

Atikokan High School
Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Present: Sylvie Cyr (teacher rep), Darryl Gannon, Beth Fairfield, Nancy Pitura, Claire Poulin (student council rep), Jennifer Learning, Ashleigh Kalais

1. Review and Approval of Agenda: Sylvie motioned to accept agenda as presented Jen seconded the motion.

2. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes: Fix the names of the people in attendance. Sylvie motioned to accept minutes with the modifications. Claire seconded.

3. Policy Review. Discussion around the 3 policies presented for review. The policies presented were 6.41 Disposal of School Lands and Buildings, 1.07 The Role of the Board and 8.09 Procurement. Darryl asked for some clarification to the references made to the Education Act in the Disposal of School Lands and Buildings policy. It was also recommend that the Budget Manager be able to approve \$0-\$6000 or \$7000 instead of the \$5000 limit stated in the Procurement Policy.

4. Old Business

a): School Improvement Plan – Beth reviewed the plan with the school council, describing various aspects of the plan and outlining the different activities that may take place in order to meet the plan’s goals.

5. New Business

a) EDSBY: Dawn Masson (teacher) demonstrated the use of a new system that allows students and teachers to use technology to enhance learning. By Sept 2018, it is expected that all teachers will use EDSBY to share with the students and parents what the students are learning in school and some of their marks.

b) ELearning/Blended learning: Dawn Masson demonstrated how elearning works and discussed how teachers can combine classroom instruction with electronics so students can enhance their learning. She also discussed the various courses that are being offered currently through elearning.

c) Newsletter: Beth was looking for some feedback on the best way to reach parents with the monthly newsletters. Currently they are posted on the school website and in the local paper every month. The council agreed that both current methods seem to work best and she should not make any changes to how the newsletters are sent to parents.

d) Agenda for students: There was a discussion around possibly offering agendas to high school students from grades 9-12. Decided to continue to offer them to only the grade 7 and 8s as it was felt the older students would use their phones to keep track of assignments due etc rather than an agenda book.

e) PRO Grant: Discussion about the PRO grant funds that have to be spent by the end of the school year. A meeting will be held in January that is just to discuss ideas for how to spend the grant money.

6) Teacher's Rep's Report: S. Cyr made a report about the sports events taking place around the school. She discussed the different training that took place during the teacher PD day. Outers is starting on their winter trips after Christmas.

7) Student report: Students are having the Christmas Dance at the Community Center this year as the students wanted a different venue. The council is holding a gingerbread house competition.

8) Principal's report: Science North was here recently and the Wilderness Training for the Outers was held at the end of November. There was a presentation from the OPP and Brad Gushulak from the school board concerning the appropriate use of social media. Presentation was very well received. The Senior Volleyball boys went to OFSSA and ended up in 7th place out of 20 teams, which was a great showing. Beth will send out possible dates for the PRO grant meeting in January.

9) Next meeting date: Feb 13 at 7pm for next meeting

10) Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm