

# TIMBERLEA SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, February 3, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE: Waleed Najmeddine      Erin Piercey      Deanna Hoffer  
Jennifer Garland      Kim Snow      Erika Doka

Meeting called to order @ 8:35 a.m.

Erin welcomes everyone to the meeting.

1. Adoption of agenda with additions or deletions
  - Add Breakfast program funds
2. Approval of minutes from January meeting
  - All members in attendance approve the minutes from the previous meeting
3. Administration's report  
**Mr. Najmeddine**
  - Staffing
    - i. Mrs. Aasen – maternity leave starting Feb. 6/17
      1. Have a candidate in mind
    - ii. Mr. McKay – Gr. 4K effective Jan. 23/17 (Chaulk maternity leave)
    - iii. Ms. Latty – Gr. 3K effective Jan 23/17 (Phillips maternity leave)
    - iv. Phys. Ed. 1-6 position remains vacant (TOC'S with support from Mr. McKay)
    - v. Mrs. Wilson will replace Ms. Chaulk as Teacher Rep on School Council.
  - Accountability Pillar Parent Surveys
    - i. Grades 4, 7 and 10 parents only
    - ii. Surveys mailed home in January
    - iii. Due back to Alberta Education by February 20
    - iv. Measures parent satisfaction with education quality, student learning opportunities, safe and caring school, preparation for world of work, teaching citizenship, and opportunities or parental involvement.
    - v. Important that all gr. 4 parents complete the survey
    - vi. Letter sent home Feb. 1 to remind parents

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- “Year-Round” School
  - i. August to June with more frequent/longer breaks
    1. Same instructional days and teaching hours
  - ii. Modified calendar as an option to parents/students
  - iii. Presentation at Networks meeting Feb. 6
  - iv. Group conversations at the meeting
    1. This schedule is currently offered at 129 schools in Alberta
    2. Pros
      - a. More frequent breaks, less burnout
        - i. 2 weeks in the fall
        - ii. 3 weeks around Christmas
        - iii. 1 week Winter break
        - iv. 2 week Spring break
        - v. 1 month off for Summer
      - b. More outdoor education opportunities
      - c. Retention of learning over summer break
      - d. Regular rhythm
      - e. More regular building maintenance
      - f. Parent/child holidays match up better
      - g. Gives an option for families
    3. Cons
      - a. Transportation
      - b. Childcare over breaks
      - c. Children on different schedules if they attend different schools
    4. Any interest in doing this at Timberlea?
      - a. We’ve had a lot over changes at Timberlea recently, let the dust settle before making any more BIG changes
- Gr. 5/6 Basketball
  - i. Practices are currently being held after school on Mondays and Wednesdays (girls) and Tuesdays and Thursdays (boys). Teams are being assembled in coordination with staff and students at Christina Gordon School.
  - ii. Grade 5/6 Girls’ Mid-season Tournament at Dickensfield School on February 11.
  - iii. Grade 5/6 Boys’ finals at WG Hill on March 10-11
- Technology
  - i. New “smart” projectors in 3 classrooms
  - ii. New projector in Library

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  - i. Telus community grant application – approved for \$2500 (will be used for technology in the library)
  - ii. Chromebooks and iPads to be made available
  - iii. Parent ideas for learning commons
    - 1. Discussed the difference between a library and a learning commons
- FNMI
  - i. Jan 27 PD day sessions – Dr. Martin Brokenleg (a.m.) and Ecole McTavish sessions (p.m.)
  - ii. Atrium display case to be used for monthly virtues and FNMI 7 sacred teachings
  - iii. Regional Aboriginal Recognition Awards (RARA) – Feb 25/17 at Shell Place
- Important Dates
  - i. Mon. Feb 6 – Thur. Feb 9 – Valentine’s Spirit Week
  - ii. Mon. Feb 6 – Joint Networks Committee meeting @ District Office 5:30 p.m.
  - iii. Tue. Feb 7 – “Toonie” Toque Tuesday in support of Centre of Hope
  - iv. Fri. Feb 10 – PL Friday (no classes) – Timberlea School vision planning session with Russell Thomas (8:30 – 3:30)
  - v. Mon. Feb 20 – Family Day (no school)
  - vi. Wed. Feb 22 – Parent Teacher Interviews 3:40 – 5:30 p.m.
  - vii. Thur. Feb 23 – Parent Teacher Interviews 5:00 – 8:00 pm.
  - viii. Sat. Feb 25 Regional Aboriginal Recognition Awards (RARA) @ Shell Place
  - ix. Feb 27 – Mar 3 – Teachers’ Convention Break (no school)
  - x. Thur. Mar 9 – ECDP Open house 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
  - xi. Fri. Mar 10 – ECDP Open house 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
  - xii. Sun. Mar 12 – Daylight Savings Time begins (clocks ahead 1 hour)
  - xiii. Fri. Mar 17 – PL Friday (no school)
- 4. Old Business
  - DancePlay Funding
    - i. Looking at hosting this in April. Cost would be approx. \$1000
  - Upcoming webinars
    - i. Feb. 8 – Engaging FNMI families
    - ii. Feb. 15 – Supporting families coping with FASD
    - iii. Feb. 22 – Benefits of Inquiry/Project based learning
    - iv. Mar. 1 – School Council purpose

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### 5. New Business

- MAC's (Mr. Najmeddine)
  - i. Approached by the local and Regional Manager of MAC's/Circle K re: supporting Timberlea School (and only Timberlea School)
  - ii. Offered to provide us with funding (to be used how we see fit) in exchange for having a "presence" in our school.
    - 1. Wanted photo-ops with students
      - a. Countered with providing a cheque photo-op to use on social media
    - 2. Will feature our logo on gas pumps
  - iii. What they had requested was a little far-reaching for our school, approached with a revised proposal. They are receptive of it and are considering.
- Breakfast Cart Funding
  - i. Have not received an updated balance of funds. Breakfast Cart parent coordinator is unaware of funds available.
  - ii. Mr. Najmeddine said not to worry about the funds, the program will continue. If the deal with MAC's goes ahead, could use those funds to support the program.
- Joint Networks Meeting
  - i. Next meeting is Monday, February 6
  - ii. Supper @ 5:30. Meeting starts @ 6:00
  - iii. Topics – Alternative school year and bell times, 2017/18 planning
- ASCA Conference April 28-30, 2017 at the Edmonton Delta South Hotel

Next meeting scheduled for Friday, March 10 @ 8:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.