

REGIONAL SCHOOL (PARENT) COUNCIL

F.P. WALSHE, FORT MACLEOD

OCTOBER 20, 2014

ATTENDANCE *(per sign in sheet)*

Trustees - Brad Toone, John McKee, Martha Ratcliffe, Shannon Scherger, Lori Hodges, Bruce Decoux, Clara Yagos, Central Office - Dave Driscoll, Lorna Hewson, Julie Hutchinson, WCCHS - Dave Adams, Ruth Lindquist, FPW - Bill Forster, Cathie Harris, WAD - Liisa Gillingham, ISS - Scott Warris, GRN - Maria LeClair, STV - Amanda Vandenberg, Louise Nelson, Kathy Charchun, WMES - Nicole Van Langen, Todd Buhmiller, CAN - Kirby Dietze, Tara Robertson, MHHS - Lisa Dupuis

Brad Toone acted as Chair for the meeting.
Martha Ratcliffe acted as Recording Secretary.

Went over the minutes of last meeting (April 7, 2014)

Note the next meetings are scheduled for January 19, 2015 (by Video Conference) and April 20, 2015.

Shannon Scherger then reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Regional School Council group. Please note that "reviewed October 2014" should appear at the bottom of the Terms of Reference.

Dave Driscoll demonstrated the new website. Some questions as to the cost of the website and why we didn't go with a google site. Dave will research the cost and explained that we needed to do something quick. The old site was free, but cumbersome, hard to use, documents and information was easily buried and lost. This new site is easy for staff to use, information is never more than 3 clicks at most. Other parents commented that they liked getting information off the website and not having to rely on Facebook or Twitter for their information, but that the option on the new site was good. Showed off important features such as the bussing icon and individual school sites. Many of our schools are now putting their newsletters online as opposed to the paper ones that invariably became buried at the bottom of student's backpacks.

Dave and Julie filled parents in on the International Students program. Positive response from parents present.

Lorna spoke to parents on curriculum redesign, and how the process has evolved. Conversations began approx. 2008 with Inspiring Education round tables. Attendees at those round table discussions were instructed to look forward to the year 2030. In 2010 the booklet "Inspiring Education" was published which summarized the round table discussions and 10 competencies became the focus. Good table discussions.

Website to look at (link on LRSD homepage) crcpd.ab.ca and inspiredcurriculum.ca – *join the conversation*

Ruth Lindquist explained a little bit about her involvement with the calendar committee. There was herself and one other parent, 2 students and LRSD staff for a total of 10 participants. They have a rough draft of the 2015/2016 & 2016/2017 calendars which will be brought to school councils starting in November. Ruth encouraged us to look at: start date, end date, Xmas break, Easter break, semester break. Mentioned that days off for students are not necessarily days off for staff, that P.D. Days are different from teacher planning days, inter-collaboration days, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at approx. 8:00pm. Thanks to all for coming.