**School Council Meeting**

**January 23, 2020**

**In attendance: Cam, Denise, Karlee, Danette, Crystal, Steven, Karel, Krista, Eleanor, Blake, Jesslyn, Liz, Natasha, Lara**

**Regrets: Mark & Edie**

**A) Welcome Mark & Edie send their regrets**

**B) No additions to the agenda**

**C) School Trustee – Lorette Woodward attended with an update. Fairview and Don Campbell are Lorette’s designated schools as a board trustee. She was at Fairview when Don Campbell came to visit with the Christmas gift from the school. She was very touched by the generosity. She spoke about Equity and how everyone should get what they need. At Fairview there are many new comers to Canada. The school does a great job of welcoming them but they do not have a lot of money. This donation will give some of the students their first experience camping at Grade 5 camp.**

**Lorette announced Stu Henry’s retirement. Spoke to the parent council on the process of finding a new Superintendent. The board talked to many community groups to ask what they wanted in a new SI. What was said by the community was someone that is good at building relationships, equity inclusion, quality educational practice, staff and student resiliency and mental health, trust worthy and visionary leadership. NEW SI will be Chad Erickson. He is really well respected and is great with relationships. He will take over in August. Lorette discussed potential cuts to Red Deer Public with the goal to have the least disruption to classrooms. Last night they has a school wide parent council meeting. They are asking for feedback from the Community to develop there new 3 year plan. Many schools submitted requests. Don Campbell asked for radon tests to test gas in the school. Each test is $1500/school. The school also asked for acoustic tiles in the gym. Parents are welcome to look at the boards 3 year plan and minutes if interested in what each school is wishing for and working on.**

**Lorette loved the Don Campbell Christmas concert she could see that the school put a lot of effort into the concert. She loved the inclusion of all students.**

**D) School report Cam- The school has started skiing, skating and sliding. Kids are enjoying it with the nice weather. Reminder that all kids need a helmet. Forms are now online for parents to sign now rather than paper coming home. Parents are liking this new format. If a parent has an issue they will still send home a paper copy.**

**Ski loppet Grade 3,4,5. Taking more Grade 3’s as they have more skis now. It is the child’s choose if they come to the practices and they can go to the ski loppet. The school is pleased with the turn out. They practice at noon across the street from the school. Parents are welcome to come and help tie skates and come to the ski loppet and cheer on the students participating.**

**Each class gets one day a week to slide on the hill. The school is going to potentially offer FREE skate at lunch time for any child that can tie their own skates. They are going to see how many students attend to figure out how it will all work.**

**Accountability pillar survey is out right now for Grade 4’s. The school is trying to engage more parents. The survey is going out to all parents with students in Grade 4, 7, 10. We will review the results as a group.**

**Cam shared photos of Christmas giving. The school rented a bus and took 25 kids to give gifts. One stop was the Mustard Seed, students learned about the shelter at the mustard seed and the hot lunch process. The students did their own fundraiser for the mustard seed. The students gave the Mustard seed placemats, cookies, gift cards from the giving tree. They visited Aspen Heights and donated $1000 for their micro society. They also went to Fairview they donated $1500 for Grade 5 camp. Support 15-16 kids to go to camp. Women’s emergency shelter was another stop they gave them the gift cards from the giving tree. The shelter said they will use them to buy toys for children. A local senior’s center also received cookies from the kids. The gifts and money came from our raffle. The kids selected were on the WE team. Mainly grade 5’s other students in the other grades. The $2500 donated to the schools was from the Don Campbell raffle. Money was given to these school because they do not generate a lot of money through their school councils.**

**Raffle raised $19,000 after expenses the total $12,000. This will cover $10/student for field trips, and swimming lessons. The school and the parents liked the way the raffle ran this year. The process was much smoother.**

**E) City Wide Report- Danette attended with meeting. She reported that they worked on the NEW 3 year plan. They also reviewed student safety plan. There is now a new parent child reunion plan after an incident. PCN presented the Women’s Fun Run. Chad Erickson will be in the diaper dash. Money raised goes to the Mustard Seed. It was discussed that Don Campbell would like to host a City Wide school council.**

**F) Lifetouch school photos- Asked for feedback. The photographers were not super friendly on the photo day. Some parents noted that the classroom photos were blurry and students were not looking. Students only got one photo taken and some students were blinking. Parents asked that more them one shoot be taken to try and avoid that. Cam will meet with Lifetouch to give them feedback.**

**G) Readathon raises a lot of money for the school. The WE team wants to do a fundraiser for Australia and the Child Advocacy Centre locally. Maybe the readathon could go towards some of these projects. Students came up other ways to raise funds and ideas of what the students will receive based on funds raised.**

**Parents discussed how the readathon is tough because it is already expected of them to read each night. Talked about it maybe being a spellathon, or fitness related. The question was raised about the readathon raising funds. If we do not raise funds would it be a mistake with budget cuts even when the school does not really need funds. Parents are fine with the money raised going towards WE team and Child Advocacy Centre. Readathon is a tough sell. Parents thought a spellathon or a different format might be nice. Perhaps the whole school reads a book together. The families could put money into purchasing the book rather than asking for funds to read together as a family. Cam will pursue ideas with the staff.**

**G) Artist in Residency- looking for an artist to come in to create something that lasts. Have an artist come in for three days, first nations dance for three days, could be a cost up to $8000. Cam asked parents if they know of anyone. Parents mentioned RDC. One parent had a contact to share at the end of the meeting with Cam. Looking for people to come into the school. Idea was given on bringing in an author to talk about writing. The raffle will cover the cost. The Alberta Opera is coming Feb 13 to perform at the assembly.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm**

**Parents for DCE**

**A) Welcome**

**B) No additions to the agenda**

**C) Treasurer’s report was provided. Currently sitting at $12,193 restricted funds $11,711 unrestricted funds. Discussion on what the school council should with funds. It was decided to hold off on spending to see what budget cuts brings. In case something is cut next year and the school needs something then. The parent council can hold the restricted funds for two years. The wish list was fulfilled for this year for the school.**

**D) Committee Reports**

**a) Hot lunch dates are posted for the rest of the year. The committee is still looking for volunteers. The school council talked about using some of the money from hot lunch to provide a treat for the whole school at different times throughout the year.**

**b) Family Activities no update**

**c) Health & Wellness – Parents can join the Move Your Mood Family by contacting Denise Fredeen** [**denise.fredeen@ahs.ca**](mailto:denise.fredeen@ahs.ca) **The challenge will run for 8 weeks starting April 20-June 8th. There will be a Move Your Mood School Challenge running at the same time so that students are hearing the core messages of how being active improves mental and physical wellness. Denise also reviewed the HeartMath study that is being done with the Grade 5 classes.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm**