

RF Staples Council Meeting

Tuesday April 23, 2024

- 1) Call to order at 5:58
- 2) President Rilayna Pidsadowski welcomed everyone
In attendance: Shauna Nyal, Mike Johnson, Robin Horricks, RF student Brittney, David Truckey, Jen Woynorowski, Jessica Stevens, Bonnie Provencal, Kyle Beattie, Darcy Kirkham
- 3) Land Acknowledgement
- 4) Approval of Agenda
- 5) Rilayna gave summary of previous meeting minutes- no adjustments.
- 6) Trustee Report by David Truckey- at the April 17 board meeting they released information of the new Aviation CTS program offered to high school students. This is a very exciting new option program that includes flight simulator and the possibility of partnership with the Westlock Flying club after you are licensed. They are also looking into another high school option called E Sport. Mr. Kirkham called a charter school to get some feedback and they are very happy with course and gave positive feedback. Lethbridge and Red Deer run this option very successfully. The trustee board will talk more about this. The spring satisfaction survey results are in and the numbers are trending up. During the covid years the numbers were down but in 2023/2024 school year the numbers are back to the line prior to covid. There was one modification to the school calendar Gr 6 PAT is moved to June 14. Yellowhead Regional Library is our main library. It is funded by the government and school divisions and this has moved an impressive 2 million items between the schools! At the Public School Boards Association meeting they discussed how does, each association get together under the Alberta School Boards Association (the largest most powerful education lobby in the province) to advocate for students. The Westlock County has submitted a request letter for the RSO. Funding for the RSO is concerning.
- 7) School Administration Report Darcy Kirkham- Badminton has started. Lots of interest from kids. Junior High Divisional tournament held April 23, 24 at Spirit Center with a great turnout. Senior High sending 3 kids to zones at Saville April 24, 24. Good luck to them! Working with St. Mary's School so some of their students may join our option programs like cosmo and woods if spots are available. And in return our math 31 kids could go to their in person math class as we do not offer in person class due to staffing and scheduling. We are very excited to be offering Aviation 15 in the fall!! Great opportunity for the students to learn something new and try the simulator.
- 8) Fundraising Report- Casino Aug 28/29 signup sheet passed around and put up on school Facebook. Spots filling up nicely. President Jerry Buchko has stepped down, a new president needed. What is best process to have fundraising group meet with teachers

and discuss wants and needs. Suggested maybe at a staff meeting Mr. Kirkham gets a list from teachers to give to fundraising group. Design a request form for the teachers to fill out for each request.

9) Old Business

- a. SRO- a request form from the Westlock County has been submitted
- b. Open House- it was well attended

10) New Business

- a. Focus block and other changes to Sr. and Jr. High- Jr High is going to a 2 day rotation from an 8 day. This will reduce the number of teachers the students get in a day from 7 to 4. This will result in more core class time and less option time. Parents concerned if less option time then can students pick their own options instead of doing them all as they miss out on one they want. Gr 9 picks own option and Gr 7/8 school picks but this can be discussed at a staff meeting. High School is removing the Focus block. It is used well by 50-70 students but not so much by the other 250-300 students. With the help of a consultant it was determined that focus was poorly attended and that the 40 minute block is considered instructional time. The 40 minutes will be divided into 4 adding 10 minutes to each class. Parents questioning where do the kids get help if this is no longer available to them. Suggested last 10 minutes used for helping students, to maybe look at alternative of Focus 1 day a week or 1 day a month. Could they bring Focus block back 2 weeks prior to finals? They are keeping TAG as this is a great way to make sure students are on correct path as they meet with assigned teacher.
- b. School Fee schedule- there have been some slight increases to some fees for the upcoming 24/25 school year due to the increases in everything. Approval of the increases and changes to the fee schedule.
- c. Vending machine- Kyle Beattie and the athletic group would like to put in vending machines. They would supply and fill the machines and the proceeds would go to the athletic programs. Are parents ok with a vending machine with the typical chips/pop/chocolate bars being on campus? One parent felt that since the students can easily access these items a short walk away, there's no reason why it can't be accessible at school and have a school program profit from it. No one against it. Jessica Stevens noted that it could very successful on weekends when tournaments are hosted. Jessica will look into options.
- d. Next meeting and AGM May 28, 2024 6pm

11) Adjourned at 7:08