

Spirit of the North Community School



School Council - November 28, 2017

PRINCIPAL: Mr. Shane Dempster

VICE-PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Stefanie Brown

SNCS School Council Meeting Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda: called to order at 7:40**
- II. Review and approval of Minutes from last meeting - attached**
- III. Student Council Report - attached**
 - A. Kids presented to the parents about their meeting and the items
 1. Parents asked questions about spending money and raising money
- IV. Trustees Report:**
- V. Stars Report:**
- VI. Teacher's Report**
 - A. Holiday Gift Shop - in december
 - B. Food Hamper Drive - dec 11 week
 1. Classes will compete for house points
- VII. Admin Report**
 - A. PAT Results
 1. Large jump in results, much better, above the province in several areas.

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Writing Acceptable Excellence	72.0% 0.0	77.8% 0.0	86.4% 3.0%	67.1% 4.3%	82.5% 3.5%	Writing Acceptable Excellence	90.3% 12.3%
Reading Acceptable Excellence	81.3% 22.7%	92.1% 25.4%	80.3% 24.2%	65.7% 22.9%	78.9% 21.1%	Reading Acceptable Excellence	90.0% 43.8%
Grade 6 Math Acceptable Excellence	78.7% 4.0%	70.0% 10.0%	70.3% 4.7%	59.7% 3.0%	78.2% 9.1%	Grade 6 Math Acceptable Excellence	76.7% 13.9%
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Grade 6 Social Acceptable Excellence	75.7% 8.1%	77.0% 16.4%	65.1% 11.1%	57.1% 12.9%	71.4% 19.6%	Grade 6 Social Acceptable Excellence	81.0% 24.1%

- B. Liquor Bag Campaign
- C. Change to Parent-Teacher Interviews
- D. Report Card Comments - tabled
- E. Smudging Draft Guideline - see attached - tabled
- F. Jr ATB Grand Opening
- G. Inclusive Education - tabled

- 1. CRM Overview

<https://youtu.be/tpemOp5foAg>

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

Parent Council Meeting

Date October 17, 2017

Attendance: Shane Dempster, Stefanie Brown, Jenna Decant, Wanda Pickrem, Steve Kirkpatrick, Marc Beland, Clark MacAskile

Call to Order: 6:36pm

Approval of Agenda: Wanda Pickrem

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: Jenna Dechant

Student Council:

- **Kids haven't met this month yet. Kids to attend at next month's minutes**

Trustees Report:

- **Marc Beland and Clark McAskile reelected to the board of trustees**
- **Curriculum is being overhauled in the coming years**
- **\$55 Million Budget**
- **73% goes to salaries**
- **Up 30 students as of Sept 30**
- **Budget on track but some issues with transportation (bussing)**
- **Another \$500 000 needed to keep busses running**
- **Busses cannot be more than ten years old when being used to transport students. Replacement costs are high**
- **Government has taken over bargaining with the ATA. Before there was an advantage to have better pay here to attract teachers but no longer. The push is to get the Northern Living Allowance, the same that is received in Fort McMurray, etc.... IT was pushed by the ATA locals in that area.**

- **Sydney Chambead- Recognized as a Friend of Education in the Fort Vermilion division**
- **Headstrong conference tomorrow to talk about mental illness and the stigma**
- **First Nation Trustee- Money comes from the federal government when dealing with students living on reserve. The last four years the position has been filled. Currently a conflict within the band on whether the position should be there or having one representative per band. An issue that will continue to be discussed and hopefully resolved to get the representation back.**

Stars Report:

- **Further checking in on the invoice regarding the balanced literacy supplies to get that reimbursed.**
- **Cookie dough orders will be going on after November long weekend**

Teacher's Report:

- A. Cereal Drive - AHS**
- B. Picture Day-Thursday October 19**
- C. Exploratories- new ideas such as breakout EDU, programming sphero balls, blessing bags, Magical mystery**
- D. Iron Chef- October 28 in LaCrete with two teams going**
- E. Volleyball - Meander (Gold)**
- F. Family Movie - Oct 16 Approximately \$1200 for Shoe boxes**
- G. High Level HASS Conference Thursday Oct 26. Discussing healthy lifestyles and choices.**

Admin Report:

A. Student Numbers- projected 280 and we are at 272

B. School Education Plan

Literacy Goal

PAT data not great, Accountability Pillar really good results, CAT's not great

Numeracy Goal

PD- Geri Lorway

Junior ATB starting up again. Taking money as of Nov 3 and grand opening Nov 30

Social Emotional

Looking at the success of students who are involved in school activities. Being more socially and emotionally well balanced. Keeping connected to significant adults and their peers.

C. Teacher PGPs

Teacher based and designed to be a living document rather than a snapshot

Teachers are required to pair up with at least one coordinator. More personalized growth for the teachers.

D. EA Practicum Students

60 hour program from the local college. Two students starting on Monday October 24

E. Eva Olson & Drezus

Drezus wasn't able to fly out today. The grade sixes were supposed to attend

Eva will be presenting to the Grade 5 and 6 classes as well as the high school next Tuesday

Paul Isaacs, the juggler, attended last week and gave a message that supported the school's message of what to do with an idea

F. Inclusive Education

- 1. IPPs (various due dates)**
- 2. CRM Collaborative Response Model rather than RTI Skill focuses set in each grade level and then the criteria was set. Red, yellow and green identification and then four levelled tiers. A division wide program**
- 3. ELL verses ESL ELL refers to the student and ESL refers to the programming**

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 28

Adjournment: 7:23pm

**Spirit of the North Community School
Student Council 2017-18
November 28**



I. Call to order ___11:55___

4K	2	5W	2	6H	2
4P	2	5P	2	6K	2
4H	2	5L	2	6R	2
4S	2	5Pr	1	6CC	1
4G	2				

Additions to agenda

I. Admin Report
 A. PAT Results

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II. President Report
 A. Stache Bash
 B. 12 Days of Xmas

III. Treasurer Report
 A. Financial Report

VII. Executive follow Up Meeting with Mr. Dempster Nov 28 @ 12:30

SMUDGING CEREMONIES

Background

The focus of the Division is to ensure that each student is a successful learner for a lifetime. Therefore, we are committed to developing the skills to create learning environments that are respectful of individual needs, nurturing in focus, and centered on exemplary educational practices. Fort Vermilion School Division is inclusive and culturally responsive and supports the integration of First Nation, Métis and Inuit perspectives into school practices. Smudging is a traditional practice that is common to many First Nation students. The inclusion of relevant cultural, spiritual and traditional knowledge and practices in schools can positively impact student success. Smudging is a relevant practice, and important for First Nation students wanting to practice their ancestral teachings.

Definitions

First Nation: “First Nation” is a term used to describe descendants of the original inhabitants of Canada.

Inuit: The term “Inuit” refers to people generally living in the far north who are not considered “Indians” under Canadian law.

Métis: The term Métis refers to a cultures and ethnic identities that resulted from unions between Aboriginal and European people in what is now Canada.

Procedures

- 1. Request for smudging will be reviewed by the Principal to determine how to proceed.**
 - 1.1 Requests may be made by an Elder or Cultural teacher who has been invited to the school, a staff member, a family member, or a student. Request will identify location and time.**
- 2. The Principal will provide written notification to students, staff and families that smudging will be occurring in the school. (See Notification Poster)**
- 3. When notified of smudging:**
 - 3.1 Parents and students with independent status will report and verify any sensitivity or health matters related to smudging and the degree to which it impacts their participation or attendance to the school. Smudging during the Spring, Summer and Fall can occur outside if possible. During the Winter months there will be a designated area in the building.**
- 4. Staff will report any sensitivity or health matters related to smudging and the degree to which it impacts their work, or students to the Principal.**
- 5. Principals will ensure the development, implementation and communication of appropriate accommodations.**
- 6. The Principal will ensure teaching about smudging in the school to students, staff and families through classroom instruction, student assemblies, school council meetings and communicated to parents.**

7. The Principal will ensure a standardized notice is posted in the school that identifies locations for smudging.

8. The Principal will communicate any concerns or issues regarding smudging to the Assistant Superintendent of Learning.

Reference: Indigenous Foundations - University of British Columbia