

Regional School Council Minutes

Monday, October 17, 2016

VC Sites: Central Office (Claresholm), A.B. Daley School (Nanton), Isabelle Sellon School (Blairmore), Canyon School (Pincher Creek)

Attendance: Jackie Kark (Granum), Liisa Gillingham (W.A. Day), Randy Bohnet, Cathy Harris (F.P. Walshe), Kathy Charchun (Stavely), Dave Fender, Jessica Ames, Tara Robertson (Canyon), Tara Tanner, Greg Freer, Lisa Dupuis (Matthew Halton High), Audrey Kluin, Timmi Shorr (A.B. Daley), Tara Kitchen (J.T. Foster), Paul Pichurski (Isabelle Sellon), Nancy Brush (Livingstone), Jackie Woodman (Horace Allen), LaShauna Smith (West Meadow Elementary), Brielle Smith, Kimberly Hurst, Allison Gerner

Board Members: Martha Ratcliffe, Shannon Scherger, Clara Yagos, Kristy Stevens, Lori Hodges

Central Office Staff: Dave Driscoll, Darryl Seguin, Danny Roberts, Georgina Henderson

The meeting was called to order at 6:35

Welcome and Introductions by Lori Hodges

Agenda

Additions to the agenda:

- ⇒ Alberta School Council Resource Guide
- ⇒ SAPDC Information sessions

Alberta School Resource Guide. Lori noted that the new document is ready and the Guide is a long time in coming and replaces the Alberta School Council Resource Manual released in 2006, revised 2007. More than an updated version, the new Guide is 20 pages (not 104 as in the old manual), and is designed as a *digital* document containing (over 40) electronic links to relevant resources. It is an A-Z resource for school councils to fulfill their legislated role within the education system in Alberta. The document is intended for use by principals, school councils and central office. Available now on the ASCA website, www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca

Southern Alberta Professional Development Consortium (SAPDC). Presentations are available for parents on the new Curriculum. Danny Roberts will be working on setting something up for presentations within the division.

Presentations

LRSB Results

Dave Driscoll introduced the guiding principles of the Accountability Pillar. This is only an initial look at the overall results. The Board and the Administrative team will be drilling down deeper into the data over the next few weeks as we prepare our Annual Results Report and Three Year Plan.

Danny Roberts reviewed the 2015-2016 data; in doing so he reviewed where the data comes from and what the colors mean. Highlights: 1) the main categories and results; 2) Data from October 2016, 3) stronger areas and areas requiring growth; 4) missing data is due to changes in regulations on behalf of Alberta Ed (Rutherford Scholarship)

All in all, a good news report.

Dave Driscoll reminded Parent Council Members to look at their schools data and to participate in the discussions on the schools results.

TQS and LQS

Prior to initiating the conversation regarding the TQS, as per Divisional Goal 3, Darryl Seguin provided an update on the **Career Practitioner** pilot and reviewed core responsibilities of the position, and shared the results from the two schools that were involved in the project. Darryl indicated that there will be an extension of the project to add another Career Practitioner in the west high schools and then in year three work Nanton into the program.

Teaching Quality Standards (TQS)

Darryl Seguin highlighted what the TQS is, the purpose of the document, the guiding principles and why it was updated. He stressed that the document is draft at this time and it is moving from the old document with 11 areas of emphasis to the new one with 6 areas. We are currently waiting for the Minister to make it a ministerial order which is supposed to happen at the end of October. Once this is passed we will have a two year window to bring everyone to the new standards.

Darryl highlighted that one area of change is the requirement surrounding FNMI and that we will need to work with the teachers and leaders on this, hence the hiring of Georgina Henderson.

Darryl introduced Georgina Henderson and had everyone join in to the Kahoot site for a little fun information session - '10 questions based on FNMI history in Alberta'

Georgina introduced herself and what her role is in the division (this role ties directly into the school divisions goal number 2)

- ⇒ Provided background on herself; educator, taught all grades including college, a vice principal, principal, 2 masters degrees. Took the position based on the concept of what the role is set to accomplish as well as the direction the Ministry of Education is heading in for First Nation Students. Will initially concentrate in Fort Macleod and Pincher Creek due to numbers but will also be available to others.
- ⇒ Goals:
 - 1) Provide foundational information on FNMI history and perspectives. PD for staff.
 - 2) Act as a key person on the FNMI committee. Change title to Wisdom and Guidance Council. Meeting dates set. Moving forward with new Terms of Reference. Planning a Pow Wow for May 24, 2017. Student Summit in Pincher Creek with all our partners. Highlighted Orange Shirt Day. November will be Metis week in November. Reviews various upcoming presentations available to our staff.
 - 3) New FNMI newsletter in Spring, highlighting activities in each school.
 - 4) New Materials (resources) available for schools to use. 10 recommended books.
 - 5) Elders in residency program.
 - 6) Building teachers knowledge; ongoing professional development based on reconciliation action items, Alberta Ed changes and new perspectives to the First Nation history.
 - 7) Connecting with the community, First Nations and others.
 - 8) Exploring work and partnership with the Alberta Assessment Consortium.

School Council Sharing

- 1) *West Meadows Elementary School* shared information about their Pumpkin Festival. Photos were included. Fundraising event. Some great events. For more information contact LaShauna Smith. Total amount raised - \$18,000 but more donations have come in after the event (about \$18,000 more). Money is being raised for new Playground.
- 2) *Matthew Halton High School* presented on their 7th Experiential Week. Highlighted the hands on, high interest, authentic learning experiences that are offered. Seek feedback in regards to the success of the program at the end of each session and then surveyed students as to what will be offered next. Staff has great interest in the program as well. Partnerships from outside agencies including Lethbridge College, Brotherhood of Iron Workers which help to make sure the week is a great success. See rise in attendance rates during the week.

Update from the Regional Council of School Leaders

Shannon Scherger presented highlights of the RCSL plans for the year.

- ⇒ Student Leadership Conference (Theme, Every Day Canadian Superheroes)
- ⇒ Student Talent Show (November 18 at Empress in Fort Macleod)
- ⇒ Other Activities Keep your eyes open for more information.

Next Meeting Date

January 16, 2017 Start time at 6:30

Tentatively set third meeting for March 27

Meeting Ended at 8:25 pm