**Dunstable School Council**

**Minutes**

Thursday Sept 21, 2017

Call to order \_\_\_6:34\_\_\_ pm

**In attendance:** Krista Schole, Carissa Henkelman, Barbara Gitzel, Doug Dross, Melissa Young, Jamie Litke, Cathy Litke, Kim Webster, Tammy Tkachuk, David Garbut, Tracy DeZayer

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Tracy DeZayer approved, Barbara Gitzel seconded.
2. **Approval of June 13 - Meeting Minutes – Barbara** Carissa Henkelman, approved, Tracy DeZayer seconded.
3. **Reports**
   1. **Tammy Tkachuk – Principal:** Attached
   2. **Kim Webster - School Trustee:** Attached
   3. **Talk with David Garbut:** Do we have any questions about board procedures? Open invitation, if we have questions or want a presentation.
4. **Old Business**
   1. **New Trustee for Barrhead South is Kerry McElroy:** He was the principal here, has subbed here.
   2. **Blanket Ceremony for Fall 2017:** There’s a kid version and an adult version, so we would need to make it an adult night more than a family night. The ceremony tries to provide a framework about historical events, could maybe become heated. Would need to make it clear that it’s 18 and up. We agree that we should open it up for the Busby parents. It will be good to do this with parents because it will help them understand what their children will be learning in school.
   3. **Breakfast Snack:** We will review the breakfast snack quarterly. We have funding from the provincial government for a nutritional program. The menu is a bit better: cut up fruit, English muffins. Some of the funding can go towards kitchen equipment, like serving tools and a countertop convection oven and 14 new tables.
   4. **Outdoor Classroom – trees:** there was no money left over from the outdoor classroom for replacing trees. The dead trees just need to be cut out. We should replace the apple tree. Will need approx. $500 to replace trees. Tabled until spring.
   5. **Well Come Back BBQ – feedback:** Some new families came. Should we maybe do a program to help people mingle more? What do other schools do? Some do a BBQ, some do a drop in. A program is hard because people arrive at different times.
   6. **Movie Night?** Each school gets one new movie from the school board, the movie is free but you can charge for snacks for fundraising. The division has a license. Considering doing a date in January. Will need volunteers for running the doors and concession. Tabled until November.
   7. **Photos:** Lifetouch comes in October, then our contract with them is up. There is a company that does pictures for RF Staples, another one in Barrhead. We can loo into them after Christmas for next fall. We will no longer do spring pictures.
   8. **Council Executive Election:** 
      1. **President:** Krista Schole nominated Barbara Gitzel, Carissa Henkelmen Seconded. Barbara Gitzel accepted, nomination ceased, Barbara Gitzel acclaimed.
      2. **Vice President:** Krista Schole nominated Tracy DeZayer to remain vice president, Carissa Henkelman seconded, Tracy accepted, nominations ceased, Tracy DeZayer acclaimed.
      3. **Treasurer:** Tracy DeZayer nominated Melissa Young to remain treasurer, Cathy Litke Seconded, Melissa Young accepted, nominations ceased, Melissa Young acclaimed.
      4. **Secretary:** Barbara Gitzel nominated Krista Schole, Tracy DeZayer seconded, Krista Schole accepted, nominations ceased, Krista Schole acclaimed.
      5. **Casino Representative:** Krista Schole nominated Carissa Henkelman to remain casino representative, Tracy DeZayer seconded, Carissa Henkelman accepted, nominations ceased, Carissa Henkelman acclaimed.
5. **New Business**
   1. **Rural Transportation:** Is Dunstable getting a higher percentage for field trips because they can’t walk anywhere? No. There is a flat KM fee that schools pay, we no longer pay more for the empty run to the school. There is now a flat rate. We would like to be able to send kids to places, but the budget is lower. Busby parent council goes to the Lions club to ask for funding for their Busby’s bussing. There is an opportunity in the planning in the spring for the district to change the planning based on recommendations from the principal. We need equity of opportunity between schools for funding, even though we have fewer kids that are bringing in money. In the spring Tammy can present to the district about our need for more funding in that area.

**Bus routes:**  How can we make it so that some kids don’t end up on the bus for over an hour on the bus each way? What David would like Alberta Ed to do is to tell us a maximum ride time and a cost amount. If parents have issues with bussing and they are not fixed by talking to transportation, a request needs to be put into writing to Dave Garbut, they will be responded to within 10 days.

**Why are kids grade 6 and under 3 to a seat?** That’s Alberta legislation, but formal reviews need to be made so that changes can be made.

We should enquire about getting better signs for school zone speeds.

* 1. **Goals for 2017-18 School year:** Last years goal was water. This year: tower garden? Replace trees? Do the teachers want the tower garden? It would tie in well with curriculum, Tammy would be interested. Completed the musical instruments! We can apply for more grants for trees.
  2. **School supplies – Feedback:** What do parents think about buying their own school supplies vs. the school purchasing the supplies? Last year some parents bought their own supplies and opted out without the school knowing. Some families were not happy with the quality of the school supplies provided. There will always be some people who are unsatisfied. It should be all or none. Maybe a smaller school supply list could be sent out with pencil boxes, etc.

Adjourned \_\_\_\_\_8:21\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pm

**Dunstable School Council Society**

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1. **Treasurers Report – Melissa Young:** Attached

Tracy DeZayer makes a motion that we have petty cash up to $150. Seconded by Barbara Gitzel. Melissa Young will leave a cheque for the orfs with Tammy Tkachuk to be sent when orfs arrive.

1. **Casino Report – Carissa Henkelman:**

Carissa has nothing to report. Doug Dross says they’re working on making it more equitable for rural schools.

1. **Fundraising Report**
   1. **Magazines:** Should we try and find someone to do magazines? A We could ask Rachel Carnelius, Chantelle Peloquin, Cindy Sawatzky
   2. **Cookie Dough:** Krista Schole has it set up
   3. **Ham Bingo:** Do in spring, tabled until November
   4. **Purdy’s:** Krista Schole has it set up
   5. **Christmas Craft Sale:** No
   6. **Spring Garage Sale:** Look at it after Christmas
   7. **Other ideas?** Look into Elks club, they have money to disperse from the campsite.
2. **Water fountain:** School council paid, but Barrhead and Busby had their schools cover the cost. David Garbut is looking into that.
3. **Grants**
   * 1. **Alberta Canada 150 – Community Initiatives Program**
        1. **Tower garden quote – anyone have spare time?** Barbara Gitzel and Tracy DeZayer will work together on that.
4. **Request for Funds**
   * 1. **Yearbook –** Tracy DeZayer ordered 20 yearbooks, Krista Shole motioned to pay Tracy $324.28 from parents for the 15, other order of 5 books is $84.59, total is $408.87. Barbara Gitzel seconded the motion.
     2. **Orfs:** Tracy DeZayer made a motion to pay for the orfs to St. John’s music, $4905.43. Krista Schole seconded the motion.

**7) Next meeting will be November 14th**

Adjourned \_\_\_\_\_8:45\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pm