

RF Staples School Council Meeting - November 27th, 2018

Agenda	Discussion	Action
A. Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order at 7:08pm by Kerri W	
B. Additions/Amendments to Agenda	Additions to agenda: D2-1	
Adoption of Agenda	Kari Byvank adopted agenda	
Adoption of Meeting minutes from Sept 25, 2018	Pam Kawulych adopted minutes	
C. Old Business		
C1. Vaping presentation update	The vaping presentation was small in attendance but went well.	
C2. Alberta School council Association workshop update	Kerri W attended the meetings on School council purpose and the work of school council: it's not about the meeting. Jan 16, 2019 – Effective Engagement March 20, 2019 – Creating School council Plans	
C3. Council of School Council Meeting Update	Kerri W attended this meeting on November 6 th in Barrhead – it was a meeting of all PHPS school council chairpersons	
C4. Operation Education	Just a reminder to save (or get a duplicate) of your BP's and McD's receipts – turn into the office – proceeds go to RF parent fundraising committee –Just over \$1000 have been received since 2013	
D. New Business		
D1. Pembina Hills Public School News	Subscribe at www.phpschools.ca – button on left side	
D2. Focus presentations for Jr High	Mr Wiks provided an update on the focus presentations for the Junior High school – he is still looking for more presentations for the New Year. He is trying to focus a few presentations on agriculture and sustainable agriculture. There will be a presentation on anxiety and a public health presentation. Marleen Etherington has offered to do a presentation on triathlon. There was a suggestions to develop a template with 4 questions of what to focus the 20 minute presentation on.	Action: Mr Wiks to develop the template and provide feedback to group. Lisa Basisty to take template and present at next Interagency meeting in January to see

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		if there are any interested community speakers.
D2-1 RF Parents Talk	Teachers have come up with a suggestion to have co-sponsored nights supporting parents on assisting their children with numeracy and reading/writing. Two talks/night was a suggestion on how to get parents to come to the event.	Action: continue with strategies at January meeting
D3 Facebook Poll re: casino funds	<p>A Facebook poll was created to see what suggestions there were around the use of casino funds. Below are some of the responses (please note though that some of the responses would not fit under the casino funds criteria) but wanted to see what suggestions were received. Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase graphing calculators that students can rent or check out from the library • Ask each grade 10 things they wish for • Junior Highs students could use new text books (if they were not replaced this year) • High school lockers –some were in bad condition • Band instruments have not been updated in over 15 years. Many beyond repair – X4 • Comfortable seating in cafeteria for kids to study/socialize • Tables in cafeteria. More as well as replacements • Updated jersey for Junior high • Science labs • Ask the students and staff to give a top ten list of wants and needs. Then parents who worked the casino and attend the meetings can vote to figure out how much gets distributed where • Debit machine in the cafeteria. <p>There will also be other asks for those that did not respond on Facebook and teachers will also be asked.</p>	Action: Mr Rufiange to ask the teachers for their top 10 things and will bring to next meeting
E. Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movember is upon us and on Wednesday it will be Whisker Wednesday at the school where kids can purchase for \$1.00 fake moustaches • Facial Hair Friday • There is a need for Basketball Coaches • Mary Poppins was a success 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work under way for a Bid to host the 2020 Volleyball Provincials • The gym bleachers are in need of a spruce up • Mr. Buchko is trying to hold a Junior High Conference in the Spring • There was a walkthrough of the school in regards to repairs and there will be some upgrades to north wing bathroom, cafeteria bathroom. • Exam results – 2017 and 2018 were shared by Mr. Rufiange. Synopsis: overall RF Staples is doing well but there is a concern with Junior High math and a concern with High school social studies in writing and reading. There is in the works a Numeracy strategy being developed for the school. There has also been a dip in the number of kids taking physics and this may be reflected in the concern with math. Success noted: English/LA doing well. 	
<p>F. Questions for Administration</p>	<p>Bathroom doors – has the removal of the bathroom doors produced desired outcomes? Discussion ensued and this will be relooked as a possible solution to get a longer bathroom stall door may be a solution, only have these bathrooms open during CATS presentations was another possible solution and not to be used during school hours to avoid the desire to vape, etc in this area.</p>	<p>Action: will be revisited next meeting</p>
<p>G. Student's Report</p>	<p>Questions posed for student report: <i>How do the students feel about not having bathroom doors on the bathrooms in the cafeteria?</i> Kids do not like that there are no doors and suggested a longer door for bathroom as a solution. <i>What could be purchased to enhance student learning?</i> New computers in CTF labs <i>What recent change at RF has been a really good thing?</i> sidewalk to East gates <i>Is there something that could be changed to make RF better?</i> Change to Junior High school schedule. Sign not what they are expecting. Suggestion for sign to have other information on it like stats, in need of coaches, etc. <i>Any other comments:</i></p>	

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	Suggestion for cleaning the parking lot – community services option	
H. Trustee’s Report and Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student enrollment continues to decline by 1% • Virtual is growing for students • Citizenship Award – 184 participants participated in the Thought Exchange – there was a thought to take out academics and focus on other citizen characteristics • No upcoming school closures • Bus driver recruitment underway as there is a shortage and will continue to be a shortage • Teachers stabilization plan discussed • New curriculum will be underway for K-4 and then 5-9 in 2019 and 2020 respectively • Wendy Scinski shared the need for more work to be done on mental health as this area continues to grow. • There is talk that Rock the Diploma may be brought back. 	Action: Lisa Basisty will share the Children’s mental health logic model that has been developed in Bonnyville with the school, town, AHS and the Primary Care Network
I Adjournment	9:17 pm	
Next meeting date	January 29, 2019	

Attendance: Kerri Wiegand, Lisa Basisty, Perry Kulmatynski, Jason Wiks, Wendy Scinski, Wayne Ruffange, Pamela Kawulich, Kari Byvank, Jo-ann Butler, Marleen Etherington, Skye Sekulich