

Minutes
Selkirk Elementary School Council
Council Meeting
Wednesday November 9, 2016
6:30 pm

Introduction

- Call to order @ 6:34 p.m.
- In attendance – Sandy Calhoun, Melanie Davignon, Michelle Boleen, Laura Davidson, Cathi Dunham, Peter Gubbe. Guests: Bob Walker, Anne Aram and Grant Hartwick
- Regrets – Sharon Specht

Approval of Agenda- Motion by Sandy to remove items under “new business”, as they were accidentally not deleted from the last meeting. Add “requests from Grant Hartwick” and “nutrition comments from Anne Aram.” Seconded by Michelle.

Approval of meeting minutes- Motion by Sandy to accept the September 14th minutes as presented. Seconded by Laura.

Standing Items

- Treasurer’s Report- \$2144.86 currently in the bank. \$5125.00 for the 2016/17 school year will be forthcoming from Department of Education. There was some discussion that this amount could possibly increase slightly, due to increased school enrollment.
- Principal’s Report- see attached written report. A question was raised regarding plans for the physical expansion of Selkirk, with the addition of the French Immersion program. The Department of Education has visited the school to look at possibilities that range from an addition to portables. A meeting with the Department will be requested, to inquire about French Immersion Program plans at Selkirk. This meeting request will likely occur after the new Territorial Government Ministers have been sworn in.

Old Business (Updates)

- Michelle and Melanie will continue discussions with Grant Hartwick on the Music Counts application. It is due November 14th.
- Michelle will work with Cathi to get information on the “School Council” page of the school website/weebly. Once meeting minutes are approved, they will also be posted as pdfs.
- The new school sign has been ordered. It will be in English, French and Southern Tutchone.
- Ideas for the school council orientation kit will be carried over to the next meeting, as Sharon was leading the discussion on this item

New Business

- Grant Hartwick’s request for Learning Commons, Computer Lab/IT and Music Room
 - Request for shelving repair in the reading area beside the counsellor’s office, and fixing part of the library circulation desk. Sandy offered to assist. Minimal to no budget required.
 - Request to purchase IXL online math program subscription for \$2250. This includes a \$250 discount.
 - Request to purchase Starfall subscription for \$270.
 - Request to purchase 6 iPad Air 2 covers – called “Max Case”. \$179.70.
 - Request to purchase a bass amplifier for the Wild Coyotes Rock band. Grant still needs to explore estimates. Likely around \$200. Peter thought he might be able to track one down.
 - Laura presented motion to approve IXL, Starfall and iPad Air 2 covers. Seconded by Sandy. All in favour. (Note: the purchase of these 3 items are to come out of the remaining school supply funding money).
- Anne Aram raised a concern/question to see if there was a better way to approach fundraisers that involve food in the school. There was a pizza fundraiser organized by a teacher that involved personal pizzas from Pizza Hut, and juice

options that included Five Alive. The total calorie count is very high (over 1000 calories). The school does not have a set policy on fundraisers involving food. Anne offered that Kim Hickman, Community Health Dietitian with the Department of Health and Social Services would be willing to come and have a discussion with Council or teachers about healthier eating. Anne mentioned that a new policy regarding food in schools is being developed by the Department. Peter and Cathi have not been informed about this. Council will consider inviting Kim to a future meeting, especially it is determined that a new policy is going to be implemented.

- Bob Walker explained that School Councils have access to PD funding. This can be used for professional development for school council members. It is \$500. The money can be carried forward for up to 3 years. Laura moved to sign the PD agreement. Sandy seconded. (see attached agreement).
- Bob Walker explained how much money Selkirk School Council will receive from the school supply funds. Supplies for Selkirk were purchased by the Department. Actual enrollments were tallied at end of September, which was 229. At \$100 per student, this means Selkirk received \$22,900. \$13,242 was spent by the Department on supplies for Selkirk. The difference is \$9658.00 which will be returned to Selkirk. Extraordinary expenditures over \$1000 can come out of this money without Departmental approval. (see attached agreement). Bob was informed that if funding is being provided by the Department in future years, Selkirk would like to provide feedback on how the process went for the 2016/16 school year.
- Discussion about orientation for new school council members. Bob Walker has documentation on roles and responsibilities for School Councils. Discussion involved making sure new council members are welcomed, and this responsibility currently rests with existing councils, not by the Department.

Next meeting- Wednesday, December 7, 2016 @ 6:30 pm in the library. Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 p.m.