



Regional School Council

Record of Decisions

Date: November 4, 2013

Reflection:

Ryan Plante presentation: Minister's Advisory Council

- Provides a voice for the Minister of Education;
- Speak Out website (<http://www.speakout.alberta.ca/>);
- Students have regular opportunities to answer three questions (*1. What does it look like when you are learning at your best? 2. What is keeping you from learning at your best? 3. What does education look like to you?*);
- Provincial conference each year. Ryan encouraged schools to send their students;
- 24 students are chosen to participate in this council;
- Speak Out conference April 10-13, 2014)

Marilyn Welsch – Alberta School Councils Association (<http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/>)

- Each school council belongs to ASCA
- Consultations, workshops offered at school sites formulated around local concerns at no charge
- Provincial conference in Edmonton annually.
- Can access a page on the provincial website if you wish
- Materials and resources posted on website
- Progressive learning programs for people with varied experience on school council
- Presentation re: Tools for Effective School Councils (see attachments on LRSD website on Regional School Council page)

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| <i>In Attendance</i> |
| Shannon Scherger, Clara Yagos, Ryan Plante, Sharon Plante, Sandra Gammie, Bruce Decoux, Sandy McDuffe, Curtis Uyesugi, Sara Brobbel, Kirby Deitze, Ian Stewardson Lisa Gillingham, Jeanne White, Richard Feller, Chelsie Wolff, Michele Fraser, Kathy Gee, Terri Donald, Darryl Seguin, Bill Forster, Louise Nelson, Kathy Charchun, Ruth Lindquist, Wes Wescott, Cathie Harris, Scott Warris, Myrna Dembicki, Connie Dersch-Gunderson, Kathy Olmstead, Dave Driscoll, Martha Ratcliffe, Lori Hodges, Peter Weeks |

| Task | Responsibility | Date |
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| School Councils and School Fundraising associations are two separate entities; need separate by-laws and regulations; bylaws need to be current; should be officially named a School Council; require one teacher, one student and the school principal and parents must be in the majority for any decision-making. | School council chairs check out status of their councils and bylaws | |
| Would a new parent feel welcome walking into your school? How do we ensure all parents are welcomed and valued? Have this discussion with school council. (What do they see as they walk into the school? Is it welcoming?) | School Council Chairs | |
| Can the Website be used to share accomplishments/ plans with each other? | School Council Chairs / Admin | |
| Can yearly agendas be posted on the website? Sent home with students? It shares focus and promotes engagement. | School Council Chairs/ Admin | |
| Board to discuss distributing the Board annual work list to Chairs so they are aware of divisional agenda items. | Board | December Board meeting |
| For email lists: School emails are within FOIP and private emails are within PIPA. (http://servicealberta.ca/pipa/) Page 30 of tonight's handout is a statement to use about PIPA. | School Council Chairs | |
| Parent teacher conferences are good times for school councils to communicate information. | Info | |
| Important to have a purpose statement for school council. It can be stated on each agenda to provide a focus for the meeting. | Info | |
| A code of ethics for working together can help people be "on the same page" as they work together on school council. | Info | |
| Recommended that councils remove the new business item from their agendas. If items are to be added to the agenda at the meeting, people are unprepared including the chair. Better to ensure that items are on the agenda ahead of time. If an item is personal, reframe it as a broader item for discussion. Introduce each item with its background and expectations for that meeting. | Info | |

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| <p>A sample set of operating procedures provided in the handout that may assist school council chairs. Handout is also available on the LRSD webpage @ http://www.lrsd.ab.ca/Parents/regcouncil/Pages/default.aspx?RootFolder=%2FParents%2Fregcouncil%2FAGenda%2FAGendas%202013%2D2014%2FNovember%204%20%2713%20Meeting&FolderCTID=0x0120000798EF2CF0BD014B817D9302697F5A5A&View=%7b48BF1A8E-441C-42AB-858A-5F9CC725A887%7d</p> | Info | |
| <p>ASCA PD sessions www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/resource/resmgr/files/plpbrochure_sc_and_district.pdf</p> | Info | |
| <p>ASCA's paper on assessment www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/resource/resmgr/student_assessment_reportf.pdf</p> <p>LRSD Administrative Procedure 360 re: assessment http://www.lrsd.ab.ca/ppp/policies/Administration%20Procedures/300%20-%20Students%20Procedures/360%20%20Assessment%20and%20Reporting-%20of%20Student%20Achievement.pdf</p> | Info | |
| <p>Next meetings; January 13, 2014 – blended VC and in person at FPW April 7, 2014</p> | | |