

Regional School Council

November 2, 2015 @ F.P. Walshe School

1. **Welcome & Introduction:** Lori Hodges welcomed everyone. Quick introductions of people in attendance from all areas and trustees. The following were in attendance: Christy Bazell, Kirby Dietze, Lisa Dupuis, John McKee, Martha Ratcliffe, Cathie Harris, Sara Brobbel, Tara Robertson, Clara Yagos, Lori Hodges, Shannon Scherger, Dave Driscoll

2. **Healthy Children & Youth-** Lindsay Spring gave a presentation on healthy schools. Schools access wellness \$. Promoting an initiative event “Healthy Active School Symposium” (HASS) Grade 4-8. February 9th @ the Victory Church
 - www.everactive.org/hass
 - Inspire, promote celebrate healthy school community
 - Mental health focus for this year
 - Sessions are planned by students
 - Mental health professions are on the committee
 - PD sessions for kids.
 - Time slots: brainstorming about what their school is already doing and then later meet again and make a plan to do something at their school around healthy lifestyle.
 - Target parent councils- fee 123.81 per school team of 10 people max. There is Subsidy available for mileage and sub cost for a staff member.
 - Possibly a mental health focus next year for the “highschool” group. Evaluate after this session and then they will finalize if that will be the focus for next year.
 - Length of the day: 9:15-9:45 registration, ending at 2:30 for bussing to rural places.
 - Hand out on the supports that the team does.
 - Lindsay talks about the support they provide to parent councils: examples exam week- Zen room, meditation ideas, r4elaation and health. Pet room- pet therapy before exam.
 - Demonstration: stand up and keep the body moving. Sitting is the new smoking. Get up and move for 15 minutes. Get students moving during classroom? Meetings can continue even standing. Group participated in a get up movement activity.
(2 pamphlets included)

3. Division Update: Superintendent Dave Driscoll presented the changes that the division implemented this year. Parent's love that the kids are getting the diploma but concerned there is no direction after high school. Two focuses this year are:

Career Practitioner was hired –Christy Bazell- pilot project at Willow Creek Claresholm Composite and F.P. Walshe. Help students find out what they really want to do and enjoy doing it.

Role: transition students.

How Does She Assist Student:

- No judgment.
- Student's goals and dreams.
- Discuss the fluffy things. AND the hard discussions. It's not always the happy ever after's.
- Ask the hard questions to let them know that they need to know and not squash dreams.
- How are we getting them there? Not always linear, can be crazy (which builds character). How the student will get to the goal.
- *Resources:*
 - Checklist- month to month basis.
 - support for parents via web site, office meeting at both schools, email her, students can text her as well. Check out the websites of both the schools and see info under "programs", and "career corner".

Technology- Chad Kuzyk

- **Learning commons:** bringing the library to support the students: inclusive, flexibility, learning centered, imagination, and play to expand and deepen learning. Check out the **attached handbook**. New modernized schools with have learning commons areas built in. Other schools, who need physical space advice, talk to Chad. If it supports pedagogy, a plan will be presented to upper management and discussions will be made. Other options would be talking to community members in some areas to share space.
- **Everfi-Digital citizenship-** online life and how to be safe. 6 hours of content. Grades 4-8. Numeracy online module part as well that we will have access to. NHL provided financial support.
- **Read and write for google-** pilot for 2015/2016 year. Provides assisted technology. Provide text to speech, speech to text support to **all** kids in the division.
- **Professional Learning-** 2015/2016 VC workshop (look for the poster of upcoming dates)-personal owned devices in class even with the students who are a pain with their devices , online ED The professional learning calendar, ED Tech resources

4. School Council: if you would like to share please email Lori and she will attach to the minutes.

5. Next Meeting: February 1st.