

E.E. Oliver Elementary School Council Meeting

Minutes – January 16, 2024
6:00 p.m. – E.E. Oliver Elementary School Library

David Rushton
Elizabeth Green
Carmen Johnson
Laura Fentie
Danielle Gabruck

Adrienne Boyd
Stephanie McLachlan
Bryarly Parker
Sarah Wright
Erin Scheidegger

1. Call to order
 - Call to order 6:07
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Add meeting time to new business
 - Motion to approve agenda as amended Erin, Seconder Laura
All in Favour
3. Approval of Minutes
 - School Council Meeting – November 21, 2023
 - Teacher report by Carmen Johnson
 - Motion to approve the minutes as ammended Laura, seconder Erin
All in Favour
4. Committee Reports
 - School Board Trustee Report
 - Minutes provided from last board meeting.
 - Scholarship money was provided for Peace River High School. Committee is being struck being struck to sort out criteria.
 - Trustees are meeting with Administrators to work on a new education plan, most likely will be a 5 year plan. Goals will probably be the same. Board is looking to advocate more to help achieve the goals.
 - Communication was noted as being an important item that the Division needs to achieve better results.
 - Attendance – at a crisis level within the division. Days where 40-50% attendance missing.
 - Presentation from Learning Services was given to the board
 - Red Earth Creek School – approved. Looks like the community will be growing and the GOA will only provide funding for a school the size of the current population.
 - Manning School – Under construction.
 - Value Scoping –

- Joint meeting last week with Grande Prairie Catholic – PRSD has offered to help. GPC has stated it will be a joint K-9, PRSD has said joint K-6. Toured Grimshaw facility as an example. Discussion from EEO School Council included:
 - Question as to why Manning didn't do a joint school.
 - Concern about communication. Report to school council from value scoping attendees, but the information didn't disseminate out to the community and school parents.
 - GPC is communicating directly with their parents, PRSD is communicating via social media.
 - Parents concerned with the location. K-6 – total opposition, 7-12 more open up to discussion. 7-9 more opposition than the 10-12 being on campus..
 - Concerns about access – walking to school. Bussing could be provided.
 - Security – FHS and EEO are closed spaces, the College is an open space.
 - Suggestions to talk to parents at Olds where there is a high school on campus.
 - Concern about the current school being an empty space.
 - Need to have more opportunity for more feedback.
 - Open concept does not seem to be applicable.

- Principal Report
 - Becoming familiar with the school since her return.
 - Admin meeting next week or so.
 - Keeping the calendar updated
 - Necessary reports being completed
 - Zipline and duck is now operational
 - One grade 6 class attended John Howard Society. The presentation was two days back to back, it would be better to have a day in between. Was held at STM church, STM students also attended.
 - Had deficiencies at a lock down last year, where it was found that there were keys for rooms missing and some locks were malfunctioning. Interior locks have now been replaced and run on a master and submaster system.

- Teacher Report
 - Christmas concert went well. Good feedback.
 - May switch back two days, easier on Kindergarten
 - Cold weather lead to one outdoor recess during the first week back
 - Grade ones and Grade 2G are doing swimming lessons. 2S and Grade 3s will go next session.
 - Writing, reading and math assessments for division are being conducted.
 - Semester change over day on a Wednesday.
 - Month End assembly Jan 30, Grade 3 will be performing
 - Ms. Johnson is trying to get a Grades 4, 5 & 6 choir together and go to the music festival in March in Peace River

5. Old Business
 - South road stop signs
 - Mrs. Green and Ms. Wright will do some research on traffic prior to going to the town.
 - Future meeting topics
 - Connie and Amanda – Danielle will email.
 - Council of School Councils – Dec 12, 2023
 - Reviewed annual education results report
 - Tammy Novak – talked about vaping, health aspects, difficulty in catching, vaping detectors in washrooms at Peace High seems to be working.
 - Group had a discussion about how the agenda of the Council of School Councils could be better – prior to next CSC meeting come up with some potential topics.
 - Value Scoping Update
 - See Trustee Report
 - Mike Cameron Presentation
 - Was postponed. Mitchell and Mandi were working. Sarah will talk to Mandi for update. Discussion about having a session for the community and to the students.
 - John Howard Society – See teacher report
6. New Business
 - PRSD School Bus Policy
 - Buses were all cancelled in the division in the morning except Fairview, and then all were cancelled in the afternoon.
 - This is confusing as it is colder in the morning than the afternoon.
 - PRSD Communication Survey
 - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5UAYRgPun3nVPeiMNFYdMAEM6Wu2EuiB8NdY33Hxj-Xy01g/viewform>
 - Send through email and or phone call
 - Meeting time
 - Decision was made to keep the time the same.
7. Round Table
 - i. Bryarly – has the school division ever considered using an app for communication.
 1. School division has discussed this with communications officer.
 - ii. David – Please forward approved minutes to David for presentation to the board. This allows the trustee to bring items to the board from our school council. If you have concerns please call or email David
 - iii. Stephanie - Grade 6 trip, why did it stop and can it be brought back? Carmen – it was becoming burdensome, lots of fundraising, actual trip was a lot of work to manage both children and the parents. Trip was becoming such a risk that the benefits to the trip did not outweigh the liability.
8. Next Meeting
 - i. February 20 6pm.

9. Adjourn at 7:53 Motion to adjourn made by Laura Seconded by Erin.
All in Favour.

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