

Ardrossan Junior Senior High School
PAC Meeting Minutes
March 6th, 2017

Welcome: Meeting called to order by Glenys Boe @ 6:41.

In Attendance: MJ Nam, Skip Gordon, Darby Hanson, Erin Clark, Glenys Boe, Treena Stafford, Terri-Ann Trohubiak, Jennifer Mailer, Cathy Farnell.

Adoption of Minutes from November 28th, 2016 meeting:

Moved to adopt the minutes of the November 28th, 2016 meeting, unanimously passed.

Trustee Report: Skip Gordon

1. Strathcona County's mayor Roxanne Carr presented a cheque for \$3,900.00 to the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees which will be used to fund culinary arts scholarships at Bev Facey and Salisbury Composite High Schools.
2. Trustee Ray Welsh moved that the Board write a letter to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Immigration and the local MP regarding the closure of the Vegreville case processing centre and the negative impact it will have on students and the local economy
3. The Board approved sponsoring the registration fee for one school council member from each EIPS school to attend the ASCA conference on April 28-30
4. Boundary exemptions must be in by April 7.
5. On February 7 and 15 the Board of Trustees attended the public meetings regarding the Board motion to consider the possible closing of Ministik School. The vote respecting the school closure will be on March 16. There was some mold in the portables, but the portables are being replaced. Another issue raised is the cost of keeping the school open.

Note: Glenys raised here that she had been contacted by parents from Ministik asking for support to help keep the school open. She has more information available for those who are interested in reading it and perhaps offering their support.

6. In the recent Throne Speech, the Provincial Government announced their plans to begin reducing school fees. Exactly what and how will be forthcoming later this spring.

Teacher Representative: Erin Clark

Erin has been working on the Healthy Initiatives Program at the school.

- The policy is still a work in progress and should be finalized by the fall. The policy addresses: (a) foods in the cafeteria, vending machines and concessions; (b) allergy awareness; (c) food related fundraisers; (d) classroom rewards; and (e) making healthy choices affordable. It does not address lunches or other food brought from home.
- The policy looks at the Alberta Nutrition Guidelines for 3 categories: choose most, choose sometimes and choose least. The aim is to look at a balanced plate and reducing fat, sugar and salt.

- Food offerings would be 60% from the Better Choice category [no added fat, sugar or salt; mixed dishes rich in veggies and fruit; whole grains] and 40% from the Good Choice category [low added fat, sugar or salt]. Note: a question was asked about students who are intolerant to grains and the response was that the allergy awareness component is intended to give options for those with allergies, diabetes, celiac, gluten sensitivity and other concerns. The school is nut aware and no nuts are in the vending machines or in the cafeteria.
- Some examples of Better Choice items are: white milk, 100% fruit juice, water, stir fry on brown rice, pizza on whole grain crust. Note: a question was asked about 100% fruit juice in relation to this Better Choice category and the response was that juice is on the Alberta Health Services Better Choice list, but in controlled quantities.
- Some examples of Good Choice items are: chocolate milk, yogurt parfaits, carrot and banana muffins.
- The initiative is looking at:
 - o the cafeteria menu and are making changes to reduce sugar and to switch from frying to baking
 - o The vending machine offerings and are limiting pop to one row at the bottom and are including smaller portion sizes
 - o Providing education about healthy options
 - o Creating alternatives to food related fundraisers, for example, for Valentine's Day the school sold roses rather than candy-grams
- March is nutrition month and in recognition there is a salad bar at the cafeteria this month
- Next steps for the initiative include finalizing the policy and adopting the final policy; continuing to offer more healthier choices; exploring a variety of healthy options; providing education on healthy items; and using alternative fundraisers.
- A question was asked as to what outside resources were used in developing the policy. The response that AHS dieticians were involved and other policies were drawn upon for guidance.
- There was a suggestion that the school could also focus on healthier food stops for school teams when they are on the road.

Administration Report: MJ Nam

School Fees

There are two components to fees. There are school fees which go to the District and then come back to the school on a per student basis as follows:

Jr High Learning Resource Fee	\$55
Gr 10 & 11 LRF	\$120
Gr 12 LRF	\$100
Student Leadership	\$20
Supervision	\$40
Technology	\$5

In the event that a student changes schools, these fees are pro-rated between the schools.

The other component is course fees which are for consumables/materials and/or field trips. These fees are directly related to costs incurred by the school in the course and are paid to and retained by the school.

In comparison with other Sherwood Park schools right now Ardrossan fees are lower. Administration is working on fees for 2017/2018 for submission to the Board.

In response to a question, Ms. Nam advised that students have approximately \$5.00 allocated to them for printing at the school. Black and white copies use less of that allocation, while color copies are about 25 cents per copy. The allocation is used to ensure that printing is being done responsibly by the students.

Open House

On March 7, 2017 there is an open house at the school.

Registration Process

Students in grades 9, 10 and 11 will begin the registration process for next year on April 10 after the Boundary process is completed. Students will bring home course planning sheets [one year plans for grade 11 students, two year plans for grade 10 students and three year plans for grade 9 students]. Parents will be asked to sign off on those plans before the student registers.

Jazz Night

Friday, March 10, 2017 is Jazz Night from 5:30 to 9:30 at the Ardrossan Recreation Centre. Tickets for this Dinner and Silent Auction event are \$35 and must be purchased in advance. More information is available on the school website.

Drama Production: The Sting

Next week The Sting opens. Wednesday March 15 is opening night (7:30). The show also plays on the 16th, 17th and 18th at 7:30 and Saturday March 18 is the annual Dinner Theatre. Dinner is at 5:30 and tickets for the dinner and show are \$30 and must be purchased in advance.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held March 22 and 23. Access to bookings will open up at noon on March 13. Check the school website for details.

CPF Report – Terri-Ann Trohubiak:

- Thank you to the Grade 9s for assistance at Carnival
- CPF is looking for people to help on the Executive. Please contact Terri-Ann if you are interested in becoming involved.

New Business:

1. Ministik closure – see above in the Trustee Report.
2. Concession at the Archery Tournament was very well done. Lots of selection.
3. Fire Extinguishers – administration will follow up on making sure the correct inspection procedures are being followed.

4. Lead Pipes – the flushing was completed and the pipes were changed out. Nothing more has been heard, but administration will follow up next week.
5. Portables – the school's request for new portables has been turned down because the existing ones are not old enough to be replaced

Next Meeting:

- May 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned