

HIDDEN VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL

April 21, 2015

Minutes

PRESENT:

Lindsay Heynen - Chair
Riana Robinson – Administrator
Amy Stuart – Member
Wendy Reid – Member
Samson Hartland – Member
Paul Sippel - Member

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Doug Graham – Minister of Education
Judy Arnold – Deputy Minister of Education
Penny Prysruk – Superintendent
Deanna MacLeod - Parent

REGRETS:

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Debra Jonasson

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION
1.	In-Camera Session	In-camera meeting from 5:30 to 6:00 pm	
2	a. Call to Order b. Welcome	a. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. b. Introductions were made by everyone to the new guests. Lindsay welcomed and thanked all the guests for coming out to the meeting.	
3	Approval of: a) Agenda b) Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2015.	a) Motion to approve the Agenda as presented by email as of today with the addition of Deanna MacLeod. b) Motion to approve meeting minutes of March 10, 2015 as presented by email.	Resolution: Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting with the addition of Deanna MacLeod. Duly moved and seconded. Vote: Unanimous Motion to approve meeting minutes from March 10, 2015. Duly moved and seconded. Vote: Unanimous
4	Chair Update:	a. Deanna MacLeod <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deanna is coming attending the meeting and to ask about music education in the school. She wants to follow up with the school council on this issue and to find out the next steps. Riana answered that they are looking at staffing at this time and there will be an increase of .4 for next year and there will be a staffing position for music education in the school for next year which is being determined by Riana and Penny at this time. Deanna explained her reason and summarized the importance of having music as part of the education of students. Samson explained to Deanna why there was a loss in resources for the past year in which there was a loss of a staff member FTE and in particular the music education 	

FTE and how that will change for the upcoming year based on the numbers of students attending the school. She was pleased with the result of the new year bringing music education through a regular staff member back into the school. Discussion on how the school did try to make up for the lack of a music teacher by utilizing the staff and keeping music in the classroom for the students. She also expressed a concern that if a teacher is assisting to implement music into a classroom if they are not trained in music it is asking a lot for a teacher to contribute above and beyond their skills and training.

b. Bussing concerns with Minister Graham

- The bussing concern regarding a bus bringing children from Porter Creek to Hidden Valley to attend school was raised with the Minister. Samson explained this issue has been ongoing for the past couple of years. There was a survey done by Council over a year ago asking parents in the Crestview area about the possibility of their children being enrolled in this school, Council has the number of children and names/addresses that would attend Hidden Valley if a bus were available to transport them. The Minister suggested also contacting families along the north highway about bringing their children here rather than Porter Creek. Council informed Minister that one of the issues for parents is that there is no day care out here and there is no bus to transport children from Hidden Valley after school to day care in Porter Creek therefore the students go to schools in Porter Creek instead of Hidden Valley. Discussion about bus routes, population increases in the future, the bussing from the highway into town, transportation costs involving this issue. Samson is willing to get the resources required to present to the

Action: Samson to provide the

		<p>Deputy Minister and the Minister. The Minister confirmed that if there are 20 students willing to come to this school if the bussing is in place then the bussing could be made available. Samson noted Council will follow up and thanked the Minister and the Deputy Minister for their positive feedback.</p> <p>c. Catchment – Penny Prysruk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Penny had indicated that the catchment request was on the desk of the Minister and Council is asking what the status of this request is at this time. Samson provided a background to the Minister regarding the catchment area request that Council has put forward.• Mr. Graham noted that the bison hunt is another area that Hidden Valley could sell to other areas for kids to come and be a part of this school.• He also noted the changes that have been made in the Department and the curriculum in the schools; they will be starting with the high schools first and then the elementary schools will be addressed. He noted part of the assessment will be talking with the students as well as administrators and staff. He noted that he would love to see an EA in every K-G3 class in the schools and is currently working on getting the funding to achieve this initiative.• Samson thanked all the guests for taking the time to come out to the meeting tonight and address the Council.• Amy suggested to the Minister that as the EAs are assigned to classes that the consideration be given to having one EA assigned to the gifted children in a class rather than just special needs students.	<p>Minister/Deputy Minister with a list of names of at least 20 students who would be willing to attend this school from Crestview if a bus is made available for transportation.</p>
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d. Chair Update – Lindsay

- Grocery receipt program – Lindsay spoke with Mark at Independent grocers and he has confirmed that for now they are only going to host the Seniors' and Mae Bachur at this time. Paul suggested to Mark doing a fundraising BBQ and Mark thought it should be for more than just one school so Paul suggests having the BBQ and doing a joint venture with the School and maybe another society such as Mae Bachur and then they could split the costs.
- Amy suggested a BBQ at the garage sale; Lindsay noted that she wanted the students to do a bake sale at the garage sale, not sure about hosting a BBQ because it would be weather dependent and the garage sale is an outside event only with no access to the school.
- Some discussion about the planned activities and organization of the garage sale, still in the planning stages. Lindsay noted that she needs a couple of volunteers for that day. Garage sale is set for May 9 from 9:00 to 2:00 (Saturday).

e. Fundraising – Update

- The fundraising is the garage sale which was discussed above.

f. AYSCBC Conference

- Amy attended the conference and gave an overview of her experience at the conference. She found it to be very informative and interesting to learn what some of the initiatives are for other schools. She was impressed with Vanier's school council's day retreat to plan their school year; she thought it was a good idea. She found that with this conference she appreciated the topics more than the previous one she attended. She also found the Department to be very receptive.

		<p>g. General Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday was the kick off of the Table Tennis after School Program and there were 18 kids that were part of the program. It went well. Lindsay asked if there was any other business to discuss, none. 	
5	<p>Administrator's Report (Riana Robinson)</p>	<p>Riana gave an overview of her report which is attached with the minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riana noted what the PD dates are for next year; 21st of September for the first one – a math PD and 20th June, the last day of school. Penny noted that the Porter Creek schools have a new initiative for math in their schools. It has been rolled out to the teachers and they are just getting information back regarding this. Riana is using a similar reporting for Hidden Valley's initiative. Amy asked about the end date for school and how it can be school ends on a Monday. It was explained that it is based on the number of days in the school year and how it falls within the year with dates and Easter holidays. Judy noted that they have put together a three year calendar and after this calendar is done, they will assess the calendar and see where changes may need to be made. Discussion on how the new curriculum will fit into the school calendar. Riana noted that for next year's calendar there needs to be a 60 minutes adjustment and they are hoping to do this for the first day of school for next year, it has to be considered with other areas and the bussing. This concludes the calendar changes for next year. Staffing – Madame Shari will be on leave for 1 year. Mr. Harmes is not officially retiring at this time but taking medical leave, not sure if this leave will include the 	

whole year. This will open up a temporary position to replace him for the upcoming year. Shari's position competition will be organized at the end of the year. Mr. MacLeod has accepted a position at Porter Creek next year and will be leaving this school.

- **Classes:**

K 13
½ 18
2/3 15
4/5 17 Intensive French
6/7 21
Total of 84 students

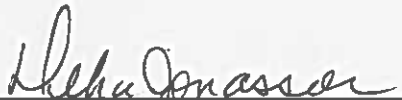
- 13 is the biggest group of Kindergarten students in a long time.
- There is a meeting May 7 @ 5:30 for Grade ¾ parents for next year.
- Amy asked about the grade splits with the Grades 1, 2, 3 classes and discussion about the splits and why they are in this split, Riana noted that the numbers of the students are determining this split at this time and hoping to get more students and then there can be a full class of each and no splits.
- Weekday Warriors – concerns about using the library, they are now using the French room and this is working well.
- School Growth Plan – The one goal in Math was to have 88% of students to meet or exceed 84%, at end of the 2nd term, primary students achieved 76% and intermediate students achieved 82%, so a little bit to go to meet the goal. They will continue with the math but won't attach this to the report cards next year as part of the School Growth Plan. Judy asked how the students did in the

		<p>FSA tests for Grades 4 and 7 and Riana noted they did very well. Riana will bring the results to the next meeting. Penny will send information for the Porter Creek Family of Schools to Riana to use to compare Hidden Valley with them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lindsay asked if the school plans to still do numeracy net for the year end for the school.• Computers – next year all the computers from the lab will be distributed to the classrooms and there will be laptops for use next year as well so there will be more access to computers in the classrooms.• Capital projects – whiteboards in all the classrooms for next year; accessed controlled doors for next year; have the road paved out front next year. Lindsay feels there should be a couple of items in the kitchen replaced; fridge/freezer. Penny noted that this could come out of school project funds. The end of April is when the capital projects list needs to be submitted to the Department.• Buses – There were many problems with the busses and children and incident tickets, she found a good bus safety video and showed it to the whole school and told the children that if they get a bus incident ticket they will miss recess and will have to watch the bus safety video. This week the behaviour has been very good.• Uniforms – Riana said thank you to School Council for the uniforms, the children looked great on wrestling day. She also noted that the students have asked if they can order more hoodies/t-shirts? Suggestion that Council order school clothing once more and then set it up so that people can order their clothing direct from the suppliers website. There was a suggestion of having another table set up at the bison feast as was done last year. It was suggested that the order be done for last day of	
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		<p>school and not for beginning of the next school year. June 12 is last day of school. Lindsay will send a flyer out for another order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming field trips. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Apr. 30 – Bison Feat @ 5:30 pm ○ May 1 – Running Club @ Carmacks Ridge Run ○ May 5 – Gr. 7 PCSS Tour, AM ○ May 7 - Kindergarten Orientation in the Library 2:00-3:00 pm ○ May 7 – Gr. 4/5 Intensive French meeting for next school year @ 5:30 pm ○ May 11 – Art/Kiln Day for Primary classes with Patrick Royle ○ May 14 – Ditches ‘N Donuts after school ○ May 15 – Skip-A-Thon PM ○ May 18 – Victoria Day – No School ○ May 19 – Parade @11:00 (last one for the year) ○ May 20 – Whole School Photo @ 11:00 AM ○ May 20 – Talent Show PM ○ May 22 – Running Club @ Haines Junction Run ○ May 25 – Grade 2/3 class at Rivendell Farms from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm ○ June 2 – Grade 6/7 Spring Camp ○ June 4 – Litter Clean up at Bus Transfer Station ○ June 4 – Primary Year-End Fieldtrip ○ June 6 – Grade 6/7 return from Spring Camp 	
6	<p>Financial Report a) Account balance b) Financial Statement</p>	<p>The current account balance is \$7,162.50 as of April 21, 2015. Motion to approve statements as presented by email. Debra to write a cheque to Lindsay to reimburse her for payment of the invoice for the purchase of the table tennis tables, \$839.96 which is part of the RPAY funding and Deb will deposit to HVSC account the RPAY funds in the amount of 1,800.00.</p>	

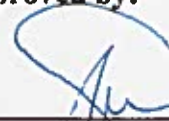
		The financial statement for March 2015 was distributed by email. Motion to accept financial statements as presented.	Resolution: Motion that the March 2015 financial statement be accepted as tabled. Duly moved and seconded. Vote: Unanimous
10	Correspondence	No new correspondence.	
11	Date for next meeting.	The Monthly meetings will be every third Tuesday @ 6:00, unless otherwise posted. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 In-camera @ 5:30 pm; Public 6:00 pm.	
10	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.	

Prepared by:



Debra Jonasson, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved by:



Lindsay Heynen, Chair

For