

RancheView School Parent Council
Tuesday, June 20th meeting minutes
6:30pm – 8:00pm

PRESENT

Erin Sturgeon

Fiona Gilbert

Kim Demarce

Michele Delaney

Sharon Cronin

Stacey Fluker

1. Call to Order: 6:34pm Erin Sturgeon
2. Welcome & Introductions – Erin Sturgeon
3. Approval of Agenda: 1st Kim Demarce, 2nd Stacey Fluker
4. Approval of Minutes: 1st Erin Sturgeon, 2nd Michele Delaney
5. School Administration Report – Sharon Cronin
 - New to kindergarten on June 2nd was a huge success! We'll continue this practice next year.
 - Lots of field trips (grade 2's to Pioneer Acres, gr. 4's to Telus Spark, grade 5's to Atlas Coal Mines, grade 3's will go to the zoo, grade 1's will go Big Hill's Spring Park, grade 6's to Cochrane Ranche and Grade 7's to Southland Leisure Centre)
 - Cochrane library came and did some presentations around summer programming
 - Spirit days- crazy hair and twin day and Wrangler/school colours is coming up on JUNE 27th- dodgeball tournament
 - Mobile escape rooms for grades 6 and 7
 - Year end Beach Party- huge success
 - Outdoor education /leadership planning
 - Classroom improvement funds added to our school budget
 - Camp Jubilee Day on JUNE 27th
 - Year end assembly on June 28th at 9:45
 - PAT's being written this week
 - CoSL's and year end newsletter will go home on Wednesday

6. Trustee Report – Fiona Gilbert

- Budget Update:
 - Board approved next year's budget; apprx. Of the ~ \$264 million dollar budget apprx 77% is allocated to teachers and support staff, 14% to operations and maintenance, 6% to transportation, and 3% to governance and office admin.
 - Increase to numeracy support; Current team in place focus is on literacy support.
 - Shortfall in the budget where transportation is concerned.
- New policies passed regarding compliance, school fees, etc.
- School Fees:
 - Government is putting in place stipulation that school fees will not be levied to families.
 - Schools will need to submit to the Province the fees they intend to pass on to parents such as school trip costs, option courses, etc. If costs are to occur after the list has been approved and posted it must be absorbed by the School.
 - Education Minister will review in July, has the authority to decline a school's ability to charge for a particular fee or item to parents.

7. RancheView School Fundraising Society Update – no update

8. Fun Lunch Update – Stacey Fluker

- 2 Fun Lunches left for the year, Lil Caesar's this coming Friday and Menchies the last day of school, there are currently 207 orders in.
- Reviewing other opportunities for next year's Fun Lunch options.

9. New Business

a) Building Community – planning for next year

a. Screenagers

- i. Funds are still set aside for us to host a viewing.
- ii. Fiona will take over the planning for next Fall. Tentative date is Tuesday, October 3rd. Tuesday, September 26th is also an option.
- iii. Cochrane Public Library may also be hosting a screening; Erin to contact Library to verify to avoid duplication of dates. She will discuss with Fiona.

b. Boo Hoo Tea

- i. Held the first 2 days of school, this accommodates staggered Kindergarten entry. Typically runs approximately half hour to 45 minutes, starting at 8:00am and 11:45am for pm Kindergarten.
- ii. Open invite to parents of all grades.
- iii. Discussed joint hosting with the School, School Council, and the Fundraising Society. Sharon will bring forward to this week's Fundraising Society meeting.

- iv. Fiona will coordinate.
 - c. Welcome Back Open House
 - i. August 31st - Parent Council would like to host Welcome Back event alongside the School's Meet the Teacher / Open House. This will be a parent led / volunteer based event.
 - ii. Last year's Welcome Back BBQ was a well-attended however it is not a given that it will be repeated this year.
 - iii. Exploring activities that will draw both families of younger children as well as older students, such as bouncy castle obstacle course.
 - iv. Possible time line would be noon – 3:00pm.
 - v. Kim will coordinate the logistics and review with Sharon.
 - d. Movie Night
 - i. Joint event with Fundraising Society on November 25th.
 - ii. Looking at Coco and Justice League.
 - iii. Fiona will take the lead.
 - e. Parent Info Night
 - i. Will look into further in September.
 - f. Community Clean Up
 - i. April event, tie it into Earth Day.
 - ii. Divide into groups by age, with the youngest grades staying closest to the School and build out from there into our other 2 capture area communities.
 - iii. Council could pay for busing.
 - iv. Erin will check dates for conflicts.
- b) Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- Erin and Sharlene are working on Sign Up Genius for volunteers.
 - Will send out notice to Parent Council contact list, Fundraising Society will also send out a communication to their contacts.
- c) Council Funds
- Approximately \$4105 after Fun Lunch invoices have been paid.
- d) Camp Jubilee Busing
- Council would like to cover the cost of busing. Apprx \$1500 should cover.
 - Sharon will include a Thank You to the Parent Council for covering the costs in upcoming newsletter.
 - Erin S. – motion to spend up to \$1500 on busing costs; 2nd by Kim. All approved.
- e) September AGM
- Will be held Tuesday, September 19th. This will be communicated in the newsletter.
 - Executive positions will be opening up on Parent Council.

10. Questions?

Stacey inquired on Playground Funding eligibility from the Province. Fundraising Society has reached out and has received confirmation that we are not eligible for our playground to be included in the Provincial Budget.

Discussed Council banner for display at events with Council presence. Kim D. – motion to spend up to \$100 on banner; 2nd by Erin. All approved.
Design to be approved by School Admin and Council

11. Adjournment – 8:03pm – Erin Sturgeon

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 19th.