

RancheView School Parent Council Meeting
December 20, 2016
6:30pm – 7:30 pm
Teacher's Lounge

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Sharon Cronin	-	Principal
Fiona Gilbert	-	Trustee and parent representative
Michele Delaney	-	Secretary
Sharlene Strachan	-	Volunteer Coordinator
Christa Hoff	-	Fundraising Society Representative
Stacey Fluker	-	Hot Lunch Chair
Jakki Mackenzie		
Rochelle Snively		

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm

2. Welcome and introductions – *Sharon C.*

3. Approval of Agenda – 1st Jakki M.
2nd Christa H.

4. Approval of Minutes – 1st Stacey F.
2nd Jakkie M.

5. School Report – *Sharon C.*

* It's been a great month- 10 days of indoor recess is a record and we all survived!

* Clubs have been alive and well and are on the school calendar... hopefully that's been helpful for families.

* Junior B volleyball was a great success... next sport will be basketball in the New Year. We hope to have a grade 6 team and a junior B team if there is enough interest.

- Our December assembly was well attended by families... about 200 parents. Some feedback about it being a concert and of course the intent was that it wasn't.

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- Story night was a real hit for many families but particularly for our younger students. In the New Year we're going to solicit feedback from our older students (grades 5-7) about some ideas of things we can do to include them more in "evening community events".

* Our collection of books has arrived and how exciting this is to have books! Students are signing out books now- started today.

* This week is Christmas spirit week with carolling everyday in the gym.

* Yearbook is under way.. Stay tuned for more information in January.

* Daily news is being broadcasted live! Students in grades 4-7 will be invited in the new year to try out for the position of news anchor.

From the last meeting:

* Parent portal expectations- grade teams are in the process of having conversations, and we're meeting with Div office personnel to help us make some decisions around what's doable in our first year... had hoped to have more specifics this meeting, but we ended up cancelling a meeting. So info will be forthcoming at our February meeting with the plan that term 3 we'll be "up and running".

* AMA patrol- have been in touch with the person heading up this for AMA... they will come to do an assessment in January and we'll have information in an upcoming newsletter to solicit adult support.

* Recycling club- funds to go back into the school for "green type" initiatives, with consideration being given to a percentage being given to the playground.

* We are officially deemed scent free!

- Thanks to our trustees for a lovely Christmas gift of treats and coffee travel mugs for staff use.
- School Announcements have begun, mornings only. Afternoon Kindergarten classes do not hear them "live", however they are archived and classes have the opportunity to view them in this format.

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6. Trustee report- *Fiona G.*

Detailed summary attached;

7. RancheView School Fundraising Society update – Christa H.

- Have completed the Christmas basket raffle, book fair and story night. Sold just under \$200 in tickets for the basket raffles.
- Made approximately \$976 from Fundscrip fundraiser. Was well received by parents and will be an ongoing fundraiser. Paying via credit card will be an option however a portion of each dollar raised through credit card payment will be deducted by Fundscrip to be applied as a credit card handling fee.
- Have received cash donations from the Klinger Family in the amount of \$450, as well as a corporate donation from Alaris Corp. in the amount of \$5000.
- The textile drop off bin raised \$14 last month.
- Bottle donations – have received 112 so far. Planning to have a bottle drive drop off site at RancheView School in January – date TBD. This will be communicated in the January school newsletter.
- Fundraising plans in the New Year include a travel raffle. Tickets will be on sale from March to May for \$100 each, which there will be 6 draws for major trips such as Hawaii. There will also be draws for 2nd and 3rd prizes.
- The Fundraising Society has raised approximately \$60,500 to date.

8. Fun Lunch – *Stacey F.*

- Fun Lunch is set up until February.
- Save On Foods and Jugo Juice have been added in addition to Little Caesars and Subway options. Save On Foods Fun Lunch will include salads and sushi; Jugo Juice will be wraps and smoothies.
- \$608 was made from the Little Caesars Fun Lunch. Approximately \$900 was made for the first three Fun Lunches.
- There will be a Fun Snack day coming up.
- Discussed logistics around how the Kindergarten classes could be included. Additional volunteers would be necessary to make this possible.

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9. Old Business

A. Banking Update – *Sharon C.*

- Treasurer Brenda Simons absent - to be tabled until next meeting.

B. Operating Procedures – *Rochelle S.*

- Proposed Mission Statement read aloud. To be tabled until January meeting in order to allow time for people to review.
- Discussed the possibility that the Alberta official guidelines indicate a separate meeting is required to vote in a Mission Statement; This needs to be clarified.
- Fiona G. suggested emailing the draft copy out to the school community.

10. New Business – *Christa H.*

A. Topics of Interest – topics parents would like to discuss

- Fun Lunch: Concerns have been raised by a small handful of parents regarding the cost of Fun Lunch. The profit margin from Fun Lunch is not large, however the intent is to raise funds for the school. Transparency will be provided in upcoming newsletter.
- Snow removal: Complaints from parents regarding snow removal on school property. Sharon C has noted concern.
- Volunteer Coordinating: Parents have been contacting the school directly. Sharlene will be the point of contact in the future.
- Fundraising Society will be present at upcoming February Student Lead Conferences.
- Discussed sending out a copy of Parent Council meeting minutes to those who attend the meetings; Reminder that these minutes are available for viewing on the school website.

11. Adjournment– *Sharon C.*

Adjournment - 8:00pm.