

École McTavish School Council
Minutes
Monthly Council Meeting
September 17, 2015

Attendees:	Lorna Spargo Kristy Sturge Judy Ferré	Scott Barr James Hayward Joanne Dubuc Carolyn Harris	Pam Burns Heather Dupont Bridgette Rose
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1. Convene 7:05 pm.

2. Agenda

Motion #1	To approve minutes and agenda as amended.	
	Moved by: Pam Burns	Seconded by: Kristy Sturge
	Vote: All in favour	Motion: Carried

3. Annual Plan

Once the Pillars of Accountability and the PAT scores can be released we can set goals for our annual plan.

4. Old Business

a) Executive:

-We have a full executive this year.

b) Technology Night Debrief

-It was not the best to pair it with Meet the Teacher Night. The information is good and it still needs to get out to the parents. One possibility would be to turn the Power point presentations that the teachers made into videos. Scott said they may look into having the students work on this in the Computer options course.

c) Parent information sessions

-We did not have a good turnout for the Anxiety information session that was put together last year. We are going to take the information sessions off our agenda and annual plan and look for other ways to get information out to parents. Scott reports that the teachers are working on new ways to engage parents. Once the new Power Schools system is up and running, the teachers are aiming to send out a weekly email to all their student's parents. We are going to look into a way to obtain emails from all parents to better communicate school council information.

5. New Business

a) Lighted cross walk sign:

-Kristy will write up a letter to the Municipality on behalf of the School Council regarding the sign. Kristy will send it to everyone on council via email before sending it to the Municipality.

b) McTavish Growth Plan/Annual Plan Timeline:

-We will be working on the Growth plan/ annual plan at our October meeting.

- c) New addition (High School building):
 - As far as we know it is still a go. The funding is still in place, but it may open later than planned. The first meeting to discuss what will be included in the High School (PEAK, French Immersion etc.) will be held in October.

6. Reports

- a) Principal Report-Scott Barr:
 - Power Schools *should* be up and running by September 25. As of now, messages to all parents can only be sent through the app or on the website. Lots of sports are in full swing like volleyball, football, cross country running, and golf. They have 660ish students along with 22 students from École Boreal.
- b) Chair Report-Lorna Spargo:
 - Had information about a performer, Will Stricklin, who asked to be a keynote speaker at an event at the school. All information was passed on to Scott.
- c) Networks Report-Lorna Spargo:
 - Next meeting will be October 5. Looks like we will be able to pay our school fees on line in the future.
- d) ASCA (Alberta School Councils Association) report-Lorna Spargo:
 - Register to be part of the Parent Engagement Task Force at:
www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca.

7. Meeting Dates

Thursday, October 22, 2015
Thursday, November 12, 2015
Thursday, January 14, 2016
Thursday, February 4, 2016
Thursday, March 10, 2016
Thursday, April 14, 2016 Resolutions decisions
Thursday, May 12, 2016
Thursday, June 9, 2016 AGM

8. Adjourn 8:17