**E.E. Oliver Elementary**

**School Council Annual General Meeting**

Agenda – March 18, 2021

7:00 p.m. – E.E. Oliver Elementary School Library

\* Indicates written report/attachment provided

**In Attendance:**

Carmen Enns

Leanne Stucklschwaiger

Laura Fentie

Danielle Gabruck

Tamara Shaw

Derek Shaw

Woodmere Nursery

Dave Rushton – PRSD Transportation Representative

Principal – Evelyn Krol

Vice Principal – Christina Gamble

Teacher Representative – Carmen Johnson

Peace River School Division Representative – Robyn Robertson

1. Call to order pm
2. Approval of Agenda - Leanne Approved
3. Approval of Minutes approved the minutes
4. Delegation – Dave Rushton, Transportation Representative
   * + Cold inclement weather policy
       1. Past concerns – some people did not have the ability to drive the kids to school if buses didn’t run, others felt buses should be cancelled under inclement weather.
       2. An admin procedure was adopted from another school division that suited PRSD, an addition of the wind chill was added at this time.
       3. Student Transportation Association of Alberta? PRSD is a part of zone 5 which meets regularly to discuss transportation issues. Fort Vermilion developed an admin procedure that was adopted by PRSD, the -40/-48 temperature. Bus drivers can make an individual call based on their route location.
       4. Parents still have concerns that the -40 is too cold. Parents can chose to not put their kids on that bus at -40 temperatures.
       5. Current policy can be changed if it doesn’t fit

* Some school policies do not mention wind chill. Parent expressed concerned about kids being on a bus at -47 with the wind chill.
  + During Dave’s time with transportation no bus has been abandoned by the occupants, the individuals still stay on the bus until a rescue bus arrives. A rescue bus is within 25-30 minutes away.
  + Suggestion was made to look at Canadian occupational health and safety standards for cold temperature extremes.
  + Area reps for the bus drivers communicate with Dave regarding daily conditions.
* Question regarding bus drivers payment if they do not run – As long as a bus driver is making sound decisions, they will be paid.
* Question about where the -48 with the wind chill came from – parent concerns regarding the wind chill temperature because the kids are standing outside waiting for the bus.
* PRSD has gas engine buses that are a maximum of 4 years old, reducing risks of breakdowns.
* Comment regarding about the safety of letting children be on a bus at such cold temperatures.
* The policies are reviewed at the end of the year, and will be discussed with a group of representatives.

1. Committee Reports
   * School Board Trustee Report
     + March meeting highlights – approved the 2021/22 calendar.
       - Mental health and wellness survey completed, 1860 surveys completed.
         * Met with administrators to go over the results and results will be available publically soon.
       - Capital plan for 22-25 approved
         * 1) new k-12 school in Manning – has received provincial approval for the design phase.
         * 2) new k-12 school in Red Earth Creek– has not received provincial approval yet.
         * 3) FHS modernization
         * 4) Worsley modernization
         * 5) TA Norris modernization
         * 6) EEO Modernization
       - A feasibility study was done for the Red Earth high school
       - A modular classroom has been requested for Grimshaw public for the senior high
       - A presentation from technology department – how tech has changed and impacted our lives. Discussed changes in careers and society due to technology and the need to be responsive to those changes.
       - Meeting with Holy Family Catholic and GP school board to discuss things that are important and topics of common interest. Student mental health, shared services, etc.
       - Policy 4 review was completed
       - PRSD School Councils – will be virtual this year. April 28, 2021 7-9pm
   * Principal Report
     + Report cards went out
     + Staff thanks the council for supper
     + Spirit days have been held – crazy sock day, twin day is tomorrow, school colours is back. Easter hat competition was successful. Each house received points for each person that decorated a hat.
     + PD day – school writing program and math programs were worked on
     + Hot lunch – individual sponsorship available or entire class sponsorships.
     + Art program – Mrs. Lentz made Easter cards with the kids, Mrs. Versher had done Easter eggs and Paul is planning with water colours. Robyn is coming in with the rural mental health project doing a presentation for 3-6 and eventually 1&2, they will be making a crane based on the story 1000 cranes. They will displayed at the Fine Arts Center.
     + Kindergarten program has a new video – 30 kids are already registered.
     + Surveys have been sent home, accountability surveys. Ms. Krol can request codes to be reissued but does not have access to them herself.
2. Old Business
   * + Trees – Jeff with Woodmere – 44 trees are available, 12-15’ tall. Currently in a 3 gallon pot, need a couple feet for the hole.
       1. How will the trees withstand spring standing water – as long as it doesn’t persist.
       2. When is the best time to plant? – before May long, after the ground thaws.
       3. Troy Stucklschwaiger has a trencher with an auger that may be able to use, man power to move out the dirt.
       4. What should be done with the stumps? – it may be difficult to dig close to them. Ms. Krol assumes those stumps will stay as a certified remover needs to do the work.
       5. Should they be staked? – they should.
       6. Can the school decide where to put them or the division? Ms. Krol will call facilities to see if the school can just chose locations. She will let Carmen know.
       7. Alberta First Call will need to be contacted.
       8. Work day will need to be set, locations selected.
     + Alberta School Council Conference
       1. Danielle and Laura are registered.
3. New Business
4. Round Table –
   * + Carmen Johnson – This week and next classes are watching Calgary Opera Hansel and Gretal.
5. Next Meeting – May 13, 2021
6. Adjournment 8:18pm