

HIDDEN VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL

November 25, 2014

Minutes

PRESENT:

Samson Hartland – A/Chair
Riana Robinson – Administrator
Wendy Reid – Member
Amy Stuart – Member

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Carol Cootes

REGRETS:

Gina Griffith - Member
Lindsay Heynen - Chair

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Debra Jonasson

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION
1	Call to Order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.	
2	Welcome	Welcome to Carol.	
3	Approval of: a) Agenda b) Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2014.	Motion to approve the Agenda as presented with the additions of 7. New Business; 8. Swearing in of Amy Stuart as Member. Motion to accept the agenda with the two changes and approve the meeting minutes of the September meeting as presented by email.	Resolution: Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting with the addition of two additions; 7. New Business and 8. Swearing in of Amy Stuart and to approve the meeting minutes of the September 16, 2014 meeting as presented by email. Duly moved and seconded. Vote: Unanimous
4	Chair Update: As Lindsay was away, she joined the meeting by teleconference to give her report.	<p>a. School Clothing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School clothing was a huge success, a few pieces are missing but they are being shipped and should arrive soon. • Lindsay to get final numbers of the remaining balance and then send to Deb for reimbursement. <p>b. Special Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two funding applications to RPAY were applied for and we received notification that we were not approved. • RPAY gave recommendations to School Council to talk to CAFN about having elders come out and assist with programming. • Lindsay suggests putting a notice in newsletter looking for volunteers to assist with hot lunch and fundraising. • She has talked to Superstore about grocery bagging, there no space until after Christmas so we will line up some volunteers and then get spaces with volunteers. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riana asked if Lindsay will send the info for the newsletter to her. 	ACTION: Lindsay to send volunteer information to Riana to be included in the next newsletter.
5	Administrator's Report (Riana Robinson)	<p>Riana presented her report which is attached.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Growth Plan/Review: Goals for this year; Math and Maintenance. Review for the School was sent out to all School Council members and she asked for feedback. She stated it was a very positive report. Suggested that members can look through the report and then can provide feedback, ask any questions. Riana asked if anyone had any questions regarding the School Growth program and review. Some discussion on how the maintenance goal works within the school. Riana explained the process. Learning together Program; 34 students registered now. Young Citizens' Award for Duncan and Max. Students will be giving some feedback on their trip to Ottawa. Peaceful Warrior Program: Vitold applied to get permission to work in the schools and has received it but the Department will not fund this program at all. Vitold wants to know how much is the School is prepared to pay for this program. The cost is \$200 per session. The School does not have the funds for this programming at this time. It is an expensive program to get into. The RPAY funding was to be used to fund this program and now the funds have been denied so now it will need to be discussed if it is feasible as it is quite expensive. Riana gave Carol an explanation of what this program entails. Discussion on the program and details. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bison Hunt – starting to think about the bison hunt that will happen this year. Considering including Grade 5 in the hunt this year as there are only 11 students in the Grade 6/7 class; including them to make the group bigger. There are 12-13 grade 5 students that could attend. Wanted to bring forward this idea to start a dialogue to make a decision before the hunt. Carol suggested maybe joining another school in the hunt; Riana noted that this may be difficult because of integrating different rules, teachers, and students into a group such as this may not be the best plan. Discussion on the feasibility of including the Grade 5 students. • Weekday Warriors – 17 students registered • Website – Update council members/email addresses and other housekeeping items. • Upcoming Events/Field Trips. Readathon: Nov. 24-Dec. 4 Anne Frank Display – Intermediate Field trip – Dec. 3 Primary field trip – Wood Street – Dec. 5 Christmas Concert – Dec. 11 Christmas Caroling week of Dec. 15-19 School Council Meeting – Dec. 16 Whole School Skate – Dec. 19 Last day of School for Christmas – Dec. 19 Dec. 22 – Jan. 2 – Christmas Holidays • Current School enrollment: 78 students 	<p>ACTION: Debra will contact Jane again about updating the information on the website.</p>
6	Financial Report a) Account balance b) Financial Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Account balance is \$9,489.02 at November 25, 2014. • Motion to accept the October and November Financial Statement as previously circulated by email to all members. 	<p>Resolution: Motion that the October and November 2014 financial statement be accepted as tabled. Duly moved and seconded. Vote: Unanimous</p>

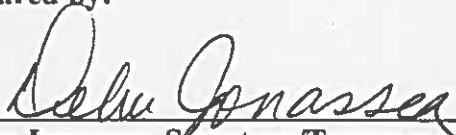
7	New Business	<p>1. Booster Juice Luncheons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy talked to Booster Juice and they offer special pricing for school lunches, they have a special menu specifically for school lunches which considers the special requirements of food going into schools. Amy handed out the menu that is available for school luncheon orders. They are interested in participating in providing school lunches. They are very flexible with getting the lunches set up for the school and do not need a lot of notice. Amy stated that if Council is interested she is could set up a trial run for this as a school luncheon. Suggestion of having one on December 13, 2014 (Friday). Amy will set this up. • Also, regarding fundraising; Amy is curious why fundraising is not a global thing but done in bits and parts. Discussion on this item and what is the best way to raise funds for ongoing items. Samson asked if there is a fund raising policy for Council. Carol believes there is one in the Department but most Councils do not have individual fund raising policies. Carol noted that under the directive there is no requirement of Council for members to be responsible for fundraising within the School and Council. Discussion on this concept. Deb gave a bit of a historic pattern from previous school councils and how they felt and handled any fundraising and volunteering. Deb also noted that a previous council had set aside special funds for the school/students to use for different events and forego some of the fundraising issues that are raised. Amy suggested that it would be nice to have a global fund held in balance to address any needs that are required by the school to purchase extra items/equipment for the school. 	<p>ACTION: Amy will contact Booster Juice and arrange to have a school luncheon organized with them for December 13, 2014</p>
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- Amy is also hoping to get more help for students that are exceeding expectations and then take it further and make it part of the Hidden Valley mandate and that possibly Hidden Valley could also promote this as a School where children exceeding expectations could attend and there would be a program to address the needs of these children. Riana feels that from the reading side of the School curriculum has been some things done to address this issue.
Amy feels that it would be nice if there were programs available for the exceeding children as well as the children who need assistance in their learning.
There was discussion about the resources available for excelling students.
Amy wondered if there is a pilot program that may be utilized for this idea.
She also asked what Mr. McLeod's role is in the school and if there is a possibility of him being able to help.
Samson asked Carol if she knows of any schools that have set up programs to help the excelling students. She doesn't believe one has been set up in Yukon schools yet.
Carol chatted about some of the things being done at the secondary levels and how some of these ideas may be applied to the elementary level.
Samson agreed that he would also be interested in learning more about this issue and what types of resources and programs may be available and if any of these programs could be implemented into this School and if this school is interested in raising such a program and possibly become an attraction for this school to other students in a similar situation.

		<p>Samson proposes that Councils explore various models of gifted learning modules to see if there are any opportunities that can be possibly implemented into Hidden Valley.</p> <p>There was also some discussion the Canadian spelling in the curriculum versus the American dictionary. Riana noted that the School does not mark according to the Canadian spelling format.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy noted that it is pizza and salad lunch this Friday for School luncheon. Amy also let Riana know that if the teachers would like to order any items off the menu for lunch that they are welcome too. • Carol will get hold of Kim again regarding the bussing issue and then will let Council know the reply. • AYSCBC will be hosting the spring conference and will be sending out information soon regarding this event. April 14-16 this year. • The Deputy Minister stated that they will be resurrecting the committee to look at how school staff is allocated by the school number formula. • Carol noted that there has been very little action happening within the dept. in the past year regarding Department committees and what seats are available for school council members to sit on. 	<p>ACTION: School Council to explore various models of gifted learning modules to see if there are any opportunities that can be implemented into Hidden Valley School.</p> <p>ACTION: Carol to contact Kim at the Department regarding the bussing issue and will inform Council of her reply.</p>
8	Swearing in of Amy Stuart	Amy swore her affidavits which were notarized by Debra to confirm her appointment as a Member of Hidden Valley School Council.	

9	Correspondence	No new correspondence.	
10	Date for next meeting.	The yearly meetings will be every third Tuesday @ 6:00, unless otherwise posted. Next Meeting: December 14, 2014 @ 6:00 pm	
10	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.	

Prepared by:



Debra Jonasson, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved by:



Samson Harland, A/Chair