

Byng School Council Minutes

October 3, 2016

Present: Danielle Allen, Janet Forster, Mae Senick, Ali Bucknell, Marion Spellman, Claudia Chandler, Sylvie Saether, Kerry Dowdall

Danielle welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked that we review the minutes. Ali made a motion to approve, Marion seconded.

Elections: There were a very small number of nomination forms returned. Council discussed combining the Secretary and Treasurer positions. Ali made a motion to combine the two positions, Janet seconded.

Co-chairs: Danielle and Janet

Secretary/Treasurer: Kerry

Old business to be addressed? Facebook, school climate

New Business? Book of memories and closing of the school, a discussion on sports supplies

Sylvie asked to add a discussion on sports supplies

Meet the teacher night discussion will be added in the Principal's report.

Staff report will be added to each following agenda.

Treasurer's report: Mae suggested that council be conscious of where the money should be allocated to in each column. Food columns will be in fluctuation over the year. Why is there money in the grade 6-8 field trips columns. Every dollar should have been used for the field trips each year. Mae will look into why we have a balance in these columns. General school needs: \$2000 was allocated for the book of memories. Yearbook column-not all the yearbooks sold, which is why the number is in the hole. There was discussion on whether any grade 7 and 8s would be interested in being on a yearbook club. Mae said that there is no staff that is willing to take it on yet. Claudia mentioned that a high school student did a great deal of the yearbook work at another school she was at. It would be for volunteer hours too.

Principal's Report: Mae Senick was welcomed to council. She shared some background on her career. She has been at Cameron St., Mapleview Heights, and Chris Hadfield schools. Our enrolment as of today is at 271. We did not have to go through the re-organization process this year. There was some discussion on concerns over staff leaving, and how it will affect the children. Mae stressed that the closing process needs to be a positive one. A new grade 7 teacher, Ms. McCullough has been hired to replace Ms. Dunbar. She has experience with mainly special education and junior grades. She has been invited to join us for the meet the teacher night on Thursday. The Meet the Teacher Pizza Party is Oct. 6th. There will be pizza, juice, water, and apples available for purchase. Help is requested to assist in selling tickets for the food and drinks. Sign-up sheets for interviews will be posted in the gym. Flag football, office helpers, green team, cross country are just a few groups that have started up.

PIC: PIC is putting on a School Council orientation session on Tues, Oct. 18th at 5:00 at the School Board Education Centre, in the Roy Edwards room.

PRO Grant response update: Janet spoke on the application for the fall festival and it was unfortunately denied.

Fundraising:

Byng Bazaar: We are doing the raffle baskets again, we have 11 classes, so 11 themes are needed. Ali will draft a class letter for the baskets. Janet tried to get tables from Jubilee Presbyterian Church for the tables, they said no. Marion thinks she can get them from Clearview Township. There was discussion on how to get the tables over to the school. Tickets –Someone has the template that was used for printing the tickets. We have a permit number 766969, no charge for the permit. Clearview Meadows said they are not having an event on the same date this year. Sylvie will buy the baskets. We have to watch that childrens' names do not go on the tickets, and that we have to keep the tickets for 7 years. 21 vendors have paid. There was a suggestion that when Byng closes, we could bring this event to either Clearview Meadows, or SCI. Janet will get the bazaar up on the Facebook page. Flyers are ready to go out. Sylvie is heading up the food. Janet, Danielle, and Kerry are looking after drinks, which will support the grade 7 students.

Fall fundraisers: Where there any chocolates left? Leslie is wrapping up the chocolate sales on Friday, so if anybody wants more to talk to her. Janet said she could possibly get rid of any extras.

Ali talked about Bright's cheese fundraiser. We had a lot of positive response last year. We get \$5 per box, regardless of which box we sell. The boxes were received right before Christmas though, so we could put the order in earlier this time - she's trying to get samplers for the bazaar. She suggested we sell the curds as well. The boxes will have to go home the day they get delivered, which is a bit labour intensive on that day, but otherwise a fairly easy fundraiser to do. Ali will have the forms available at the bazaar. Mae advised that we need to watch that any fundraisers aren't too much work for not much profit. If we are doing Christmas trees again, they could be sold now, Mr. Bullock is sending out a letter to grade 8 parents, Sylvie is just waiting to hear who responds. Danielle will send the information to Sylvie for Hamilton Bros. to contact about the Christmas trees. Sylvie mentioned that there is not a lot of help with hot dogs.

Review of the 2016/2017 Fundraising plan-any amendments/additions? Danielle will go through the fundraising items for next meeting. It does seem like we have a lot of fundraising, but a lot of it is being run by the school. Trinkets to Treasures sale should be cancelled, it was a lot of trouble. Take grocery tapes off. Marion will not be doing it anymore. Toonies for Fort McMurray will come off, as well as the Campbell's labels-Kerry will bring a total number of points that we have accumulated to the next council meeting. Toonie for seniors is to be taken off as well. We will look at the revised fundraising plan at the next meeting. Hot dog sales, Sylvie volunteers for that already. The canteen - there was discussion on what events we can sell refreshments at.

Council Facebook page: Needs to be updated regularly

Nutrition program: Amy Douglas is overseeing it. Ali will reach out to Amy to see if she needs help.

Book of Memories: There was some discussion about whether we should continue on with this. There has been no sign of support- council was asked to think about it until the next meeting. Can we think about another possible option?

Sports equipment: Uniforms- The sports teams do not have uniforms in order to represent Byng. We should reach out to teachers who are in charge of the sports teams, and ask for their input. The basketball style shirts could be used for other teams as well. Claudia will speak to Mr. Richter to look into this for us. We would need 3 quotes.

The next council meeting is Mon, Nov 7th, at 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn made by Danielle, Marion seconded.