



SASC MEETING MINUTES

Scenic Acres School Council Meeting

Thursday April 14, 2022

6:33pm – 8:12pm

| TIME | ITEM | SPEAKER |
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| 30 min | <p>CALL MEETING TO ORDER</p> <p>Acknowledgment of the Lands</p> <p>Introductions</p> <p>Attendance</p> <p>Staff: Bill Garner & Ann Pollard</p> <p>Parents: Krista Sutherland, Alexis Douglas, Jennifer Crawford, Erika T., Flora Stephenson, Glenda Knez, Laurie Grenville, Rita Heidebrecht, Yvonne MacDonald, Eri Eliopoulos, Ashley Ketch, Sarah Stone, Adrienne McEwan</p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST <i>Dana Downey, Public School Trustee</i></p> <p>-elected Fall, 2021 -elected Trustee for Wards 1 & 2 and Trustee for Scenic Acres School -4 year term -Role of Trustee – one of 7 people elected to represent all of Calgary, policy creating body – work to steer the “ship” of the CBE, which is the work of the Board. Board creates the pillars of the system – equity, achievement, well-being and create the mission statement and values of the CBE -elected representative - don't hesitate to email or contact her -Board of Trustees has done some advocacy about the draft curriculum -advocating for no implementation of any new curriculum in the Fall, 2022. Did not see substantive and meaningful change to this curriculum -arguing that staff, teachers, are all exhausted from COVID so asking for a normalized school year before anything new is implemented. Need kids in school and addressing the learning gaps first. Dana is a former teacher; the structure and philosophy of this curriculum is flawed. Government is directing pedagogy and that is not what curriculum is -Board of Trustees continue to argue against the new curriculum</p> | <p>Jenny</p> <p>Dana Downey</p> |

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| | <p>-if you want to speak to your MLA about the curriculum, Dana will send a link to documents which will help prepare you for that discussion. Other advocacy groups and rallies – working hard to advocate with respect to the curriculum</p> <p>-Charter school rules being rewritten. Charter schools were never meant to overlap with public school funding and that is happening so Dana is working on that issue as well. Funding for education comes out of one pot and this Government has defined public education to include public, private, and charter schools</p> <p>-there is no “per student funding” from Government but CBE does have to fund every student and CBE is accessible to all students and accept all learners so increasingly difficult to maintain status quo, so Board of Trustees is meeting with MLAs, advocating for new money. Successful in getting the new middle school in Evanston and that feels like a win because previous year no money for any new school builds</p> <p>-advocacy work ahead for the Public Trustees – busy for the rest of the elected term</p> <p>Jenny – one of our major concerns is that our school is ear-marked for low enrollment and will be part of an engagement process with CBE. Worst case scenario would be closure of the school. School is the heart of the community</p> <p>-done groundwork to boost school, boosted kindergarten enrollment to have two classes, hope to keep that momentum</p> <p>-school closure is a CBE choice but it is the Trustees that vote on this – want to build relationship with Dana as closing the school would be such a loss to the community</p> <p>-Dana hears that concern. A lot of schools do get this notice and so many are not in danger of closing. Had discussions about how best to communicate with schools and communities because it is a stress to place on communities. Lots of issues with CBE about aging buildings and decreasing enrollment in inner city. This Board is interested in investigating any way to keep community schools open. It is the capacity rates set by the Province that are the issue. Keep up all the wonderful work. With enrollment increasing that is great news. The Board of Trustees does not want to close any schools and working hard to see that doesn’t happen.</p> <p>-Nancy Close, Trustee, she has done a lot of work with community engagement, she is lending her expertise to the Board and investigating ways to keep capacities up in the schools</p> <p>Jenny – enrollment process / review was pushed back, which is good news. We were very vocal about moving to Bowness High School and pushed back on that issue and were successful about that</p> <p>-Krista – is there a resource or document that we can be using or sharing / simple campaign that explains in quite simple terms how awful this curriculum is?</p> <p>Dana – does have a one page document that may need to be updated and she will send that to Krista. ex. kindergarten has twice the outcomes in the same amount of time. How does a teacher teach twice the content in the same amount of time? Also, a 15 page analysis that she can provide as well</p> <p>-Dana – hopes the Board will be working on a summary. So far the Board has been quiet hoping to gain some political capital but now with these revisions coming out can be a little more vocal.</p> <p>Dana Downey left meeting</p> | |
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Ann – creating connection with the land / Indigenous People in a respectful way is especially important. Want to be respectful and not insult anyone but tying it into land and nature is a useful tool – kids notice those things and you can make those connections.

-grades 1 and 2s are together at recess and lunch and not in their cohorts. Do see more intermingling of the two classes and some days it is a lot, some days not so much.

-last week she noticed some students eating snacks with each other which was the first time they had mingled in that way

Bill – had some extra money so bumped up Mr. Cooper to assist with literacy and numeracy and now the Province has announced grade 1 emergency funding although that is relatively late in this school year, but Mr. Cooper is now up to full time from 0.6 hours. Mr. Cooper has been taking students who are more advanced in literacy while the teachers are staying in the classroom to help others. Mr. Cooper takes groups Tuesday and Thursday morning for 30 min.

Treasurer

-General Account balance \$5,939.91 as of April 12/22

-March, 2022 Teacher Conference meal \$150 payment

General Account Summary for 2021-2022

| | Outgoing | Incoming | Net |
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| Fundraising Activities | | | |
| Springtime Growing Smiles | | \$ (1,020.72) | \$ (1,020.72) |
| Cobbs Dough Raiser (June 2019 - May 2021) | | \$ (150.00) | \$ (150.00) |
| Bottle Drive (October 2021) | | \$ (808.15) | \$ (808.15) |
| Farm to Table (October 2021) | | \$ (905.00) | \$ (905.00) |
| Wintertime Growing Smiles | | \$ (791.14) | \$ (791.14) |
| Christmas Purdy's | | \$ (911.66) | \$ (911.66) |
| Bottle Drive (January 2022) | | \$ (469.02) | \$ (469.02) |
| Total | | | \$ (5,055.69) |
| Special Events | | | |
| Healthy Hunger (Fun Lunch) | \$ 194.89 | \$ (1,105.22) | \$ (910.33) |
| Popcorn Events | \$ 334.25 | \$ (488.00) | \$ (153.75) |
| Hallowe'en Event | \$ 108.24 | | \$ 108.24 |
| Christmas Craft | \$ 132.56 | | \$ 132.56 |
| Total | | | \$ (823.28) |

Casino Account balance \$40,930.17

-Payment to School - iPad carrier cart \$1,605.21

-completed required Tax Return

-Society Annual Return to keep us in corporate good standing.

-Jenny has worked with Glenda on this information and it looks good to Jenny

Make a Motion to approve the SASES Statement of Operation and Changes for period of December 31, 2021 and Balance sheet for approval as audited and signed by Glenda and Sunita

Motion – Krista/Ashley — Carried

Glenda

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| | <p>Motion to Make recommendation to SASES for following expenditures</p> <p>Chromebook Charging Station BUMP UP: \$5.21 Soccer BUMP UP: \$572.20 9 square BUMP UP: \$593.80 Garden Seeds/Supplies Outdoor Garden: \$200</p> <p>Motion Laurie/Yvonne - approved -with this expenditure this will be the last money spent for the rest of this School year</p> <p>Fundraising -Bottle Drive \$554.45 = success -Growing Smiles (launch at end of April, 2022, pick up June 4th at Krista's house) and Pie Junkie – (launch same day as Growing Smiles, gift certificates \$25 and \$50 denominations) -pick up for Growing Smiles will be same day as the community garage sale. So will order some extras to try and sell them with the garage sale -June, 2022 – Wine Survivor – still an option. Wine raffle or alcohol raffle towards the end of school year as we head into Summer. Ashley will investigate running that after Growing Smiles and Pie Junkie</p> <p>Special Events Committee -Healthy Hunger March, 2022 – Cobbs \$63.62 and \$72.00 Boston Pizza, April – Pretzel \$49.63, then another Boston Pizza on April 21st -planning the year end event – have secured a BBQ for June 28th, start with pancake breakfast, games for fun day for students, will need volunteers for that – still figuring out how many volunteers – will go rain or shine for breakfast. If raining hard then will have a backup plan for inside activities</p> <p>Volunteer Coordinator -interesting dynamic right now, some teachers are contacting their class parents directly and then sometimes Krista is doing a SignUp Genius or have multiple volunteers from a variety of classes so it is a mixture right now of how information is coming out to families. -with Ms. Fairweather not here and Ms. Courtney is now here so Krista is working on communication with her -good news – lots of volunteer opportunities coming up! -if you have applied for a Volunteer Clearance, Krista cannot check the status of that for you. Heather Wolfe can answer questions about your police clearance.</p> <p>Communications -Rebecca not here. Thanks to her for the newsletter</p> <p>Key Communicator -Alberta Education Survey came out via email to grade 4, 7, 10 parents. -Alberta Council of Student Councils membership is free to us. Jenny renews it every year. Renewal coming up July 1, 2022. -CBE has also presented some webinars hosted by AHS – Health and Family related. No dates listed but if interested Adrienne get you the information “Building Resiliency through the Family Unit”, LGBTQ2S Webinar, ADHD – registration is required.</p> | <p>Ashley</p> <p>Yvonne, Laurie & Adrianne</p> <p>Krista</p> <p>Rebecca</p> <p>Adrianne</p> |
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| | <p>Landscaping -Rita not here Jenny – will keep us updated on state of the trees and watering</p> <p>Pedestrian & Traffic Safety -week of March 28th traffic blitz – on the Tuesday the CPS Resource Officer was there, said he would like to “film” us and use us as an example of what to do and how the Parent Council is so engaged. Rita brought some concerning information about the crosswalk to light, residents speeding through the Boulevard crosswalk. Rita emailed Sonya Sharp – Alderwoman, and she got a response from Ms. Sharp’s office indicating this crosswalk will be marked as an area of concern.</p> <p>Chair -wrapped up 4-part Parent Engagement session. \$500 grant, virtual sessions. Pleased with turn-out, about 15 parents per session and many were not parents from Council -update on permanent sign – hoping we could realize that this year. \$15,000 CBE quote for permanent sign and in speaking with Bill agreed just not reasonable for us to plan for that at this time. -looking at succession planning for Council – secretary and additional member for special events team. Voting for those positions at AGM on May 26, 2022. -Gaga Ball set – Bill has been getting quotes from CBE – inflatable set which could only be used indoors - \$2400 which is not ideal to only be used inside. Likely an outside set would be more than \$5,000 so we will have some casino funds left over from this year that we can roll over into next year and suggest we ear-mark those funds to go to the Gaga Ball set. Ashley – Fundraising wine survivor will also be marked as “Casino funds” and mark those profits for Gaga Ball and top up with any other funds we can pull from the Casino account next school year Fall - 2022-23</p> | <p>Jenny</p> <p>Jenny</p> |
| 10 mins | <p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>-General Funds Spending Focus -spent some time last meeting talking about a logo update inside of the gym to include wolf mascot and maybe a logo on outside of school as well. Students were keen as well. Discussed at last meeting, logo, history of logo, priorities moving forward, cost (given CBE mandates and approves the funds) -in discussing further with Bill, if we do a logo update he will consider that coming from his principal operating budget and likely just for inside of the gym which would take it off the consideration of Council. -asked Teachers what they thought would add value to the classroom – ‘chair buddies/chair covers” – students keep personal supplies, re-used year over year, and school no longer has to purchase the pencil cases which would free up some of the School’s budget as well. -another item – stationary holders at center of each table – Lazy Susan type idea to organize pens, glue, etc. -teachers also asked for additional funds for literacy resources to purchase Early Reader books. -asked for new Math Program – grades 1-4, Jump Math – another tool similar to Raz Kids (online for literacy), similar online program for Math.</p> | <p>Jenny</p> |

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| | <p>Chair Buddies and stationary holders – 130 of those one for each student – approx. \$3,200 includes shipping and GST</p> <p>Jump Math – all 4 grades \$1,200 including GST</p> <p><u>Early Readers - \$1,000</u></p> <p>\$5,400 from general funds account</p> <p>-Projected estimate for fundraising still give us about \$1,500 to move into next year with, which is a comfortable general account for welcome back breakfast in September, 2022, before new fundraising starts</p> <p>- Laurie – chair buddies are a great idea</p> <p>-Glenda – great idea, hope they are durable and can take a beating. Not sure what they are made of – that's her only thought, that they stand up to the test of time</p> <p>Krista – thinks they are durable, made of canvas. Thinks also might be less distracting to have the students contents behind them and not on the table. New home Readers would be very valuable.</p> <p>Glenda and Krista – need to have better representation in the books we are reading our kids</p> <p>Jenny – Special Events Team will be organizing year end event – pancake breakfast and organized sport's day. Would like to make sure we have a great event for our parent community and one we don't have to charge for – think it would be special to make it free. Had approved \$500 for year end event but propose an additional \$500 – total of \$1,000 to provide a really nice event for the parent community</p> <p>-Vinyl signs by the fence, great way to advertise for school. Not sure we need a new one. Last meeting is next month so would like to ask for an additional \$200 for update enrollment sign. Our current sign talks about Kindergarten registration and the other sign has the old logo so thought we could get approval for new sign.</p> <p>Proposal Pass a Motion for following expenditures from general account</p> <p>\$500 for year-end special event (in addition to the previously approved \$500)</p> <p>\$200 for boosting enrollment sign</p> <p>\$3,200 for chair buddies and stationary holder</p> <p>\$1,200 for Jump Math Program</p> <p>\$1,000 for Early Readers and Literacy Materials</p> <p>Motion Krista/Glenda - carried</p> <p>-Year End Committee Reports</p> <p>May 26 – last meeting. Quick regular meeting followed by AGM</p> <p>-submit Committee Report to Council Chair which will be in the Report and submitted to the Trustees.</p> | |
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| | <p>ADJOURNMENT @ 8:12pm</p> <p>Motion to Adjourn Krista/Yvonne – Carried</p> | |
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SASES will meet immediately following the Scenic Acres School Council Meeting.

***did not have quorum so Glenda will send an email Motion for approval**

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