

Wildrose School Community Council Annual Meeting

May 4, 2021

In attendance: Lynn Wood, Angela Davis, Dana Steward, Christine Hamilton, Jennifer Ferguson, Tracey Beaven, Marlene Schutte, Bonnie Gosselin

Via Zoom: Lisa Garrard, Cher Bloom

1. **May 4/21 SRSD Trustee Report for Wildrose**

School division has been doing relatively well during Covid. Individual classes have been affected with isolations but have been reasonable. Loss of Victor Thunderchild was shocking to the school division. Teachers are now being immunized.

Rural Congress U of S

-I attended the Rural Congress seminar at the end of March for 1 ½ days, held virtually this year
-topics ranged from Early Learning, Distance Education, Mental Health to importance of physical education and many of the presenters were from areas in Saskatchewan
-other presenters from China, Norway and US, interestingly they all had similar barriers and concerns to rural education in their countries

CAPSULE Conference

- A conference focused on education and law
- Sessions include issues arising from social media use, waivers used within schools,
- expectations of public figures such as teachers and employees, pre-Covid and during Covid and how those may change

Budget Impacts

-Provincial budget was announced Apr. 6, it allows for an increase in education to cover increase in teacher salaries, does not take into account increase in CUPE salaries that coincide with teacher increase
-distribution of funding was not changed for vulnerable students that SRSD has advocated for; 16% of students are considered vulnerable in division as opposed to about half that percentage on average throughout the province

Student Engagement

- Jeff Court, principal at Carlton has been assigned to getting students back into Sask Rivers schools that were lost due to the pandemic showing a decline in enrolment
-Schools have been actively trying to “track” down those lost students through door knocking, phone, and searches through other school divisions or reserve schools, loss of students equates to loss of funding
As part of Jeff Court’s initiative, they have been celebrating students with picture and stories on social media with 2-3 posts per week, have a engagement team that can be parents, staff, awards night include award recipient to spend some time with donor to discuss why they were chosen for the bursary/scholarship and a photo of both

School Tours

-The board has been doing school tours virtually this year. It was left open to each school how they wanted to do that. Some have done videos along with a short presentation, others have done powerpoints. Have met with 6 schools so far including Arthur Pechey, Riverside, Osborne, Winding River Colony, Birch Hills, Kinistino, and have 5 more to go. It has been good to talk with staff and their concerns as well as successes.

Facility Report

- Preventive Maintenance Renewal was increased to 2.6 million in 2019 and has helped with maintenance projects
- schools in the division are between 14-113 years old
- projects were able to be completed last year starting in March due to pandemic closures
- current budget is \$5.3 million annually to keep current facilities operational but is underfunded and a backlog of projects remain
- Maintaining all buildings to a safe well-maintained standard currently

Strategic Planning

- the board has continued work on our strategic plan renewal to be ready for late fall
- determine what broad areas will be focused on next 2-3 years as a division

2. Principal's Report

- Covid Update
 - a. Status quo in classrooms with masks and hand sanitizing
 - b. No extra-curr return date yet
 - c. Communication Plan
 - d. Next Year
 - i. PT Interviews - zoom option hopefully
 - e. Questions
 - i. AD - Are cohorts necessary in small schools since the whole class is sent home to isolate when a Covid case is discovered?
 - ii. AD - When will school Covid-19 procedures be reviewed according to updates from SHA? Procedures haven't changed since fall and SHA now has a greater understanding of how Covid-19 is transmitted. Some procedures may no longer be necessary
 - iii. Answer – These decisions are made at the school board level.
- Upcoming Events
 - K and Gr 8 photos
 - End of Year - swimming, hike and picnic; hot dog roast
 - K Graduation
 - Gr 8 Farewell
- Spending
 - Chromebooks - received more - will have enough +ipads for 1:1 next year
 - Chromebook Carts - 4 purchased
 - Score clock - approx \$5500
 - Decals purchased
 - Sensory Paths on hold
 - Garden items - huts and kitchen
- Next Year
 - Projected Enrollment:
 - 86 to 80
 - Staffing
 - Down .5 teacher, same EA allotment
 - Still living under many covid protocols but hopefully we do see some lessening of restrictions next year
 - Possible date of Walkathon Oct.7, 2021
- CH – What can we do to keep the connection with the community during Covid-19 times?

3. SCC Financials

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| Balance from 2019-20 | \$773.92 |
| Amount from | |
| SRSD | \$1,800.00 |
| Spectrum Sound | -\$306.69 Purchase new microphone chargers |
| Oct Hot Lunch Revenue | \$355.00 |
| Boston Pizza | -\$359.12 |
| Angela Davis (oranges) | -\$35.94 |
| Dec Hot Lunch Revenue | \$449.00 |
| Boston Pizza | -\$447.31 |
| Telemiracle Donation | -\$100.00 |
| Feb Hot Lunch Revenue | \$509.00 |
| Boston Pizza | -\$508.64 |
| SCC Staff Appreciation | |
| Collection | \$235.00 |
| Angela Davis (flowers) | -\$63.32 |
| Lynn Wood (Balloons) | -\$25.81 |
| Tracey Beaven (Lunch) | -\$213.68 |
| Ending Balance | <hr/> \$2,061.41 |

4. Elections

- There were no new nominations for existing positions.
- Each representative was willing to let their name stand for next year.
- Tracey Beaven nominated
 - President: Christine Hamilton
 - Vice-president: Lynn Wood
 - Treasurer: Dana Steward
 - Secretary: Angela Davis
 - Community Liaison: Bonnie Gosselin
- All positions are acclaimed.

5. Next meeting set for the week of Sept.13, 2021