

Pine Street School Council Meeting

December 10th, 2019

The regular meeting of Pine Street School Council was duly called and held on December 10th, 2019 in the library of Pine Street Elementary located at 133 Pine Street in Sherwood Park, Alberta. Quorum was present.

In Attendance:

Executive: Lesley Bowman (Chair), Cara Kern (Vice-Chair), Lorena Ellsworth (Secretary)

Administration: Shelby Hines (Principal), Kerri Remeika (Assistant Principal), Lorna Magnan (Teacher Liaison)

Parents: Colleen Belohorec, Darrell Bradley, Trina Loucraft

Absent with Regrets: Trina Boymook (Board Trustee)

* Denotes partial attendance.

1. Chair, Lesley Bowman, calls to order at 7:10pm.
2. Welcome & Treaty Six Acknowledgement – Lesley Bowman.
3. Attendance and introductions - skipped.
4. Additions to agenda
 - a. None.MOTION: Cara Kern motions to accept agenda, Darrell Bradley seconds.
IN FAVOUR: 6
NON-VOTING: 2
CARRIED
5. Adoption of November Minutes.
MOTION: Trina Loucraft motions to accept November minutes, Kerri Remeika seconds.
IN FAVOUR: 6
NON-VOTING: 2
CARRIED
6. Trustee Report – Trina Boymook
 - a. No report this month.
 - b. Questions/comments
 - i. None.

7. Administration Report – Shelby Hines
 - a. Kudos
 - i. Thank you for all of the time and effort that went into planning and organizing our Family Movie Night on Friday, November 22. We had tons of positive feedback!
 - ii. Thank you for your continued support with Hot Lunch.
 - iii. Kudos in another successful Christmas concert raffle!
 - b. Results Review
 - i. Has been postponed until the Spring on account of the late budget so that schools can not only review last school year, but have time to identify the impact this new budget has on decisions being made in this school year
 - c. School Education Plan (SEP)
 - i. Copies made available for all attending the meeting. There is also a copy on our school website.
 - ii. Staff continues to be committed to one year’s growth in literacy and numeracy, as well as having parents/families as partners. We will continue to look for opportunities to strengthen these areas. For example, during our monthly staff meetings literacy and numeracy discussions occur and ‘take aways’ presented for all staff by our literacy and numeracy lead teachers. We had two numeracy days (November 26 & December 9) whereby our EIPS numeracy consultant came out and spent time with staff members to support instructional practices in areas such as guided math and fact fluency. At our December staff meeting small groups brainstormed ways in which these areas could be best supported.
 - iii. We will continue to review the 2019-20 SEP and begin contemplating and creating the framework for the 2020-21 SEP.
 - iv. Feedback is always welcome.
 - d. Fees
 - i. The family fee consultation letter is going home by December 13, 2019 as a Synervoice message and is also on our Pine Street Elementary School website. Please be ready to provide your feedback regarding what you are willing to pay in terms of fees related to what you would like to see at Pine Street next school year.
 - e. Literacy
 - i. We purchased two Lucy Calkins “How To Guide for Nonfiction writing Grade 2” resources.
 - ii. We also purchased an additional Lucy Calkins Writing Kit for Grade 6 so both classes have a kit to use and won’t need to share.
 - f. Numeracy
 - i. We are looking into purchasing EQUALS Math Kits (similar to Levelled Literacy Intervention but for numeracy).
 - g. I would like to sincerely wish all our families a very happy and safe holiday season.
 - h. Questions/comments

- i. Families not able to attend meetings or who would prefer to have their comments regarding fees submitted anonymously are welcome to email pinestreetsvp@gmail.com prior to the January meeting.
 - ii. Thank you, Mrs. Leitch, for moving the link to the Teacher's Sites to the top of the website!!
8. Teacher Liaison Report – Kerri Remeika on behalf of Lorna Magnan
 - a. No updates.
 - b. Questions/comments
 - i. None.
9. Chair Report – Lesley Bowman
 - a. Hello and welcome to our last meeting of the decade! I look forward to continuing our good work into 2020.
 - b. ASCA Engagement Opportunity
 - i. I had the opportunity to take part in a webinar the afternoon of Saturday, November 23.
 - ii. There were over 100 representatives from across the province with several schools holding viewing parties.
 - iii. It was an excellent chance to share feedback and get information from our provincial representatives between AGMs.
 - iv. The ASCA Board took the opportunity to refine some of their advocacy work through the responses and feedback from participating members.
 - v. The Board discussed several topics for the first two hours and then Education Minister LaGrange joined us.
 - vi. There were many thoughtful questions and the polls were a great way to engage. I have a copy here if anyone would like to take a look.
 - c. ASCA Parental Engagement Task Force
 - i. There is no ASCA Parental Engagement Task Force question for December.
 - d. Fee Discussion
 - i. As per our consistent commitment from school administration for parental engagement with setting school fees, we will begin these discussions in January.
 - ii. As the reduction in budget means many things to parents for the upcoming year, I plan to invite our MLA, Nate Glubish to participate in this meeting. I will reach out to his office and see if he would be willing to attend.
 - e. Annual Education Results Review
 - i. As mentioned in our November meeting, the AERR will now occur in the spring, this gives us an opportunity to consider our challenges and work on them prior to the next round of surveys.
 - ii. As we work on our SEP goal of increased parental participation and consider the AERR from a parent perspective, I wonder what we can do to achieve excellence.
 - iii. We have consistently had around 25% participation in the survey so what can we do to improve this?

1. Facebook update, thoughtful conversations at school, engagement with grade 4 parents, opportunities to complete the survey at school, more explanation of how this engagement opportunity informs decisions at school?
- iv. This is a great opportunity to engage with minimal disruption to life and schedules; I really believe we can get over 50% participation. The more information we have from parents, the more we can focus our work.
- v. There seems to be a disconnect between parent, student, and teacher results, especially in the 'student safety' sphere. What could account for that?
- vi. There will always be variations in answers and the questions can be unclear, but it is important to consider why – what could account for that?
- vii. What does school safety mean to you? How could we communicate that?
- viii. How would you know that teachers care about your student? What would that look like to you?
- ix. We want to improve and get better, so we need to understand how to do that. It takes work and reflection and an ability to take some criticism in order to improve.
- x. Excellence is our Brand! How can we share this message?
- f. Lesley will be inviting both MLAs (Nathan Glubish and Jordan Walker) to our January School Council meeting.
- g. Questions/comments
 - i. None.

10. Adjourned by Chair, Lesley Bowman at 7:49pm.

The next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 at 7:30pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:

Lorena Ellsworth, Secretary

Adopted by Council in the meeting of January 14th, 2019.

Lesley Bowman

Chair

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