**E. E. Oliver Elementary School Council**

**Annual General Meeting**

September 16, 2021

7:00 p.m. E.E. Oliver Elementary School Library

**In Attendance:**

Carmen Enns

Becky Kozelj

Laura Fentie

Danielle Gabruck

Principal – Evelyn Krol

Vice Principal – Christina Gamble

Teacher Representative – Carmen Johnson

Peace River School Division Representative – Robyn Robertson

1. Call to Order School Council Meeting – 7:20 pm

1. Approval of Agenda – Laura approved the September 16, 2021 agenda as presented. CARRIED.
2. Approval of Minutes

* Laura approved October 1, 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes. CARRIED.
* Leanne approved the April 15, 2021 School Council Meeting Minutes. CARRIED.

1. Nominations/Elections for the following positions officiated by the School Board Trustee:

* Chair

Robyn called for nominations for the Chair position. Laura nominated Carmen. Carmen accepted the nomination. No other nominations were brought forward. Robyn called for nominations to cease. Carmen was voted in the Chair position by acclamation.

* Vice Chair

Robyn called for nominations for the Vice Chair position. Carmen nominated Laura. Laura accepted the nomination. No other nominations were brought forward. Robyn called for nominations to cease. Laura was voted in the Vice Chair position by acclamation.

* Secretary

Robyn called for nominations for the Secretary position. Carmen nominated Danielle. Danielle accepted the nomination. No other nominations were brought forward. Robyn called for nominations to cease. Danielle was voted in the Secretary position by acclamation.

* Treasurer

Robyn called for nominations for the Treasurer position. Danielle nominated Leanne. Leanne accepted the nomination. No other nominations were brought forward. Robyn called for nominations to cease. Leanne was voted in the Treasurer position by acclamation.

1. Committee Reports
   1. School Board Trustee Report:
      1. August meeting – had a pre-entry plan, which has since been changed based on provincial requirements. As of today there is a mask mandate for grades 4-12, staff and visitors, elementary cohorts, school sports and activities continue, no spectators for sports, parents and visitors must have appointments to come into the building
      2. PRSD kindergarten entrance dates – student must obtain the age of 5 years by December 31st, making it more consistent with other areas.
      3. PRSD anti-racism update – Alberta Civil Liberties Centre is a researcher and facilitator for PRSD, helping with provincial and international laws. The last meeting the decision was made to creating subcommittees that will work on collecting data on what is needed within the school division.
      4. Summer trustees meet with Rebecca Schulz – Minister of Children’s Services and Dan Williams to cover the student mental health survey and mental health needs in the north. When we do get help in the north it is a short term contract for the school year that is not guaranteed funding every year.
      5. PRSD was offered the grant for early entrance needs to help with early development that has been impacted by Covid. Very specific requirements have been attached to this funding i.e. specific tests that may not be able to be completed.
      6. Treaty 8 and Metis flag raising – there is an outside gathering at Grimshaw with First Nations to celebrate the raising of the Treaty 8 and Metis flag at all schools, starting at Grimshaw.
      7. September meeting of Zone 1 schools will recognize first year teachers and community members/groups that support the schools. Joanne Shaw is being recognized posthumous for her work as a family liaison in Fairview.
      8. Transportation facility construction continues, transportation located is now in Grimshaw. The new facilities include 6 bays for mechanic work, a wash bay and a smaller vehicle bay.
      9. 55 plus provincial games will be in Peace River with the school division providing some support
      10. School council enhancement – trying to support more going forward. Great place to talk about what is going on and communicate with parents. There have been funding shifts for school councils, taking money away from the Alberta School Councils and money away from school division.
      11. Truth and Reconciliation Day – Celebrate the days before and give the kids the day off.
   2. Principal Report
      1. Really enjoyed the first few weeks of very limited restrictions, however they are starting up again. Not all restrictions that were in last year are in place this year. There are dedicated music classes with mask wearing for singing. There are combined phys-ed classes but these may need to be changed due to cohorts. Classes were cohorting on the playground this morning. Clarification will be obtain on certain items.
      2. Online learning is done via the school division, instead of in classroom. Some students are registered.
      3. 48 kindergarten students, 3 stepping forward and an increase of 24 students in the school.
      4. Budget has decreased by 20%, partially due to new funding model. We are well stocked for resources. There is extra fundraising money from previous years, so we are looking into swimming lessons and Trickster.
      5. The grade 4 class went on one field trip, hopefully there are more in the future
      6. Ms. Buck in Grade 4 and Ms. Furstenwerth in Grade 5 and i-coach are our new teachers.
      7. Special events include dress in blue for EEO September 17th, picture day is Sept 22nd & 23rd. Classroom kickoff for Terry Fox run was today, Terry fox run is on September 29th, Orange Shirt Day will take place the week prior to September 30. Cowboy day is October 22nd and there will be something for Halloween
      8. Orange shirts are available for purchase via school cash online with all proceeds going to the Sagitawa Friendship Society. Shirts were designed by Elder Dave Matilpi.
      9. Nutrition program grant was received. There will be a breakfast program similar to last year. Mini-fridges have been ordered for each classroom to allow for healthier breakfasts such as fruit. Had planned for Shelli Thorburn to make some lunches but since she has left we have had no option for that. Looking for someone who can serve for catering out of the kitchen.
2. Old Business
   1. Trees – Trees were planted by council members and staff. A bill was given to us from Johnston Contracting for the hole digging, dirt and watering $1540.88 at the initial planting. There will be a second bill for watering. There seems to be one tree missing. One or two have been snapped off but they should be fine.
3. New Business
   1. Alberta School Councils Association Workshops
      1. Workshops are available that could be done in conjunction with the other schools in the town.
      2. Everyone should go through the list online and bring back which ones you would think we would benefit from to the next meeting, pick top 5.
      3. Some are free and some have a cost.
4. Round Table
   1. Laura Fentie – morning kindergarten class is large (29 & 28).
      1. Was a creation of the way that registration is completed.
      2. There are 3 EAs in the morning and 2 in the afternoon.
5. Meetings
   1. Meet once a month on the third Thursday of the Month.
   2. Next meeting October 28, 2021 at 7pm. (the third Thursday already had conflicts, we are flexible that way)
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.