

Ardrossan Junior Senior High School
PAC Meeting Minutes
May 16th, 2016

Welcome: Meeting called to order by Glenys Boe @ 6:35.

In Attendance: Dan Vanderburgh, Skip Gordon, Darby Hanson, Glenys Boe, Leslie Kiist, Kathy Gunderson, Dave Gunderson, Cathy Farnell.

Adoption of Minutes from February 24th, 2016 meeting:

Cathy Farnell moved to adopt the minutes of the February 24th, 2016 meeting, seconded by Leslie Kiist, unanimously passed.

CPF Report: No report

Teacher Representative: Darby Hanson

1. Western Day was a big success. Students enjoyed a pancake/waffle breakfast served by their teachers and administrators.
2. There were 12 grade 12 French Immersion students who wrote the DELF exam.
3. On April 14th for National Volunteer Week HOJA Modern Acappella group came and performed for the many students who commit to volunteerism.
4. A group of 12 students went to the Alberta High School Drama Festival Association Provincial High School One-Act Festival.
5. Senior women's and men's soccer are underway. Handball, archery and badminton are wrapping up and track is starting up.
6. Track Day was Thursday, May 12, 2016.
7. The March 28, 2016 Band Trip to New Orleans went well.
8. The spring break Europe Trip to Spain and Italy went well.
9. The Grade 9 French Immersion Quebec trip leaves May 19, 2016.
10. The Art 30 New York trip is coming up May 20, 2016.
11. Grade 9 Farewell is June 3rd.
12. Grade 12 Grad is June 28th.

Trustee Report: Skip Gordon

1. Bus Driver Appreciation Day was May 2
2. The schedule for the elementary school is demolition in August, construction begins in October for 18 months with a projected completion of April 2018. Students will be accommodated in the existing school during construction.
3. The new school in Fort Saskatchewan is to be named South Point School by resident vote.

4. There are 4 priorities for next year:
 - a. Replacement school for Wye School. The new school will be built in the Heritage Hills area.
 - b. Modernization of Rudolph Henning School.
 - c. Modernization of Sherwood Heights School.
 - d. New school in the Cambrian Area north of Hwy 16 and West of Hwy 21.
5. There is stable education funding in the budget.
6. Learning Resource Fees will stay the same for next year as will student transportation fees. Although the Catholic system is removing the learning resource fee, there will now be a fee for students who need to use a school computer, Chromebook or iPad.

Administration Report:

1. Exam Schedule:

Junior High students must attend school until the end of the term. In the result, for Grade 7 and 8 students, two exams are scheduled on each of Thursday, June 23 and Friday, June 24 and Grade 7 and 8 FLA is scheduled for Monday, June 27. If parents are picking Grade 9 students up after PATs they must sign students out at the office. Accommodation will be made for Grade 7 and 8 FLA students who are not available on June 27 to write the FLA exam early.

Administration will review whether some study technique instruction can be added into class time in May to assist Grade 7 and 8 students with preparing for final exams.

2. Budget:

There are some budgeting challenges for next year as a result of the numbers of students projected for each of the grades. There are not enough students to have all classes at optimal student numbers without overcrowding them and so the school will be running extra classes with less students than would be optimal. This impacts mainly the French Immersion classes in grades 7, 9 and 10 and all grade 8 classes, both English and French Immersion. In the result, the school is short 2 full time equivalents in the budget and has applied for contingency funding.

Only 2 fees have increased for 2016/2017 and both were as a result of course costs increasing

3. Enrollment, Staffing

Next year's grade 12 enrollment is the lowest in some time at 128. There are about 150 students in every other grade and enrollment is expected to be 900 the following year. There are 4 students from Fort McMurray enrolled at the school. There is special coding for the students. The Province has announced that Fort McMurray students will not have to write PATs and Diploma Exams

There are currently several teachers on maternity leave and there will be a few more next year.

4. Course Changes

There will be no course changes. Cross Sport Advantage did not work out as planned due to the insolvency of the business in the program. The School had not paid all fees up front so is able to replace the remaining sessions using Millennium Place and if there is money left over families will be reimbursed.

5. School Education Plan

The School Education Plan will be reviewed at the September 19, 2016 meeting.

6. Technology

There has been a technology troubleshooter working in the district. Recommendations are being worked on and it is expected that it will be recommended that by 2017 the high schools will be "bring your own device" and that junior high schools will still supply Chromebooks or other devices. It is likely that nothing will be set for next year.

The upgrades to the WiFi are working great; however, there may be some consideration for charging for bandwidth.

7. Other Business

Thanks

- **Inclusion Award** – Thank you to Kathy and Dave Gunderson for nominating the school for a National Inclusive Education Award. The school received the Award and it was presented by Inclusion Alberta at its The Future of Inclusive Education Conference in Edmonton on April 8.
- **Parents** – thank you to the parents who come out to the Parent Advisory Council meetings.

COSC Report: Kathy Gunderson

Kathy attended 2 of three meeting since February. She attended the March meeting and the May meeting, but missed the April meeting.

March meeting

1. Finalizing Policy 19 (Access to and Release of Student Information).
2. ASCA Conference – April 22-24.
3. Board meeting presentations respecting restorative justice.
4. Seeking input for the 3 year Education Plan.

May meeting

1. New elementary report cards.
2. Budget presentation.
3. Review of ASCA Conference.
4. Jacquie Sugenor from Sherwood Park/Westboro was elected to the Board.
5. Literacy and Learning – October 22, 2016 at the Expo Centre
6. Fort McMurray – if schools are raising money, best place to donate it is the Red Cross.

Old Business

DELFL Exam – There were 6 students who signed up to write the DELFL Exam and then did not write it. The 6 who did not write the exam changed their minds. It was not for financial reasons that they did not write.

Other Business:

Kathy and Dave Gunderson spoke about the National Inclusive Education Award. They wanted to nominate the school because it has been so nice to have such an inclusive environment right from the start. They believe that it illustrates to other schools that inclusion can and does work and gives an example in this Division. They hope that maybe other schools that are struggling can use this school as an example.

Farewell to Leslie Kiist and Kathy and Dave Gunderson. Their children graduate Grade 12 this year and so they will not be back next year. Their contributions to the school over the past number of years is appreciated.

Meetings for 2016/2017:

- September 19th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.; November 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.;
February 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.; May 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: 7:35 p.m.