



Regional School Council

Record of Decisions

Date: April 7th, 2014

In Attendance

Allana McLeod, Michele Fraser, Terri Donald, Robert Plante, Clara Yagos, Shannon Scherger, Tiffany Wyatt, Lusa Gillingham, Cathie Harris, Chelsie Wolff, Dave Adams, Morgan Dozeman, Laurie Heathorne, Peter Weeks, Sandy McDuffe, Connie Dersch-Gunderson, Elaine Garner, Katherine Mertz, Louise Nelson, Ruth Lindquist, Kathy Charchan, Brad Toone, Bill Forster, Lori Hodges, Dave Driscoll, Martha Ratcliffe, John McKee, Marilyn Welsch

Reflection:

Alberta School Councils Association Leaders Workshop - Marilyn Welsch from the Alberta School Councils Association facilitated a foundational workshop on Leadership to complement our previous workshop on Tools for effective school councils. A particular focus was given to the importance of all school council members contributing to the value and success of a school council. Marilyn clarified the role of the chair and provided tools to help chairs create a warm, cooperative environment while focusing meetings on process, expectations, evaluation and recognition. LRSD provides membership for all schools to ASCA, as such school councils are able to access support and individual workshops from ASCA at any time free of charge!

Board Policy 19 – The Board has developed a new policy on Religious Instruction, Exercises and Activities. Clara Yagos and Dave Driscoll reviewed the purpose of the policy and its importance in supporting diversity of religious beliefs within the Division. The policy has been reviewed by the LRSD Administrative Council and will be brought to the April Board meeting for approval. Board policies are reviewed annually.

The council explored the possibility of arranging for **child care** at the next meeting.

Representatives from JT Foster in Nanton and Canyon School in Pincher Creek will be attending the **Alberta Schools Councils Association AGM** in Edmonton on April 25th-27th. Representatives are willing to carry proxy vote for other councils who are unable to attend.

Task	Responsibility	Date	Outcome
Determine number of proxy votes each school attending the ASCA AGM can carry for others not attending	Marilyn and Shannon	By April 11th	Each school can carry 5 proxy votes including their own.
Arrange for child care at the October 20 th , 2014 Regional School Council Meeting	Shannon, Martha, Dave	To be discussed at Mays Board meeting and arranged by September 15 th , 2014	
Confirm venue for next meetings (as FP Walshe will be under renovations)	Dave and Board	To be discussed at Mays board meeting and arranged by	

		September 15 th , 2014	
Call for agenda items for October 20 th meeting	Dave and Shannon	September 29 th , 2014	
Share learning resources from ASCA AGM with Regional School Council	JT Foster/Canyon School/Trustee ASCA attendees.	October 20 th , 2014	
As per ASCA Workshop – implement the following changes to the Regional School Council Agenda format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move start time of meeting to 6:15pm • Add times to the agenda topics • Ensure important discussion topics are at the beginning of the agenda • Add the LRSD Vision and mission statement to the agenda • Incorporate the purpose of Regional School council from the Terms of Reference on the agenda 	Dave and Shannon	To be discussed at Mays Board meeting	
As per ASCA workshop – School Councils are encouraged to review the format of their agendas and implement changes if needed. Support can be provided for ASCA if needed.	Chairs in conjunction with Administrators	Ongoing	

Future agenda items:

- Development of a Regional School Council work plan so chairs are aware of annual events and discussion items.
- Information sharing from attendees at the 2014 ASCA AGM

Future Meeting Dates -Venue to be determined!

- October 20th, 2014
- January 19th, 2015
- April 20th, 2015