

RF Staples School Council Meeting

Tuesday Feb 6, 2023

1. Call to order 6:58pm
2. Chair Rilayna Pidsadowski welcomed everyone.
In attendance: Shauna Nyal, Julia Dunlop, Mike Johnston, Andrea Fox-Robinson, Krystan Properzi, Michelle Rigney, Darcy Kirkham, David Truckey, and Brett Cooper.
3. Land Acknowledgement
4. Approval of Agenda- addition of sport program added to new business
5. Rilayna did summary of previous meeting minutes
6. Trustee Report by David Truckey- PD on Feb 2 was very well attended. Teacher's convention coming up Feb 8-9. On Jan 17 the student assurance report was released and one challenge facing the division is decreasing enrollment. There was a budget planning meeting, goal is a balanced budget with no changes to staffing levels and no major changes. The 2024-2025 school calendar has been approved and there is a fall break in November. The board has appointed Brett Cooper as our new Superintendent.
7. School Administration Report by Darcy Kirkham: semester 2 has begun! Grade 7-9s all have ski trips to Tawatinaw ski hill coming up. These are always well attended. The science lab had a flood. May need to move junior high labs to another classroom or into senior high lab depending on schedules. Teachers greatly appreciated the snacks provided to them on Jan 30. Teacher's convention Feb 8-9. Enrollment projection for next year looking around 630 students. French Immersion has an increased number of interested students. We will be able to maintain a full French program with a teacher. The budget has been finalized and a new bus is not in the budget. The main gym needs some major repairs to equipment for safety and now the repairs to the science lab. Mr. Kirkham is still looking for a used bus but finding something reliable and lower kilometers is proving difficult.
8. Fundraising Report: planning a meeting the middle of February. Hoping to run a 50/50 draw Feb 23/24 at senior girls' basketball tournament. They are looking at grants and application processes.
9. Old Business:
 - a) Webinar Jan 16 – school council purpose attended by 3 parents. It was interesting and we learnt a few things about school council roles, the education act.
 - b) Staff appreciation Jan 30 was a success, had great feedback from teachers they greatly appreciated the snacks.
 - c) Snack Ban Jr high- relatively effective for amount of garbage laying around, less French fries squished into carpets and on floor. Less effective in keeping students fed. Increase in students stopping at office for snacks which they are always welcomed to stop for a snack if they need!! Hoping to bring snacks

back to the classroom soon. Parents concerned that an 8 week ban is long enough and would like it over. Mr. Kirkham will talk to staff about re-instating snacks in classrooms.

- d) Cafeteria- Mr. Kirkham spoke with Chef Angel about food prices and yes they are higher than last year but his costs to buy the food is higher. He said that there are no plans to increase costs for remainder of school year. Mr. Kirkham said there have been no student complaints.

10. New Business:

- a) ASCA annual conference April 26-28 in Edmonton. Rilayna hoping to go but if anyone wants to go to let her know.
- b) Sport program – a parent brought up if a hockey program starting in junior high with possible credits towards high school would be available. Mr. Kirkham said he could make some calls to other schools to see what they do. He did mention RF Staples is trying to rebuild a connection to the community after covid through different activities and clubs whether that be skating and curling at Spirit Center, swimming at pool, drama and art etc. they are trying to get the students out in the community.

11. Adjournment 7:46

Next meeting March 12 at 6pm