

Parent Council of River Heights Elementary School

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday February 7th, 2018

Attendance: Taneill Selinger, Katie Albers, Dave Ridgedale, Tara Betts, Vanessa Bonneville, Kristin Cassell, Dawn Hunt, Mercy Smith, Larissa Kowalchuk

1. Call to Order: Vanessa Bonneville called the meeting to order at 7:38pm
2. Adopt Minutes of December meeting: Larissa adopted the minutes and Tara seconded.
3. Reports from School and Council:

a. School Administration Team: Dave Ridgedale

i. February Calendar:

- a. 1st - registration for 2018-2019 begins DUE FEB. 14TH
- b. 5th - Reflect Session (options)
- c. 7th - Parent Council mtg. 7:30pm -gr. 2 teachers presenting
- d. 9th - Kinsmen skateathon
- e. 10th - Gr. 1/2 mini sticks tournament
- f. 12th - Showcase session
- g. 16th - PD Day - no school
- h. 19th - Family Day - no school
- i. 20th - Day in Lieu - no school
- j. 21st - Day in Lieu - no school
- k. 22nd + 23rd - Teacher's Convention - no school
- l. 28th - Pink Shirt Day
- m. Mar. 1st - Grades 4-6 Ski Trip Day

ii. Natosha sick

iii. Discussed the Accountability Pillar Survey. Letter sent home with information to help fill out the survey successfully. The APS and the Prov. Achievement Tests build a report that helps the school district and school staff with planning. There will be a new survey coming (The Learning Bar). *(DISCUSSED FRUSTRATION BY PARENTS REGARDING THE LACK OF CLEAR QUESTIONS + ANSWERS ON THE APS)*

iv. Parking - **EMAIL RANDI BUCHNER WITH THE CITY OF MEDICINE HAT (RanBuc@medicinehat.ca)**

- a. Mr. Ridgedale reviewed the parking situation and where the school district and city have come to. The city has come up with a

few options for parking. None are amazing...but they are starting the discussion. Option 1A seems to be the best option but with no metered parking and adding 2 hour parking to the whole west side of the street of the hospital in front of the school. ***if you are interested in hearing about the parking options call Mr. Ridgedale or Mrs. Mastel - we need parents to email Randi with the city to share their concerns with their options/ideas)**

b. Asked for feedback on year end slideshow and assembly. Looking at changing the year end assembly to the Thursday at 11am and swimming to Friday. Also looking at whether to keep the slideshow. If not why and what to do? Give feedback to school administration.

b. Teacher Reps: Grade 2 Teachers

i. Numeracy through play

a. Handed out cards and taught parents to play double digit math war (we did adding; but could do subtraction... could also play single digit)

b. Handed out dice and played a game like Yahtzee where parents had to group in 2's and write #'s 0-9. Had to use 2 dice and "get" each number crossed off through rolling.

c. Talked about learning math facts more fun.

c. Co-Chairs Report: Vanessa Bonneville and Katie Albers

i. Big Box Fundraiser made \$4379.50

ii. Next meetings:

- March 7th 9:15am

- April 11th 7:30pm

- May 9th 8pm

- June 6th 8pm

d. Treasurer Report: Kristen Cassell (see attached reports of the financial statements)

- A SUPER BIG THANKYOU TO THE PERSON WHO MADE THE \$1008 DONATION TO PARENT COUNCIL

4. Reports From Committees & Council Representatives:

a. Hot Lunch: Tracy Herter/ Melanie Robinson/KariAnn Wenzel/ Alana Durbeniuk (None in attendance)

i. Hot lunch - February

a. 2nd - Taco In a Bag + frozen treats

b. 9th - Hot Dog + Chips

- c. 15th - Pizza + Smoothies
 - ii. Purchased juice boxes for the rest of the year, so numbers for this month look a little low
- c. Skateathon (Stacy Franz + Carissa Parsons - not in attendance)
 - i. On Friday. If parents can help tie skates that would be appreciated.
- d. Staff Appreciation - Katie Albers
 - i. March 12-15
 - ii. Looking for ideas - talk to Katie
- e. Fine Arts: Larissa Kowalchuk
 - i. Andre Genthon Sovereign spoke. Staff + Students thought he was great!
- f. Winter Village: Taneill Selinger
 - see attached form

5. Old Business: none

6. New Business: Staff has asked for microphones for the iPads... they would use them for presentations, Fresh Grade, and other projects. Six would cost \$1200 apx.. The school would purchase three if Parent Council could purchase the other three. **Tara made a motion for Parent Council to purchase 1/2 of the microphones requested; that is three of them for approximately \$600. Larissa seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

Next Parent Council meeting is Wednesday March 7th at 9:15am in the library. It is our second morning test meeting.

Note: we encourage every family to participate in our online QSP renewal program. All funds raised will support our school. Shop at www.qsp.ca . This year we have opted out of the magazine fundraising campaign...but if you were to reorder, order, or shop the profits still come to our school. OUR GROUP ONLINE ID IS: 3696036

Winter Village 2017- Summary

Thank you to Tara for all your hard work and organization and decorating skills, Jerri-Lynn for organizing and taking care of the volunteers, KeriAnn for getting some crazy amazing raffle items...they were a huge hit, Tracy for organizing all the classroom activities and typing papers and handing them out to classrooms, Dan for organizing the drink station, Mel and Erin for taking care of the snacks as well as being conscientious about recycling. Also thanks to Katie (and her mom), Vanessa, Larissa, and Natosha for all their hard work.

Thank you to the following for raffle donations: Cheriethetics, Tacotime, Organic Tan, Hat's Olive Tap, the Franz family, Yvonne Brittner, Wellness Solutions, Dawn Flint + friends, Heartbreaker Dance + Fitness, Fortress Fabrications, Cards by Wendy, the Wenzel family, Canalta Centre, Chatters Hair Salon, Canadian Tire, the Zucchini Blossom, Elizabeth McNally, Al's Audio, DANTA Renovations, Station Coffee, and Gilles Labine.

It was a little busy at the door trying to hand out Italian Soda tickets and stamp cards, but it gave opportunity to chat with a lot of people. We had over 500 people come through the doors. The raffle made \$865 to help families in need. The Italian Sodas, although a good idea, did not break even. Any money made from people buying tickets for them helped cover their cost as well as our whole budget. DANTA also made a \$150 donation to cover expenses. Would need to rethink that for future years. No decorations will need to be purchased next year besides tableclothes really and renting of the lights. All supplies for activities were pretty much used up though. We had enough volunteers for everything. Came in just under budget at \$757.28.

Anyone we chatted with afterwards had great things to say and it was great seeing staff, parents, grandparents, and students really enjoying the night and visiting with each other. We have a really great school family.