



School Council

**Minutes of the ÉEVE School Council Meeting
February 7, 2023
1:00pm**

SC Executive:

Caley Remington, Chair - present
Chelsey Conrad, Co-Chair - present
Judi Hunter, School Board Trustee - present
Jennifer Tanguay, Secretary - present
Sharelle Stitt, Treasurer - present
Logan Martin, Community Outreach Coordinator - regrets

School Administration Members:

Brendan Trinca, Principal - present
Alanna Berger, Assistant Principal - present

Attendees:

Kim Burchby, Christiana White

1. Call to Order

Chelsey called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chelsey motioned to accept the agenda as circulated; seconded by Sharelle; no objections; motion carried.

3. Principal's Report

Successful Literacy Week at every level. Over 500 attended Family Literacy Night. Good experience for all, will work on improving flow and ensuring take-away resources are brought home next time (some parents missed this - will provide on OWL Outlook).

Read-A-Thon hugely successful. Goal \$20,000 - over \$32,000 raised. Every class has created a wish list for books, which is what fundraising was for. Will have to see what surplus can be used for to support literacy. FEEVES supports with technology, so would

be something different. Next time, will also utilize School Messenger app to send out information, not just email. Parent feedback: changed dynamic at home, from technology to books. Teacher feedback: no confusion, easy for them. Discussion about making this an annual event, Read-A-Thon vs. Math-A-Thon. Will decide next year.

Staffing Update: Shelley Erickson is retiring Feb 28. The successful candidate for her position, Secretary 3, is Rhonda Richards. Hiring for that position, Secretary 2, happening this month. Ideally, with someone starting Feb 27. Mme Sabater (F.I. Grade 2) is moving on to a new position Feb 28. Mrs Taylor (Learning Assistant) is retiring Feb 17. Both positions have been posted.

4. Assistant Principal's Report

Attended Career Fair in Halifax last weekend at Mount St Vincent. Received 50 resumes, interviewed 7 F.I. teachers, offered 3 contracts. Will have to wait and see if any are accepted. RVS pool hiring is taking place this month.

Retirement discussion: staff are planning tributes from students, luncheon, gift. Division standards highlighted by Judi, typically not something School Council is involved with with exception of a modest gift at most. Suggestion brought forward to have mention made in Springbank Community Newsletter, School Council Chair to attend luncheon.

Caley motioned \$75 to be used towards Retirement Gift for Shelley from School Council; seconded by Chelsey; no objections; motion carried.

5. Teacher's Report - Christiana White

Palliser Teacher's Convention Feb 24 and 25, Tom Jackson keynote speaker. Big focus on indigenous learning and how to incorporate. Also a great opportunity for networking.

PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention Strategies) matrix complete: Respectful, Responsible, Brave. Brings in resiliency. All teachers had a voice, TFI (tiered fidelity inventory) quizzed kids, committee has worked on tweaking wording. Common language all teachers using, kids becoming familiar. Now working on how do we share with parents - hard copy of matrix will be sent home to parents. Clarified House Team character focuses (Community, Respectful, Responsible, Brave) will always be the same, provide consistency throughout the years. Worked on Respectful, now working on "We are Responsible" - we own our choices, we are ready and prepared, we take care of our spaces.

6. School Board Trustee Report

January: Strategic Plan finished, will be initiated in the fall going forward. 27,000 responses (parents, students, teachers). 4 components: Improve student learning (numeracy/literacy); Strengthening the workforce (hiring staff pool, applicants vetted/pre-approved through requirements, interviews - strong candidates that can go

anywhere, no probation, temp contracts only - separate pools for teachers, AP, principal); Bolstering infrastructure; Connecting with community (new piece added, for mental health wellness kids need to be involved in their community). Our world in data: AI info/impact, automation - see link in newsletter.

February: PBIS (divisional rollout in various stages). Student Support Services: mental health strategies. Superintendent Report on current 4 year plan (we're in the last year): Safe and Caring Learning Environments - PBIS; Making Learning Visible - 'My Blueprint' program where kids track achievements and share with parents. Other schools use 'Deconstructive Learning' which is similar, but also tracks outside achievements. New curriculum update: moving along. Government requesting assessment - time consuming for teachers, not identified by government how outcomes from data collected will be shared. This is different from RVS assessments, trying to keep data collection the same across the province. Pilot - student behaviour data collection, 'Dossier' (different from IPP) that tracks behaviour, response to intervention, communication with parents. For current academic year, records not kept.

March: look at link in newsletter for 2022 to 2046 projections - current population in Alberta 4 million projected to increase by 2 million mainly in Calgary/Edmonton corridor, >55% immigrants which will bring specific needs (low-cost housing, mental health support, transition support, cultural disparities, need for more schools). 2 George MacDougal schools: 2 grade 11 students published books. Stoney Nakota First Nations - first in Canada to use written word to preserve traditional language. Attended Webinar "Threads of Culture" on Jan 25 & 26 on 2 kids' experience coming to Canada, had different cultures interviewing each other, sharing ideas. Introduced new French 15 - DELF prep course at Cochrane High School. Before/After School Programs for every school discussed, amended to where there's room, as there is huge demand but school's are full.

7. CPF - Judi Hunter

Fun, immersive after school activities planned for mid-April thru mid-May. Trial program 1 night/week at elementary and middle school, University volunteers helping with. Our chapter of CPF has only 4 members, teachers need to plug/share, kids need immersive experiences. Other examples: Cité de Rochères (free activities), CPF online (magician). If we want strong immersion across the division, need to push for it and increase CPF membership, one way to accomplish this is to require membership (\$25) to participate in after school trial program.

8. Chair Report

Engagement Grant \$500/school council, SMS approached us and SCHS about utilizing our grants for a joint presentation, involving all 3 schools. This has been done in the past, Lynn Miller and Paul Davis have been past presenters. Looking at Christine Yu for this year, with topic: childhood anxiety, depression, mental health in schools. Would include an in school presentation for students along with a parent presentation. 1 event

for all 3 schools, \$5 cost via Eventbrite (to assist with making up the cost of the presenter, accountability - so parents will follow through on attending after registering).

Caley motioned that the \$500 engagement grant for ÉEVE to be used in conjunction with SMS and SCHS for a joint presentation by Christine Yu for both students and parents; seconded by Chelsey; no objections; motion carried.

Staff Appreciation Week is fast approaching, next week. Plan is as follows:

- Monday: coffee and scones (Tasha)
- Tuesday: bring a flower
- Wednesday: chapstick for all staff in their mailboxes (Chelsey)
- Thursday: bring a thank-you card
- Friday: staff lunch, parent volunteers to take-over lunch supervision (need 5 inside from 12:07-12:25, 7 outside from 12:25-12:45)
- Door decorating: coordinated with class reps Sunday/Monday
- Staff Lunch: discussed potluck vs. catering, favoured catering with budget \$500

Chelsey motioned for \$500 to be used to cater Staff Appreciation lunch; Sharelle seconded; no objections; motion carried.

9. No Reports: Special Lunch, Yearbook Committee, FÉEVES

10. Open Floor

No items brought forth.

11. Future SC Meetings

Future meetings will be held in person at ÉEVE with option to join on Zoom. Will be posted on school calendar.

Mar 14, 2023 at 7:00pm

Apr 11, 2023 at 1:00pm

May 9, 2023 at 7:00pm

12. Adjournment

Caley adjourned the meeting at 3:08pm.