

École McTavish School Council
Minutes
Monthly Council Meeting
January 14, 2016

Attendees: Lorna Spargo Scott Barr Upul Gamage
 Judy Ferré Garette Tebay Karina Webb
 Bridgette Rose Ram Etwaroo

1. Convene: 7:05

2. Agenda

Motion #1	To approve minutes and agenda.	
	Moved by: Ram Etwaroo	Seconded by: Bridgette Rose
	Vote: All in favour	Motion: Carried

Lorna spoke briefly about the format and procedure we use for minutes. They are meant to give a brief overview or synopsis but not to relay the topic discussion in great detail. Also, the Secretary sends them first to the Chair/President (PAC) and waits for that person's approval before forwarding them to the whole group.

Lorna suggested that, for efficiency sake, the secretary forward the first draft minutes to the Chair and Vice-Chair or President and Vice-President (PAC) for approval. Either Chair or Vice-Chair/President or Vice-Pres may give approval for the minutes to be forwarded so that the secretary can distribute to the rest of the council/committee.

3. Standing Items

a. Annual Plan: We reviewed the proposed School Council Annual Plan. Lorna will make a few amendments and forward to Scott to post on the website. Karina will spearhead the collection of parent questions for the "Transition Handbook", sort through the questions with Judy, and forward to Scott to provide answers and post on the website when the transition procedures are taking place.

Motion #2	To approve the Annual Plan as amended.	
	Moved by: Bridgette Rose	Seconded by: Karina Webb
	Vote: All in favour	Motion: Carried

4. Old Business

- a. Crosswalk sign update: no update at this time.
- b. Tutorial/extra help options on PLF's: Westwood's tutoring program is 2 Educational Assistants volunteering to tutor. This is something that could work at McTavish if there are EA's willing to participate.
- c. Proposed bussing fee change: For the yellow busses, they are looking a a flat fee to eliminate confusion and allow for online payment. Public Transit prices will not change unless the city decides to change it. Therefore, it will not greatly impact McTavish.

5. New Business

- a. ASCA survey- it was a discussion concerning interaction between school council our trustees.
- b. Calendar review- we looked over the proposed calendar for the 2016/2017 school year. If you have any comments you would like forwarded to the

Board and Superintendent on your behalf, please forward them to Lorna at lspargo@shaw.ca.

- c. School reconfiguration- it is happening but there is a lot to determine such as which schools will have specific programs and which elementary schools will feed into each Jr./Sr. High.

6. Reports

a. Principal

- Basketball in full swing with two tournaments down. Some great play and sportsmanship from the teams
- School review complete - One pager will be up on our website soon (as well as full report)
- The Wiz is busy preparing
- emails are going home from staff (some using other ways)
- Presented to board a quick review of our AERR (SGP) and it went well. Great to see all the other ones as well.
- With the cold weather, a reminder that the doors may not open in the mornings until 8 AM unless there is a school event
- Lockdown practice coming this week
- Robotics team away at provincials this weekend
- Periscope?? (an app that we could use to allow us to livestream our meetings using our phones) We will look into this for future meetings.

Future Dates

- Jan. 22/23 - Third Basketball tournament
- Jan. 25 - Open Mic Night
- Jan. 29 - district wide PD day, at McTavish
- Feb. 4 - School Council and Parent Association at 7PM
- Feb. 5/6 - Basketball finals
- Feb. 11 - Progress reports home???
- Feb. 11 - 7:30 - Pops concert at school
- Feb. 12 - PLF #9
- Feb. 15 - No School - Family Day
- Feb. 17/18 - Parent teacher interviews

- b. Chair: nothing to report at this time
- c. Networks: Ram will be taking any questions or concern about the calendar to the next meeting on February 1.
- d. ASCA (Alberta School Councils Association) www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca
Board meeting next weekend.

7. Meeting dates:

- 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 8:18