

RF Staples School Council Meeting – January 29th, 2019

Agenda	Discussion	Action
A. Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Kerri W	
B. Additions/Amendments to Agenda	Additions to agenda: D4 School council Association Conference D5 Public library D6 Green certificate D7 Basketball fees	
Adoption of Agenda	Bonnie Jespersen adopted agenda with change to date	
Adoption of Meeting minutes from November 27 , 2018	Kari Byvank adopted minutes	
C. Old Business		
C1. Pembina Hills school news	Get Pembina Hills Public Schools News! Subscribe at www.phpschools.ca – button on left side	
C2.Operation Education	Operation education – continue to save receipts from McDonalds and Boston Pizza and return to office - proceeds go to RF parent fundraising committee Over \$1000 has been received since 2013	
D. New Business		
D1.Correspondence re: suggestion on use of available funds from casino money	<p>Kerri shared a letter that was sent to Mr Rufiange from a band student that asked that some of the casino money be used towards the band program. There have been frequent repairs needed of both instruments and room and the feel that band does not get the same recognition as phys ed and drama.</p> <p>When numbers were calculated per capita the following was determined: Drama budget \$1000 \$13.33 per student Band \$2500 \$41.67 per student Phys ed \$13,000 \$28.88 per student</p> <p>It was felt that possibly the band could look for grants instead of using the casino money.</p>	<p>Ellen Barrett will enquire about grants for band Mr Rufiange will look into the wish list for instruments and also look</p>

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	<p>Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) Conference in Edmonton – Pembina Hills is funding some interested parents to go. April 26-28. There is a total of \$2000, from the Board, to attend that will be split up amongst attending parents.</p>	<p>at possible community donations</p>
<p>D2. Upcoming Focus presentations for Jr High</p>	<p>Upcoming focus sessions include: dental hygienist talk to grade 7 students, Grade 9 talk on work experience, and Grade 8 talk on building resilience, also a talk on transition into Grade 10 for the grade 9 classes. Still looking for presenters for April, May and June.</p>	<p>Mr Wiks to provide Lisa Basisty a template before March to take to interagency meeting to look for more speakers</p>
<p>D3. Mindfulness in Schools</p>	<p>Lisa Basisty presented on mindfulness in schools and posed the question on whether some casino money could be used to send a few community members that are interested as well as a few interested staff members to roll out to the school. Mr. Rufiange mentioned that they are doing this in a couple of classrooms already.</p>	
<p>D4 RF Parents Talk-Suggestions</p>	<p>Mr Wiks mentioned that there is a possibility of having three nights to discuss various topics to parents that can help their children improve on literacy and numeracy. The talks included: 1.Literacy : writing/ reading and supporting material, 2. numeracy 3. digital citizenship with partnership from the local RCMP.</p> <p>It was suggested that the numeracy and literacy presentations be combined with an already existing event in place and suggested that they be presented to Grade 7 parents on welcome night. It was also suggested that the talks be recorded and posted on the RF Staples Facebook page for more people to view. There were questions around effectiveness of these presentations and whether parents would attend these events. Some discussion ensued around what’s the purpose of these talks – is it to get people to an event or just to get the message out? No conclusions were drawn.</p>	

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D5 library	Free library cards being issued on February 13 and anyone under the age of 18 years the library card is free	
D6 Green certificate	Issue with green certificate	Mr Rufiange to follow through on contact person for this program
D7 Basketball fees	What do fees cover for sports? Bussing, tournament fees and referees Who is exempt from fees? Mr Rufiange will look into this	
E. Principal's Report	<p>E1. RF Parent Talks – discussed in previous section</p> <p>E2 Weekly spot in Westlock News- there is a monthly article on the local paper from RF Staples school. The article will consist of the school calendar as well as a few bits of information on various topics. If anyone has anything they wish to contribute to this they can send it to Mrs. Vollema by the second last Wednesday of the month to ensure it meets the deadline for the paper.</p> <p>E3 Junior High Leadership Conference – RF Staples Student Council is hosting their first annual student leadership conference on April 5th in Westlock. 250 students are going to be in attendance from all over Northern Alberta. The day will consist of a keynote speaker as well as several breakout sessions. 20 kids from RF staples are attending the event. The event is still in need of some funds for the event. Please contact Mr. Wiks if you would like to donate to this event.</p> <p>Mr. Rufiange asked the parents if they wish to approve recommendation for using some of the casino funds for T shirts for upcoming Grade 10 students to help to increase school spirit. It was passed by parents to take this item to the Casino funds committee.</p> <p>There are plans in place for several of the bathrooms to be remodeled/upgraded.</p>	
F. Questions for Administration	Vaping/tobacco use email/suspensions:	

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	It was noted that vaping is getting out of control in the school and there will be confiscation and or suspensions for items being present or suspensions when vaping occurs plus an appointment being made by the student with Jack Adkins, AADAC Counsellor.	
G. Student's Report	No student report presented this month.	
H. Trustee's Report and Questions	<p>Education plan complete , PHPS Website, AERR ,view at aerrsummaryreport</p> <p>Next year's calendar has been approved Sept 3, 2019 is the first day of school</p> <p>No early dismissals for next year</p> <p>Citizenship award has changed and will be offered to K-12 by nomination by parents and teachers with 2 scholarships offered to students in grade 12 for \$500.</p> <p>Academic Achievement has been eliminated from the criteria.</p> <p>Rock the diploma is being reviewed and possibly coming to Westlock \$70/student</p> <p>Shocking number of school bus fly bys in our region.</p>	
I Adjournment	9:03 pm	
Next meeting date	March 12 , 2019 same day as parent teacher student interviews	

Attendance: Kerri Wiegand, Lisa Basisty, , Jason Wiks, Jackie Casron, , Wayne Rufiange, Pamela Kawulich, Kari Byvank, Bonnie Jespersen, Jan Hoffart, Ellen Barrett, Frida VanDiik, Dixie Larsen