Rf Staples School Council Meeting

Tuesday November 21, 2023

1. Call to order at 6:00pm
2. Vice Chair Michelle Rigney welcomed everyone.

In attendance: Shauna Nyal, Cory Kubinec, Andrea Fox-Robinson, Mike Johnston, Robin Horricks, Frida Van Dijk, Michelle Rau, David Truckey, Darcy Kirkham

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Approval of Agenda- motion to approve agenda Cory Kubinec, seconded by Andrea Fox-Robinson.
3. Summary of minutes from previous meeting Oct 10,2023 presented and a motion to approve by Cory Kubinec, seconded by Andrea Fox-Robinson.
4. Trustee Report- David Truckey

Membership in the PSBAA (Public School Board Association of Alberta) has been renewed at the fall meeting. There is an increase in attendance on committees on provincial lobby groups. At the fall meeting there was an MLA breakfast which 40 MLAs attended. They were at multiple tables and had great conversation and heard concerns. The modernization of Barrhead Comp is coming along nicely. This is a big renovation for PHSD with a $30 million dollar price tag! Westlock Elementary has received washroom makeovers. Very much overdue as 1 washroom was original to the school! Next board meeting Nov 22, 2023.

1. School Admin Report- Darcy Kirkham
* Senior girl’s volleyball team going to provincials in Strathmore this coming weekend! 40% of junior highs participated in volleyball this year! Thank you to all coaches
* Parent Teacher interviews were really well attended both in person and phone calls. It is a teacher’s professional obligation to talk to parents. This can be achieved either in person or a phone call outside of interview days if there is no availability during those times.
* Community issue being brought up to the school, the litter in the student parking lot. Garbage cans are available but are be going through at night and dumped. School has camera proof, the town and RCMP aware. A teacher and students have volunteered to clean up the lot 15mins a day. A local 4H club has also volunteered to clean up the highway and ditches.
* East gates has been an issue for years. The town made the street a no parking zone due to litter and vandalism and complaints from the neighbors. But now the issues have moved to the alley on the north side of the school. Neighbors have sent security footage to the school and RCMP of fights, vandalism, etc. Mr. Kirkham is looking for suggestions, conversations, and feedback to deal with the ongoing situation as he has no professional guidelines to follow. He asked to add this conversation to the next agenda. School resource officer was brought up again and he said he would start conversation again with the RCMP.
* Fire alarms that went off during school this month were due to a sensor malfunction. They have been replaced and are being monitored by Tracy Tyreman.
1. Fundraising meeting cancelled due to sickness. A casino is scheduled for the 3rd quarter of 2024.
2. Old business

A) Communication with school

i) Table at Parent Teacher interviews – had a lot of interest. Added more emails to our list. Sorted out some confusion about the RF Facebook pages.

ii) Website- website is still being worked on. News will ne be added. Parents finding it easier to use and more informative already.

iii) Parents asking if the calendar on the website could go longer the 5 days. 2 or 3 weeks would be nice.

B) Alberta School Council Association workshop- grants are available to send people to attend. Looking for volunteers to go. Mr. Truckey was going to look into some workshops.

C) Council of Council’s – next meeting Dec 5 at Regional office Barrhead

 10. New Business- nothing discussed

 11. Adjourned at 7:03