INDUS SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE: Monique Williams, Andrea Desjardins, Cindy Robinson, Rachel Cairns, Crystal Sproule, Charlene Gosling, Katherine Winkler, Chael Wyper, Bev LaPeare, Peggy Graham, Christine Nunn, Linda Hopp, Jason Williams

Co-President: Monique Williams
Secretary: Andrea Desjardins

The Co-President called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Agenda was circulated. Motion made by Cindy Robinson to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Andrea Desjardins. All in favor. Carried.

Minutes from the November, 2016 Council Meeting were circulated. Motion made by Cindy Robinson to approve the Minutes with one change made to correct the balance of the Indus School Council account to read $1950.04. Seconded by Monique Williams. All in favor. Carried.

Trustee Report by Bev LaPeare (attached)

Report Highlights:

RVS Audited Financial Statement is available on website

There was a budget update in Sept – more kids were enrolled than budgeted for which ended up in an extra $3.4M.

New Education Act update.

Provincial Budget to be tabled by the end of March.

Proposed amendments to the *Public Health Act* and how it affects student information

Spirit of Vimy Ridge contest open for kids aged 14-24 – showcase what you know about Vimy Ridge – there are monetary prizes and finalists honoured at the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Celebration in April 2017. Top prizes include a chance to go to Vimy Ridge.Google Spiritofvimy.ca for details.

Framework of how PATs are administered will be changing – instead of certain day, certain time – given a window now. If child absolutely cannot write when scheduled, will allow child to write at another time.

RVS will be voting on Jan 26 as to what will be happening with Ward Boundary Review.

Principal Report by Chael Wyper (attached)

Highlights:

Student Population: 209

Staff from Grade 5-9 meeting with head of WCLN this week.

Report Cards – discussion commenced by parents regarding terms (MAS, ADV, PRG, EMG, etc.) in report cards being too vague and hard to have a complete understanding of the report card. Bev LaPeare will take comments away as there is an upcoming meeting on report cards.

Hour of Code – good success. Curriculum redesign may include coding in a new curriculum.

Christmas Concert – next year it will also be the week prior to the last week of school.

Jr. Achievement Speakers – 7-9

Don't walk in the Hallways – colored stickers on the floor – kids can decide how they want to move on the stickers – increases blood flow and makes for more orderly movement in the hallways.

Alberta Education Satisfaction Survey coming out to parents in grade 4, 7, 10. Can also fill out online this year.

Student Led Conferences / Interviews – timing of these are scheduled to be for goal-setting and to allow the student time to achieve those goals prior to the next report card.

Science Fair – February 8 for students from Grade 5-9 in competitive stream or non-competitive stream. External judges will be coming in to judge competitive – students who do well can participate in the Youth Science Fair in Calgary and potentially the Youth Science Fair in Ottawa.

IPPs have been delayed due to software issues. Hope to have everything going out February 10.

Student Council Report

Literary Event – January 27 is National Family Literary Day. Looking at doing a Family Literacy Night again in March or April. With setting the date later in the year, it will be focused on literary objectives that families can take away and work with kids outside of school. Rachel Cairns will put a call out to form a Committee to help plan this night.

Committee in school for Canada 150 Project to make a legacy for the school. If you have any ideas, please talk to Mrs. Graham or Mrs. Potter. One idea is a coloring book of pages made by each child in the school.

Looking at changing Indus Idol to another type of performance event.

School Dances – would parents support a weekday evening dance? Student Council would like to have a Valentine's Day dance.

Valentine's Day Events – Student Council this year is very small. Do parents feel overtaxed to have to put out money for student council events? Most parents said no, cost is small. One suggestion put forward: could they do a table that students could buy from that day to eliminate all the work of Student Council to do pre-orders.

Treasurer Report

Balance on Indus School Council Account held by Indus School - $2516.14:
Mostly merchandising and some hot lunch.
Money came back from some hot lunch – Subway refunded money due to delivery problems on a previous order and McDonald's did not use all the money provided so refunded the overage.

Hot Lunch Report

Looking for a new Hot Lunch Coordinator
New set of orders will go out by Friday

Fundraising/Merchandising Report

Upcoming fundraisers for 2016-2017:
Duelling Pianos – April 1, 2017
Proposed WJ Fundraiser – Spring 2017

There will be a merchandise table at the Book Fair next week.

Special Events Report

Upcoming Events:
Staff Appreciation - March 17
Budget should stay roughly the same around $600. Motion made by Monique Williams to approve a budget up to $1000. Seconded by Rachel Cairns. All in favor. Carried. This is to come out of Council Budget.

Funding Requests

To be voted on in the Indus School Council Society Meeting to follow:

Literacy Night – Motion made by Monique Williams to propose a budget of up to $250 to come out of Council funds. Seconded by Katherine Winkler. All in favor. Carried.

Mrs. Laughton - 9 students in Sr Band have been Invited to join Springbank to go to a Pioneer Band Camp in Sundre. This is a 3 day/2 night camp. Requesting $200.

Open Discussion

Nothing brought forward.

Meeting Dates

Next meeting is to be held on March 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion made by Monique Williams to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Rachel Cairns. All in favor. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Co-President

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Secretary