

INDUS SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE:

Monique Williams, Charlene Gosling, Andrea Desjardins, Cindy Robinson, Patricia Sproule, Rachel Cairns, Bev LePeare, Chael Wyper, Colin MacDonald, Shawn Tomlinson, Jamie-Ann Kearns, Christine Nunn, Meghan McKenzie, Jen Allard, Cheryl Broxham, Terri Burris, Christy Olsen, Adam Winters, Karen Ellefson, Deanna Muchka, Robyn Ausmus, Ashley Manning, Laura Payne, Jamie Swainson, Amy Weston, Carolyn Thomas, Abby Richards, Joslyn MacDonald

President: Monique Williams

Acting Secretary: Charlene Gosling

The President called the meeting to order at 7:10

Welcome and introductions.

Agenda was circulated. Motion made by Rachel Cairns to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Monique Williams. All in favor. Carried.

Minutes from the May, 2017 Council Meeting were circulated. Motion made by Rachel Cairns to approve the minutes. Seconded by Charlene Gosling. All in favor. Carried.

Presentation of funding requests were read by Chael Wyper:

\$1,050 made by Chael Wyper (AASEE) – Science projects

\$400 made by Candace Wood for Sexuality presentation for grades 7, 8, & 9

\$1,500 made by Shawn Tomlinson for Frank Slide/Buffalo Jump for grades 4 & 5

\$3,500 made by Lorie Potter for AR program

\$1,500 made by Lorie Potter for new books

\$300 made by Adam Winters for Military Museum field trip bussing

\$600 made by Adam Winters for Basketball to offset fees to participating players

\$600 made by Adam Winters for Glenbow Museum for grades 7-9 for bussing

\$150 made by Karen Ellefson for Special Spirit Days for Student Council

\$400 made by Karen Ellefson for yearbook program and color printing to make an Indus School Yearbook

\$500 made by Karen Ellefson for R2D2 robot for grade 6 classroom (coding unit in science)

\$240 made by Andrea Hansen for creamers, coffee and miscellaneous kitchen items throughout the school year

\$600 made by Terri Burris for Volleyball to offset fees to participating players (limited numbers of players this year)

\$500 made by Adam Winters for Outdoor Education option class

\$1365 made by Division 1 for bussing and fees for the Leighton Centre fieldtrip

\$350 made by Cheryl Broxham for grade 3 bussing to the Glenbow Museum

\$600 made by grades K-3 to Camp Chestermere for year-end field trip

\$1052 made by Jen Allard for grades 1-6 for bussing to skiing field trip to C.O.P.

\$2835 made by Jen Allard for grades 1-6 for bussing for swimming classes to Bob Bahan Pool

Approximately \$3500 made by Christy Olsen for:

We-Day bussing \$275-\$300

Journey 2050 bussing \$550 (2 buses)

Nakiska Ski trip bussing \$800 (coach bus)

Junior Achievement "Economics for Success" at SAIT bussing \$275

Battle of the Books bussing \$275

Student Matinee Theatre Performance bussing \$550 (2 buses)

Year end active field trip (ie. Calaway Park/Laser Tag/Canoe Trip/Extreme Air Park) bussing \$600 (2 buses)

Total \$21,693.00

Voting on approval of funding requests to take place at the Indus Council Society meeting.

Jen Allard explained that the swimming lesson format will need to change after this year. The Bob Bahan Pool is changing the format to "Swim to Survive" mainly because only 10% of students were passing their swimming lessons and levels. The new program will teach students to survive in water instead of focusing on swimming techniques. The pool did give Indus School the option to do the lessons one last year or start the Swim to Survive format. Parents stated that they would like to keep the same format for this year and then change to the new format – Swim to Survive in 2019. Jen Allard said she would contact Bob Bahan Pool and make arrangements for our swimming week in January, 2018.

Nominations and Elections:

Andrea Desjardins nominated Joslyn MacDonald for Secretary. Seconded by Rachel Cairns. All in favor.

Joslyn MacDonald won by acclamation.

Open Positions: Hot Lunch Coordinator

Trustee Report by Bev LePeare (attached)

Highlights:

School Board Municipal elections are on October 16, 2017.

Patty Sproule has been acclaimed for Ward 2

The Ministry is now talking about making amendments to the current School Act as opposed to moving forward with the Education Act.

The Minister of Education has also indicated that he'll be returning to the public to discuss school and transportation fees. He wants to hear from stakeholders on this as well as other issues.

Bev LePeare introduced our new School Trustee, Patricia Sproule.

Patricia Sproule mentioned that Synergy is offering a basic mechanics class for girls and boys (one class in the am and one class in the pm).

Principal Report by Chael Wyper (attached)

Highlights:

Student Population: 215

Staffing: Mr. MacDonald our new Assistant Principal and our Learning Support/Early Literacy Teacher, Jen Allard

Student Programming: Forensics, Outdoor Survival, Wide Games

Exploratory Sources: Mentoring, Metal Art, Yearbook, Architecture, Fabric Art & Mentoring

School Initiatives

Events/Undertakings: Volleyball, Ultimate, Student Government, Me to We, Benchmark Assessments, IPPs, Student-Led Conferences.

Ongoing: Learning support and playground committee

Student Drop-off going well at the Indus Recreation Center. Approximately 50 students are driven to school

Colin MacDonald stated that an Indus Twitter account has been set up “@IndusSchoolRVS”. He wants to use the account for general community events visible to the public/community. The account is like having a digital newsletter/info portal.

Student Government is in the process of being voted on. Speeches will be heard tomorrow at a school assembly. Karen Ellefson is in charge of the Student Government.

Treasurer’s Report:

Balance on Indus School Council Account held by Indus School - \$601.00

Fundraising Report:

Suggestions on different fundraisers were discussed.

Some proposed fundraisers:

Movie fundraiser for Frank Slide/Buffalo Jump – October 2017

Gift Card fundraiser, Coco Brooks, Spolumbos, and Host a Ladies Night at the Indus Recreation Centre

Charlene Gosling will check to see what fundraiser the Indus Preschool is doing this school year so we don’t run the same fundraiser as the Preschool.

West Jet Fundraiser – Spring 2018

Hot Lunch Report: Hot lunch program is on hold until the position is filled. Discussions were made regarding hot lunch coordinator position and food options regarding the hot lunch program.

Special Events:

We will hold a Halloween Dance for Tuesday, October 31st. Rachel Cairns will run the dance as a small fundraiser. Funding is required to run the dance. Motion was made by Monique Williams for \$250.00 to approve this funding, seconded by Cindy Robinson. The dance will have activities and treats to sell.

Terry Fox Run – Snack funding for after the run. Motion made by Monique Williams for \$250.00 to approve this funding, seconded by Andrea Desjardins.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44