

## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **JANUARY 12, 2015**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Michelle Alm, Brenda Kuryk, Christine Nunn, Jeff Kearns, Sherry Bishop, Rachel Cairns, Peggy Graham, Chael Wyper, Kristen Couch, Annie Jones, Bev LePeare

Chairperson: Michelle Alm

Secretary: Brenda Kuryk

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

The minutes from the November 24, 2014 meeting were not available to circulate. Passing of those minutes is tabled to the next meeting.

**Trustee's Report** – presented by Bev LePeare. A copy of the report is attached.

**Principal's Report** – presented by Chael Wyper. A copy of the report is attached.

**Treasurer's Report** – presented by Jeff Kearns.

- The balance in the general account is \$18,832.00.
- The balance in the casino account is \$18,951.00, but will be reduced to \$13,951.00 after approved costs of approximately \$5,000.00 have cleared the bank.
- Next year, there will be some changes to netbooks. The school may have to consider student owned devices. That cost is approximately \$5,000.00 - \$9,000.00, depending on the number of students requiring computers.

### **Fundraising:**

Food fundraisers seem to appeal to most people, but we will table any further food fundraisers to the May meeting.

The Christmas raffle brought in \$1,100.00.

We have decided to hold a duelling piano fundraiser this spring. The event will include a cash bar and munchies on the tables. Council hopes to obtain corporate sponsorship to assist with the cost of this event. Tickets will be sold at \$40.00 each and we hope to sell 200 to 300 tickets. Michelle Alm made a motion to spend \$5,000.00 out of the general account to put the fundraiser on. Jeff Kearns seconded the motion. All in favour. Carried.

**Student Council** – report presented by Peggy Graham

- there have been some changes to the executive.
- the Me to We group has decided to focus on goats. Through this program, the students are learning about building sustainability within the family. Student Council will be trying to raise funds for goats.
- Valentines Day is a big event with the students. Student Council will be selling candy grams and flowers. Notices will be sent out in early February.

### **Other**

– swimming was successful again this year. The only issue that came up was a male volunteer needed to be arranged for in advance of the program.

### **New Business:**

Teacher funding requests presented by Chael Wyper. The awards committee is looking at purchasing seals to put on certificates which will be presented to students in January. The committee wondered if parent council wanted to be involved in the awards in either a monetary way or by recommending an award. Council briefly discussed the matter and decided to hold off on making any decisions until the awards process had run at least once.

Liability Insurance – Michelle Alm brought up the issue of parent council not currently having any Director or Officer liability insurance. Michelle has obtained the application form from Marsh Insurance and it appears the cost may be approximately \$500.00/year and she has agreed to look into the matter further.

Teacher Appreciation Week – will likely be held the last week in March. Michelle made a motion to pay \$600.00 towards the cost of teacher appreciation week. Christine Nunn seconded the motion. All in favour. Carried.

The next meeting will be held on March 23, 2015 at 6:30 pm and the Annual General Meeting will be held on May 25, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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Chairperson

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Secretary

## January 2015 Indus School Council Report

- At our November 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting we voted on the 2015/2016 school calendar. The one that was passed was draft two, which begins before Labour Day on September 2, and has a spring break in April. There's 182 instructional days.
- ASBA Conference in Edmonton Nov 16-18. One of the items up for discussion was the weighting of diploma exams. Currently they're 50% but there was a resolution put on the floor to lower them to 30%. It passed with 82% of Alberta School Boards in favour. The ATA is also in favour of this. Gordon Dirks is studying the issue before he'll commit to lowering the percentage.
- Minister of Education has told us that he'll be ensuring that Alberta's curriculum will focus on foundational elements of "reading, writing and arithmetic" and will be incorporating essential 21C skills such as innovation and critical thinking. He's said that some parts of Inspiring Education are great but hasn't said if the entire document will be here to stay.
- RVS has assembled it's own task force on literacy and numeracy in an effort to improve results.
- Education Act review is ongoing. The regulations that will support the Act have been released for feedback until January 31. The 16 regulations have been posted on the AB ED website and there's links for feedback. Some of the regulations that may be of particular interest to you are in regards to school councils, school fees, school records, student transportation and early childhood services.
- Excellence in Teaching Awards nominations accepted until Feb 6. Semi-finalists get access to \$1500 for PL and award recipients get access to \$4000 for PL.
- East Lake Portables are part of the P3 projects so they'll need different kind of approval as part of that package. This may delay things. The first 8 will be installed as soon as possible and the remaining 8 will be looked at later on.
- Inclement Weather policy passed. Changes include a name change to include putting the time of decision right in the policy (5:30 a.m.) and adding the RVS app as one of the methods of communicating decisions.
- Our MLA, Bruce McAllister has crossed the floor and become a member of the Progressive Conservative Party. He will serve us well as a member of the governing party.
- The Alberta British Columbia Lutheran Church Extension Fund (a savings and loan fund of the church) is insolvent and this may effect the ability of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church to continue to be able to sub-lease their school building to Rocky View Schools. This may impact the ability of RVS to operate the Prince of Peace Lutheran School out of the current premises in the longer run (unlikely to affect lease in shorter term). However, RVS is committed and will continue to operate this Christian alternative program and RVS will find alternatives, if required, to house the school.

Indus School  
**Principal's Report to School Council**  
January 12, 2015

Events

- Vaccinations, Grade 5 & 9
- 12 Readers of Christmas
- Hour of Code
- Christmas Concert
- Student Council:
  - Red/Green Day
  - Crazy Hair Day
  - Pyjama Day
- Swimming (Gr. 1-6)
- School Evacuation

Ongoing

- Hot Lunch
- Online payments
- Office Helpers
- Basketball
- Revised Service Model (Learning Support)

Upcoming

- Awards presentation (Jan 20)
- Honour Band (Jan 23-24)
- Professional Learning Day (Jan 30)
- Science Fair (Feb 10)
- Playground Expiration (2018)