

## Minutes for May 9 Valhalla School Council

Present; Teresa Boucher, Gail Stedel, Barb Lind, Brenda Kjhemus, Pat Moutray, Steve and Tracy Campbell.

Meeting called to order at 7:11

Minutes from last meeting were read by Teresa Boucher, no additions. Adopted by Gail, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Teresa. Carried

### Reports

Treasurer; Teresa, current balance \$2771.19, no income, expenses \$190.00. Adopted Gail, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Brenda. Carried

Playground; Teresa, \$13,050.70 made from the benefit. Current balance \$15,822.22. Estimates are still coming in from other companies. A volunteer has come forward to help with equipment for installation. Adopted Brenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gail, Carried.

Class rep report; we need to come up with a job description for class reps before the next AGM in Sept. Steve suggested that the reps communicate with the teacher and/or spend time in the respective classrooms. Teresa did a letter to solicit volunteers for the grade 8 room, specifically but all grades are underrepresented. There needs to be better two way communication so that teachers know who their reps are to contact about bringing issues to school council and the reps need to be comfortable approaching the teacher. This will be a great tool once that increased communication is put into place, to let everyone know the issues etc of each room. Another idea for next year was for class reps to have a list of parents of the students in the room they represent, so they can contact them directly about any issues. Adopted Teresa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brenda, Carried

Principal's report; The spheric group is looking to spend some money so they suggested we apply for grants for bussing expenses for extra-curricular trips. The 5/6 class will be going camping at Red Willow camp this year. It has been suggested that they go to Edmonton for the next trip in 2015. Blue Lake has changed ownership and no longer offers the Leadership skills camp that our kids did in 2011. The atmosphere in the 7/8 room has been deteriorating due to inappropriate behaviour by select students. This has included distracting behaviour and some intimidation. Interviews have been conducted to isolate the perpetrators and they have been removed from the classroom. A classroom management plan has been put into place which will probably be adopted by other classrooms in the future. This plan may also work for dealing with problems on the buses. The board will be reviewing the policies on dealing with these types of problems. Discussed the possibility of installing cameras on all the buses. Also

discussed the possibility of having parents act as bus monitors. Adopted by Teresa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Carried.

Board Report; Brenda, Ron Lundgard resigned as Transportation Director and Jason Bratland has agreed to fill in for the rest of this school year. They are still working on the budget for the 2013/2014 school year. Registration week went very well and everyone who was planning on returning has been registered. School fees have been paid or arrangements have been made for payment. The families on the waiting list will be contacted now. The Heritage Society is looking for volunteers to work a casino on May 27 and 28, contact Emily Loberg. The Valhalla School Foundation has a casino on August 27 and 28 that they are looking for volunteers for. Next board meeting is May 30, 2013 at 5:30 pm. Adopted Teresa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gail. Carried.

Chair Report; Barb, The timeline for next year was reviewed, everyone is asked to make additions as needed. Swimming lessons are still up in the air, no feedback from parents. If swimming lessons were no longer offered there would be more transportation funds for other fieldtrips. Lesson structure was an issue in some groups. School staff would like to see swimming lessons stopped and other trips offered instead. May 6 to 10 is education week, we will not be doing anything special. PATS start next week, need to make sure we have healthy snacks available. Grade 9 awards, are all covered. School council will look into three perpetual plaques, top academic, top athlete, and leadership. Would like to have photo gallery of our grade nine classes, Teresa will contact Paquins. Track and Field is on June 14. Year-end BBQ is June 27. The rest of the agenda was tabled to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm