

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

Present: Sylvie Cyr (teacher rep), Jackie King, Joanne Spencer, Darryl Gannon, Beth Fairfield, Nancy Pitura, Adam Poulin (student council rep), Jennifer Learning

Recorder: Jennifer Learning

1. Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order by Beth Fairfield at 7:05pm. Welcome and introductions took place.

2. Elections: Joanne Spencer and Darryl Gannon will be co-chairs. Jennifer Learning will be secretary.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda: Student Report to be added into agenda B. Fairfield announced that there are no minutes from the last Parent Council meeting in June. Chair did a quick review of what happened at the June meeting.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: Will declare conflict if it arises

5. Parent Involvement Committee Representative: D. Gannon was the past rep for a few years. Found it hard to make the meetings as they are mostly held in Fort Frances. B. Fairfield will send out an email with the PIC meeting dates and see if anyone is interested in being the rep. If they are interested they are to email B. Fairfield.

6. Review of Bylaws and Constitution: The School Council Bylaws were handed out to all members of the council. There was discussion about adding into the bylaws wording around the expectations of school council members in terms of attendance to the meetings. Recommendation that the council be given bylaws from other school councils to see if they have similar wording in their bylaws. There was further discussion around people coming to a council meeting to forward their own specific agenda. Council agreed to keep attendance of meetings in mind during the school year with the potential that attendance may be made a more formal expectation in the by-laws in the future. It was decided that the members present at this parent council meeting would make up the current council and if someone not on the council has an agenda item they want brought to the council, they should bring the item to the chair who will put it on the agenda for discussion.

7. 2016-17 Annual Report: Reviewed by the council

8. Policies under Review: The school board will send policies that they want council to review. Council reviewed a new policy on Student Safety and B. Fairfield gave an overview of the different safety resources available to teachers such as OPHEA for physical activity. If any council members have feedback they want to give to the board about any policies reviewed they can email their suggestions to Beth and she will forward them to the school board.

9. Principal's Update:

- a) RRDSB strategic Plan: B. Fairfield handed out and reviewed the updated strategic plan. This one is for 2017-2020 and focuses on learning and caring.
- b) Staffing Updates: Increase in the number of students in grade 7 and 8, which could potentially mean the hiring of more staff. Mr. Bond, Mr. Arner, and Mr. Grinsell are returning as full time teachers this year. Mrs. Dragan has been hired. These additions support all pathways (Arts, Tech, Athletics, Academics) being offered at AHS.
- c) Toronto trip: There will be a parent meeting to explain the trip and fundraising.
- d) Chromebooks: All students from 9 to 12 will get Chromebooks this year and be able to take them home to help them with their school work.
- e) Bully Prevention and Intervention Plan: Handed out the updated Code of Conduct and B. Fairfield will hand out the prevention plan at the next council meeting.
- f) Special Board Meeting – Atikokan Accommodation Review: This meeting will be happening in Atikokan on Sept 13 to announce the potential plan for the new school. It is scheduled for 7pm.

10. Teacher's Report: S. Cyr gave a report on the upcoming grade 7 & 8 open house, the various sports teams, Outers preparations and there is a new system for marking.

11. Student Rep Report: This year there is a big student council with 10-12 students on the council. They are working on frosh week activities, pep rally and the Halloween dance. Intramural sports will be up and running again this year.

12. Community Partnership Update: No report

13. Meeting schedule: Nov 7 and Dec 12 were dates picked for next meetings. The other meetings will be in February, April, May and June. Dates for those months will be picked at a later date.

14. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8pm