

Parent Council of River Heights Elementary School
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2020

Attendance: Taneill Selinger, Karla Tweten, Tara Betts, Laura Gale, Laura Undershute, Carolyn Freeman, Megan Loran, Kim McDowall, Dayna Maloy

Note: This meeting was live broadcast via Zoom.

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by Taneill Selinger. The Treaty Land Acknowledgement was read aloud.
2. Adopt Minutes: Tara Betts asked if there was anyone present who had read and was able to adopt the minutes from the Parent Council meeting on November 5, 2020. The minutes were adopted by Kim McDowall and seconded by Laura Gale. Thank you to Megan Loran for taking notes at the last meeting.
3. Reports from school and council:
 - a. School Administration Team - Wes King-Hunter (unable to attend) and Laura Gale
 - i. A huge thank you was extended to the Parent Council for the Winter Village goody bags. There was a lot of excitement from the students regarding the same. A very heartwarming video, made by students and teachers wanting to share their gratitude, was shown.
 - ii. The RH educational team has started working on learning at home, dedicating part of the PD day on Friday to the same. Clear direction has been received about the expectations for the at home learning week. It is the hope that in-person classes will resume January 11th as scheduled.
 - iii. The staff and students are trying to find ways to maintain Covid friendly school traditions. The December Spirit days were spearheaded by the grade 6 students who were responsible for both development and execution. Laura indicated the Spirit week information would be sent home in agendas and posted on RH social media as the week approaches. Taneill added the themes for each day are as follows: Monday - pajamas, Tuesday - crazy hair, Wednesday - Christmas mask/sweaters, Thursday - Christmas character dress-up and Friday - Christmas hats and red & green.
 - iv. Taneill reported that the floors of the school will be cleaned over the Christmas break and everything will be sanitized. All students will be asked to bring home personal belongings, i.e. indoor shoes, etc. to facilitate the same.
 - b. Report from Co-Chairs - Taneill Selinger and Karla Tweten
 - i. A huge thank you to parents, volunteers and the RH community for supporting our fall fundraisers and Winter Village goody bag preparations!
 - c. Report from Treasurer - Megan Loran - See Attached Financial Report
 - i. Review of report.

4. Report from committees and council representatives:
- a. Hot Lunch - Karla Tweten
 - i. Karla has passed the hot lunch torch to Khirsta McDowall and Debbie Miller, who will also take over planning with Wes and Laura. We will likely be offering only the pizza hot lunch through the remainder of the school year and hope to schedule a minimum total of ten to qualify for the eleventh free. The next hot lunch is scheduled for December 17th.
 - b. Fundraising - Taneill Selinger
 - i. Growing Smiles - pick up for this fundraiser was December 4th. With the exception of a few planters that fell off the truck during delivery, the fundraiser was easy to organize and an overall success. The company will be sending out replacements this week. Moving to contactless, off site pick up worked well and simplified the process. We are hoping to run another Growing Smiles fundraiser in the spring.
 - ii. Kernels popcorn and a second Brewmaster fundraiser will be considered for the spring as well. The additional fundraisers are countering the loss of revenue from our hot lunch program. However, if the number of fundraisers becomes too overwhelming, we will cut back.
 - c. Winter Village - Tara Betts

A huge thank you to Taneill Selinger, Karla Tweten, Kim McDowall, Kim Large, Megan Hilgendorf, Kathleen Longpre and Dayna Maloy for helping to create 300 little bags of Christmas magic for all of the students at RH and to all the wonderful volunteers who delivered these little bags of magic to RH on December 1st! The kids have now received their goody bags! The remainder of our Winter Village budget will be donated, within our school community, to families who may require additional support over the holidays. A big shout to the owners and team at Boylan Imaging for supplying all of the printed materials for the goody bags!
 - d. DCOSC (Division Council of School Councils) - Taneill Selinger (See Attached)

The meeting was held on Thursday, November 18th at 7:00 pm. Carolyn Freeman is the school trustee representative for RH. She ensures communication between our school and the school board. Although you can contact Carolyn directly through her email on the school division website or through the school administration team, she indicated that best practice would be to go through the parent council Co-Chairs. Taneill added how much Carolyn's attendance at our meetings is appreciated. The Medicine Hat Public School Division, previously School District #76, has rebranded. Please visit their website at mhpsd.ca for an updated mission statement, organizational chart, etc. Carolyn added that the recently reviewed policy 212, has always been policy. The policy outlines the process and procedures for the Council of School Councils and has just aligned procedure with policy. See Publications on the division website, as above, for more information.

5. New Business - Taneill Selinger and Karla Tweten
 - a. Next meeting: the next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2021 following the Parent Council of River Heights Elementary School meeting at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be broadcast via Zoom.
6. Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm by Taneill Selinger.

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, place a new order or shop, the profits will still come to the school. OUR GROUP ONLINE ID ISL 36966036