

Riverstone School Council Minutes

Oct 18 , 2023

Riverstone Public School and Google Meet

Attendance:

In person: James Hudyma, Kelsey Bremner, Kara Geerligs, Sherri Ask, Amanda Savage, Shauna Dewhurst, Tracy Mahony, Danielle Newstead, Ashley Nicholas, Ayayi Alognon, Krista Carver, Joy Siemens, Clayton Siemens, Viviea Maluperg, Melissa Copeland & Tori Rattray

Google meet: no one

1. Call to order 6:59pm
2. Overview of Board Descriptions reviewed
3. Election of Board Members
 - Kara and Sherri will be switching roles. Sherri as President and Kara as the Vice President. Kelsey will be staying as the secretary
4. Division Update- James speaking from Ray's notes
 - DEREK TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TRIP – BAMFIELD MARINE STATION 42 Junior High students from Derek Taylor Public School are excitedly fundraising for an educational field trip to the Bamfield Marine Station on Vancouver Island in March 2024. The application to visit the station was submitted early last year, however the Bamfield Marine Station receives more applications for student trips than can be scheduled. Fortunately, the Derek Taylor request is one of the school trips approved for the current year! The Bamfield program gives students hands on experience and an introduction to the marine sciences. Scheduled activities provide learning opportunities on the water, in labs, and on the beautiful beaches and coastline which surround Bamfield. UPDATED LEARNING DISRUPTION FUNDING ALLOCATION PROCESS Alberta Education has changed the funding model for the allocation of resources to support academic interventions and is no longer using pre-assessments from the start of the school year. The process now uses student assessment data from the end of the school year to allocate funds. ANNUAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT SUMMARY REPORT Enrollment for the 2023 – 2024 school year has again substantially exceeded the projections submitted to Alberta Education last January. The Division saw an increase of 4.88%, or 407 students from the 2022 – 2023 school year, with 8741 students attending the Division. MINISTER'S VISIT – OCTOBER 23, 2023 The Minister of Education will be in Grande Prairie on Monday, October 23. The Minister will be touring Grande Prairie Composite High School from 2:15 to 3:15 that day and will be meeting with local boards following the tour at the Peace Wapiti Public School Division. The meeting with our Board will be from 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Students

from the Board's Student Advisory Committee, including Daisy Nellis who is on the Minister's Youth Council, will help lead the Minister's tour. DIVISION CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST This year the theme for the annual student Christmas Card contest is Happy Holidays and Division high school students will be asked to enter for a chance to have their artwork chosen as the cover of the annual Christmas card. Posters have been sent out to the Grande Prairie Composite, Charles Spencer High School and the Bridge Network, and information can be found on the Division website as well. Cash prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

5. Basketball nets
 - up now and the kids are loving them
 - no bill as of yet. Should receive soon.
6. Soccer Pit Update- Kelsey
 - we have been put on their list for the demo this Spring. We are to contact them closer to April when the weather improves.
7. Chocolate Sales Update
 - 13 unseen/money collected back for. To be expected.
 - 14 cases unsold.
 - Sitting at \$26,000 profit but still need to finish collecting prizes/pay for them from this number.
 - prizes to be presented during Nov assembly. Just waiting on the custom school bucket hats.
8. Clothing Orders Update
 - closed Oct 3rd
 - large order. We have received our cheque of almost \$500
 - we will need help sorting and handing out when its ready
9. Social Media Presentation Feedback
 - was okay. Not really worth the time. Wouldn't book again.

10. Pumpkin Patch Feedback

-very successful event. Had a big turnout this year. Busier than last years. \$5,947.58 profit.

-good amount of pumpkins. We did not sell out. There is enough left over for the teachers pumpkin carving contest

-next year we need a better drop off description/ set a set time frame for baking drop offs. Lots of early drop off and people were confused on how to do so.

-face painters are great. Wonderful feedback on their work. However huge lineups. We need to inforce half faces or a small design. No more full faces. They were there late again this year trying to finish everyone.

11. Halloween Dance – Oct 26 7-8:30pm

-yes we want snacks and glo sticks to sell. Krista has volunteered to help get these.

-chips, chocolate, water & glo sticks sold in the canteen

-DJ is all booked. Will need someone there at 6pm for them to set up

-sign up genius will be made ASAP

-update poster to include snacks for sale as well as parents need to attend. Teachers do not need to attend this is parent organized event.

12. LEGO Spike Robotics- \$18,266.22 plus shipping

-we want to move forward with this. We will make a motion to move forward with the spending in the Society meeting.

13. Dino Museum

-tentative dates are April 25&26

-Lynx will sponsor again this year

14. OPEN FLOOR

- interested in doing 4 corners, hop scotch etc on the new pavement in the back for the kids to play. Yes this will be done in the Spring as the Division has the stencils we can use.

15. Adjournment 7:41pm

Next meeting November 15 at 7pm