement
 - Majority favored percentages on report cards and to discontinue letter grades
- Question arose about timetabling for next year...
 - Jr. high will be on a 5 day set schedule – more core, less option classes

F Comments from and Questions for David Garbutt – PHPS Superintendent

- David Garbutt was not in attendance due to illness

G Trustee’s Report & Questions

- LED lighting approved – annual savings of \$154,000 for PHPS
 - From a wellness perspective, LED lights will be better than fluorescent
- Draft provincial kindergarten curriculum has been released
- Transportation
 - Survey is currently on AB Ed website
- Class Improvement Fund
 - PHPS will receive slight increase
- ADLC closing locations – only Barrhead will remain as of Aug 31, 2020
 - SEVERAL teaching positions available!

H Adjournment

- 9:00