

Valhalla Community School
School Council
Minutes: December 1, 2014

Attendees: Janelle Trodd, Gail Stedel, Teresa Boucher, Barb Lind, Anna Odd, Steve Mumert, Eunice Horte, Tracy Campbell, Vivian Fowler, and Brenda Kjemhus.

Called to Order: 7:05 pm at the Valhalla Community School

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes from Nov 4, 2014 meeting read.

Tracy Campbell motion to accept the minutes as read with changes, Janelle Trodd second AIF, carried.

Reports

Teacher Report (Vivian Fowler)

Basketball teams are doing one practice a week with both the boys and girls teams and one practice every week rotated each week with just the boy or just the girl team. Christmas shoe boxes were very successful this year, we collected more this year than last year. The Telus play field trip is scheduled for December 12, 2014. Drama is practicing twice a week for the Christmas concert, but they are looking for costumes for the play they are doing – The Christmas Carol, so Victorian style dress clothes.

Brenda Kjemhus motion to accept teachers report as presented, Teresa Boucher second AIF, Carried.

Treasurer's Report (Teresa Boucher)

Balances for 2013-2014 school year

Council Expense	-\$372.29
Healthy Snack Expenses	-\$765.63
Hot Lunch Expenses	\$520.26
Expense for Functions	-\$1437.96
Silent Auction	<u>\$1036.88</u>
Total	-\$1018.74

The School Council has taken 2 ASCA courses each year for the last 2 years to help improve our effectiveness.

Courses: School Council Purpose
School Council Leaders
Understanding the school results report, accountability pillar and 3 year plan
Developing a 3 year plan

ASCA contacted and they feel it may be beneficial to take courses on our operating procedures or maybe the course on inspiring education. Will discuss at next meeting what course we feel would be most beneficial to us. Discussion of resolution to take to ASCA. Rural transportation needs to be addressed. Suggestion made to watch the ASCA web site and see if someone else puts in a resolution for transportation costs in rural communities and see if we can vote for them instead of doing all the work ourselves. It was also discussed taking this issue to our county MLA. Brenda Kjemhus will find out dollars involved in our transportation costs for the next meeting.

Barb Lind motion to accept the treasurers report as presented, B. Kjemhus second AIF, carried.

Secretary Report

No secretary report.

Class Rep Report (G. Stedel)

Contact sheets for each class room were handed out to each class rep. Anna, Teresa and Barb will be doing up a sheet to explain what school council hopes a class rep will do and have out to class reps before the next meeting.

School council is asking class reps to contact parents about numerous items before the Christmas concert, Anna will do up a notice for class reps explaining what school council is looking for and have to class reps by the beginning of next week.

Anna Odd motion to accept, Teresa Boucher 2nd, AIF, carried.

Principal Report (S. Mumert)

Gail Stedel reports on behalf of parents questioning the consistency of rules on the playground for all staff. Asking about policy and procedures in place for complaints against staff – there is a procedure for grievances in the handbook, please ask parents to follow the handbook procedures if they have an issue with a staff member. Parents feel this is mostly a grade 5-6 issue. Steve will ask Karen to look into insurance liabilities for safety on the playground. Recommended that Team X be brought back to the 5-6 class to help with positive enforcement and help them feel important, hopefully this will help with some of the issues they are having. Board approved the (AEP) Alberta Education Plan with 3 point action plan for teachers – we want to improve communication.

Teresa Boucher motion to accept the principals report Janelle Trodd second AIF, carried.

School Board Report (B. Kjemhus)

The board has approved their AEP and submitted, but learned to not hold their meeting so close to the deadline for submission. The board has had a successful audit. Judy Hauger has accepted to fill the interim board position, but still need a parent board member.

Cookbook is done and was shipped on Friday. They will be available to purchase for \$15.00 each at the Christmas concert.

Friday is the Christmas party for the heritage society, school board and staff.

February 12, 2015 the Board will be holding a fundraiser at MadHatters, the tickets will be \$50.00 a piece. There will be a silent and a live auction, items are needed and letters for requesting auction items will be available online or at the office.

Anna Odd motion to accept the Board report Tracy Campbell second AIF, carried

Community Report (Eunice Horte)

Questioned if Teresa had gotten any information on a new sound system. Teresa is waiting on 2 different quotes for a new sound system. Will discuss at next meeting.

Asked 3 different ladies groups for squares for the concert, has 4 different people confirmed they are bringing squares and has not heard back from one of the groups.

Hot Lunch Program – when are the WI ladies needed because hot lunch was rescheduled due to a snow day? Hot lunch has been rescheduled for Friday December 5, 2014, WI ladies to arrive at 11:30am.

WI will continue to request silent auction donations for the Christmas concert.

Motion by Teresa Boucher to accept the community report, 2nd by Brenda Kjemhus, AIF carried.

Chair Report (B. Lind)

Brenda Kjemhus offered to purchase 250 candy canes for Santa to hand out at the Christmas Concert. Class reps will contact the parents on their lists for help and Anna will contact the parents that school council does not have the numbers for.

At all potluck functions School council needs to encourage parents to take their lunch items home right away, no leftovers please. Teresa to make announcement at potluck functions to remind parents.

Anna Odd motion to accept the chair report as read Teresa Boucher second AIF, carried.

Motion by B. Kjemhus to approve pizza purchase for the Christmas potluck/hot lunch, Anna Odd second AIF, Carried.

Next meeting is January 5, 2015 @ 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30pm by A. Odd, AIF.

To be accomplished:

Teresa - Check ASCA web site for resolutions and bring back to next meeting

Class reps - contact parents about numerous items before the Christmas concert

Brenda Kjemhus - find out dollars involved in our transportation costs for the next meeting

Anna - do up a notice for class reps explaining what school council is looking for in the next couple weeks

Brenda – Send donation request letter to Paul Gibson to put on the website

Teresa – find out more information about installing new sound system.

Teresa – order pizza for potluck

Exec – find a class rep for grades 1-2

Anna – Letter for parents explaining that they are already a member of school council, that school council is parent council, where the money goes from the Christmas concert, ect...