

Valhalla Community School
School Council
Minutes: October 6, 2014

Attendees:

Barb Lind, Brenda Kjemhus, Steve Mumert, Margaret El-Tantawy, Teresa Boucher, Anna Odd, Eunice Horte, Tracy Campbell, Kiera Kraig, Gail Stedel

Called to Order: 7:00 pm at the Valhalla Community School

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes from April 7, 2014 meeting read.

B. Kjemhus motion to accept the April 7, 2014 minutes as corrected G. Stedel second AIF, carried.

Reports

Teacher Report (M. El-Tantawy)

Teaching elementary is a change of roles for her this year. Grade 5/6 are working on weather unit, grade 1/2 are working on animal classification in science. French is going well, gr. 4/5/6 are working through pets and gr. 7/8/9 are finishing off a Pizza unit.

T. Boucher motion to accept the report as read K. Kraig second AIF, Carried.

Treasurer's Report (Teresa Boucher)

Current bank account balance is \$1769.25. There is a difference in reconciliation; a student has not cashed a cheque from two years ago for babysitting, and our records show a difference of \$40.

A. Odd motion to recognize the difference and dismiss the cheque it is outdated B. Kjemhus second AIF, carried.

We are looking for funding to support the healthy snack program, letters are available for anyone to seek support. IGA has offered to give us \$50 gift card for every \$50 we spend at Beaverlodge IGA.

A. Odd motion to approve the purchase of IGA gift cards for School council programs second by B. Kjemhus AIF, carried. B. Kjemhus motion to accept the treasurers report as read G. Stedel second AIF, carried

Secretary Report

No secretary report. A letter for the newsletter explaining the role of School Council. A summary for the newsletter of the previous meeting. We would like to communicate better and an idea is to leave newsletters at the Mercantile.

T. Boucher motions to accept the report G. Stedel second, AIF, carried.

Class Rep Report (G. Stedel)

No class rep report at this time. Still waiting for reps to sign up.

Principal Report (S. Mumert)

The junior high student council has planned the Halloween activities this year. The ideas are as follows; costume parade, crafts, games, haunted house, soc hop and a movie. It is time again to help with the Annual education plan. We would like input from school council to help measure the new outcome; enhanced parental involvement in the school community. We would like if school council could come up with a list of ways we communicated with parents from November 2013 to November 2014. We are also asking for School Councils help to improve parents participation with the Parent Survey sent home to parents from Alberta Education. Results reflect in our AERR.

Parents discussed ways to communicate to parents the importance of the parent survey: have class reps contact parents directly. We will add this to our February Agenda and help spread awareness.

A.Odd motion to accept the principals report T. Boucher second AIF, carried.

Playground Report (T. Boucher)

The Thallium swings will be installed October 7. Installation is complete.

A.Odd motion to accept the playground report B. Kjemhus second AIF, carried

School Board Report (B. Kjemhus)

Next meeting is October 30th @6pm. We are looking for 2 new board members, nomination profile agreements are available on the website or at the school office.

M. El-Tantawy motion to accept the Board report G. Stedel second AIF, carried

Chair Report (B. Lind)

Executive Signing authority needs to be changed to reflect our new member. Hot Lunch will be organized by Janelle Trodd and Teresa Boucher this year. Healthy snack program we are looking for funding to help with this program. The question for the newsletter this time is going to be; Did you know school council meetings are on the first Monday of the month with early dismissal? We need to write a thank you to IGA for the gift card program offered to us and the Valhalla Church for the fridge donation. Buddy activities are undergo in the classroom with teachers. The school will be gathering items for Operation Christmas Child. For the Christmas concert we need to be looking for donations early this year to help promote our big fundraiser.

A. Odd motion to accept the chair report as read T. Boucher second AIF, carried.

Motion by B. Kjemhus to pay ASCA \$40 for the yearly membership K. Kraig second AIF, Carried.

Motion by G. Stedel to have Barb Lind remain as Chair Person, Teresa Boucher remain as Treasurer and add Kiera Kraig as Vice Chair Person. All three have signing authority on the School Council ATB bank account. Remove any other names for signing authority. Tracy Campbell second AIF, carried.

Next meeting is November 4, 2014 @ 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:52pm by A. Odd, AIF.