

RF Staples School Council Meeting Minutes

Sept 25, 2018 – 7pm

Next meeting date: Nov 27, 2018

Executive: Kerri Wiegand (Chair) Lisa Basisty (Sec) Shawna Vollema (Treasurer)
Ellen Barrett (Social Media) Jan Hoffart (Community Member)

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

- 7:01
- *In attendance: Kerri Wiegand, Stacy Rlnas, Heather Beaver, Jan Hoffart, Lisa Basisty, Latanya Neufeld, Wendy Scinski, Jason Wiks, Pamela Kawulich, Kari Byvank, Amanda Nelisher, Wayne Rufiange, Jo-ann Butler, Margaret Leblanc, Michelle Rigney, Frida VanDijk, Shelli Stocki, Heather Jespersen, Ellen Barrett*
- *Additions to Agenda:*
 - D7 – School Council Meeting Dates for 2018/19*
 - E2 – Grad 2019*
 - F3 - Defibrillator location?*
 - F4 – Athletes driving to games/school functions*

B Adopting of Agenda / Adopting of Minutes from May 22, 2018

- *Adoption of Agenda: Kary Byvank Secoded by: Margaret Leblanc*
- *Adoption of Minutes: Latanya Neufeld Secoded by: Ellen Barrett*

C Old Business

C1 – Sign has been relocated!!! (balance owing – approx.. \$7500)

C2 - water fountain/fill station installed!!! (balance owing – approx.. \$5000)

C2 – 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 – Vaping Presentation by Jack Adkins – Tues October 16 – 7pm – Multipurpose Rm

- *Jack will be focusing on legality of the vaping business and how the business is targeting youth*
- *Is this open to students or just parents? Will confirm*

D2 – upcoming RF Talk Presentations (jr. high)

- Jack Adkins – Oct 5
- Westlock Library – Oct 19

D3 – Alberta School Council Assn. workshops in Barrhead from 7:30 – 9:00 pm
FREE sessions for anyone to attend!

Wed, September 19, 2018 -- SCHOOL COUNCIL PURPOSE

Wed, November 21, 2018 -- THE WORK OF SCHOOL COUNCIL: IT'S NOT ABOUT THE MEETING!

Wed, January 16, 2019 -- EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT

Wed, March 20, 2019 -- CREATING SCHOOL COUNCIL PLANS

D4 – Council of School Council Meeting – Tues Nov 6 – Barrhead
meeting of all PHS school council chairpersons

D5 – Financial Report –

RF Staples Parent Fundraising Committee - July 31 - \$12 845.59 (Aug statement not received)

Casino Account - \$20,914.38 from June 2018 casino

*moving of sign and water fountain/fill station needs to be paid for

D6 – Student attendance at School Council meeting ???

- *Should we invite and hear from a student at each school council meeting?*
- *Mr St. Denis oversees sr. high student exec – Mr Buchko & Mr Edwards oversee jr high student exec*
- *Kerri will extend invite to sr high student exec for Nov meeting*
- *Inviting someone from CONEX was suggested*

D7 – School Council Meeting Dates for 2018/19

- Nov 27 Jan 29 Mar 19 May 28

D8 – Message from Westlock Library

- *New director at the library*
- *Working on a strategic plan for the future*
- *Asked for ideas on what would bring students to the library*

D9 – Spirit Wear

- *RF clothing can be ordered online – link is on left sidebar of school website*
- *Mr Rufiange would like to see more RF gear being worn... suggested that perhaps grade 7 students be gifted with a t-shirt – could this be sourced locally?*

E Principal's Report

- *Numeracy concern – numeracy skills are low – working on addressing this through:
1) working on basic math facts
2) communicating to parents the need for students to complete 15 mins of math each night
Every student in jr high has been given access to Success Maker - a web based program that will help find the 'road blocks' to their learning*
- *Teachers have been encouraged to update PowerSchool more often*
- *Jr high timetable has been modified – too many core classes were being missed due to special event interruptions – now have half blocks*
- *Cell Phone policy:
Jr high – no cell phone use except during noon break
Sr high – teacher based decision*
- *Request for parent commissioned non-instructional day for jr high students in January starting Jan 2020 – this would not impair required jr high instructional hours and would allow for jr high teachers to collaborate*
- *Awards:
ADLC and Outreach courses will be factored into averages starting this 2018/19 school year
Valedictorian award is currently based on top marks – considering the inclusion of other criteria and perhaps having students apply*

E2 – Grad 2019 – June 28

- *Organizational meeting for parents and students - Tues Oct 9 – 7pm – theatre*
- *Convocation organized by school – Celebration organized by parents*

➤ *Dress Code discussion arose...*

Question was asked if the dress code has been discussed with RF students?

Teachers were asked to outline certain areas of the RF Student Handbook and dress code was one of them

F Questions for Administration

1- Counselling services - How do students go about seeing a counselor if needed?

- *Make an appt at Student Services or phone main RF office*

There are 2 FCSS staff that assist with personal counselling appts

2- What is the response on the optional fees (locker fees & Student's Union fees)?

- *Fund support has dropped significantly since it has become optional*

(It is now necessary for locker and student's union fees to be optional)

3- Defibrillator location???

- *Outside main office*

4- Why can't students/athletes drive to events/games?

- *If an accident should occur, school is at risk*

- *Parents are ONLY allowed to transport their own children – Voluntary Driver form needs to be completed to transport any other students*

G Trustee's Report & Questions

- *Report provided by Trustee Wendy Scincki*

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H Executive Elections

Chairperson – (Kerri Wiegand is willing to chair unless someone else would like to)

- Kerri Wiegand

Secretary – expectation – take minutes during the School Council meetings (there are only 5 for the entire school year) and email them to Shawna Vollema to be posted on the RF Staples website

- Lisa Basisty

Treasurer – currently Shawna Vollema takes care of treasurer duties

- Shawna Vollema

Communications Officer (Social Media) –

- Ellen Barrett

Community Member –

- Jan Hoffart

Student - ???

- A student from the Sr high exec will be asked to attend the Nov meeting

I Adjournment

9:02 pm