

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 24, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE: Michelle Alm, Brenda Kuryk, Christine Nunn, Sherry Bishop, Rachel Cairns, Peggy Graham, Chael Wyper, Kristen Couch, Judy Marshall, Bev LePeare

Chairperson: Michelle Alm

Secretary: Brenda Kuryk

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm

The minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on September 22, 2014 were circulated. An error on the date of a funding request was spotted – the request should have read April, 2015, not April 2014. Rachelle moved to adopt the minutes, with the noted correction, as read. Sherry seconded the motion. All in favour. Carried.

Trustee's Report – given by Bev LePaere. A copy of the report is attached.

Principal's Report: Given by Chael Wyper. A copy of the report is attached.

Peggy Graham advised that the Christmas tree this year will be decorated with mittens and socks. The grade 5 and 6 classes are collecting for “warm feet for the street”.

She also advised that 4 students have recently applied for the position of office assistant and are in the process of being interviewed. Tasks will include answering the telephone and helping out with general office duties.

The school is also seeking guest readers. To date, the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Schools have confirmed that they will be attending to read to the students. If anyone knows of someone who would like to come in and read, please pass their information on to Peggy.

Treasurer's Report – Jeff is away. Michelle advised us of the bank balances:

General account balance	\$16,783.00
Casino account	25,662.00

There are still some approved costs to come out of the above balances.

Fundraising – report given by Andrea Desjardins

A lot of thought has gone into fundraising ideas. We are trying to streamline our fundraising and we are holding the following fundraisers:

- Coco Brooks has wrapped up and should raise around \$1,000.00
- A raffle will take place at the Christmas concert. The baskets will be themed style and the classrooms will be collecting.
- Westjet fundraiser/raffle will take place again in April.
- Andrea has been looking into holding a duelling piano event. The act comes from Vegas and costs \$4,000.00 which includes posters, and ticket printing. In order to break even, we would need to sell 150

tickets at \$30.00 each. If we were able to sell 300 tickets, there is potential to make approximately \$6,000.00. Andrea will investigate insurance/licensing requirements.

Funding Requests:

Judy Marshall was present and requested busing costs for the swimming program taking place January 5 – 9, 2015. The cost will be approximately \$2,500.00 and includes students in grades 1 – 6 which totals 138 students. Parents will be directly charged \$35.00/child to attend the lessons. It also needs to be noted that, should a family be unable to afford the cost, there are funds available that they can access and they should contact Chael to obtain information for same.

Michelle motioned to pay the remaining costs of transportation for the swimming lessons after the fees are paid. Rachelle seconded the motion. All in favour. Carried.

Student Council – Peggy advised that there is a dance coming up for the older students on December 5, 2014 and will be held during school hours. Student Council is also looking into holding a movie for the younger students – a date has yet to be determined. The Student Council is also investigating the possibility of holding a fundraiser on healthy eating such as salads and smoothies.

Draft Constitution – Peggy confirmed that the committee came away with many ideas from the “Constitution Night”. The new constitution needs to be tailored to children as well as adults. Chael suggested that perhaps it should be called a “Charter of Rights and Responsibilities” rather than a “Constitution”. Peggy will bring the draft to the staff in December and then back to Parent Council in January.

Hot Lunch – Rachelle presented the report. There are currently approximately 100 – 110 orders each time. Rachelle has been trying to find new places to order from, but needs clarification on the “nut aware” requirements. Chael confirmed that a waiver notice needs to go on the order form to inform families that we cannot guarantee that the items they are ordering are nut free. Kristen Couch has also volunteered to help out with hot lunch.

Other Business:

Peggy announced that on December 1, 2014, an evening with Dr. Anne Davies will be held at the Rocky View Education Centre in Airdrie at 6:30 for anyone interested in attending. Dr. Davies is an expert on assessments.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm

The next meeting will be held on January 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm

TRUSTEE'S REPORT
November 2014 Indus School Council

- Organization meeting on Oct 3: Colleen Munro is Chair, Todd Brand Vice Chair and I've been elected to sit on the following committees: Advocacy, ASBA Zone 5, Appeals, Calendar Development, PDLC Student Expulsion, Student Transportation, Bow North Rec Board, Chestermere Conrich Rec Board and of course, I'll be attending the School Council meetings in my 9 schools that have them.
- Policies out for feedback : Policy GBC Code of Conduct - New Policy, JH Public Gifts to Schools - Amend , Policy JMG Partnership Program - Amend
- Great Kids Award- for kids who do great things every day – at home, school or community. They're well rounded, show leadership, generosity, compassion etc. Nominations accepted until Dec. 9. www.greatkids.alberta.ca
- Board approved \$300,000 from RVS Cash in Lieu to pay for RVS's portion of the wetland compensation, numerous studies and Transportation Levy owing on jointly owned sight where Langdon High School will be.
- On October 8, the GOA announced new schools. RVS will be getting a new school in Cochrane, Airdie, the completion of a starter school in Airdrie and 8 portables for East Lake School in Chestermere. The GOA is continuing to study the emergent request for East Lake School.
- Modular Classroom Planning submission : 7 to Herons Crossing, 3 to AE Bowers, 4 to Mitford, 2 to Langdon and 2 to Ecole Edwards.
- 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.
- This year's theme for the Board's Christmas Card Contest is "Home for the Holidays". The contest is open for K-9 students and the winner will have their card used for the Board and divisional Christmas cards. Deadline is Dec. 12.
- Don't forget to download the RVS App!
- At our November 20th 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.
- **Parents right and responsibility to keep children home if they feel it's too cold or dangerous for their children to go to school**

Principal's Report to School Council
Indus School
November 24, 2014

Current Enrollment: 227

Since Last Meeting

- Parent Portal
- Volleyball has concluded (Boys 4th, Girls Bronze)
- Equine learning session 1 has concluded – thank you (actively seeking sponsors for next session)
- Terry Fox Run – thank you for the drinks and goodies
- Grade 5 & 9 inoculations rolling along (Gr 9 boys also get HPV now)
- Ultimate: Indus won Spirit of the North (Alberta-wide)
- Kindergarten Field Trip: Corn Maze
- We Day – Student Council
- Gr 7 Chromebooks – Thank you
- Bus Evacuations
- Beginner Band Concert
- Monthly issues of SPIRIT
- Grade 1-3 Field Trip: Heritage Park – thank you for the bussing
- Halloween Haunted Gym – Student Council
- Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Parent, Teacher, Student conferences
- Book Fair
- Boys and Girls Basketball

Upcoming:

- Term 2 – December 2 (French, Ice Sports, Life Skills, Electronics)
- Report Cards – December 5
- Green Screen Studio
- 3D Printer arriving soon
- Christmas Charity
- Middle school dance / Elementary Movie – Student Council
- Christmas concert – December 17
- Science Fair - Feb. 10 (9:00)

Supports:

- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- Speech Language Therapist
- School Psychologist (and intern)
- Program Specialist

PL:

- Weekly – Tech Tuesdays
- Anaphylaxis Training
- Inquiry
- Differentiation