

DSPAC Monthly Meeting

March 14, 2024

Call to order and attendance: 3:36pm

Nikki Gongaware, Brittany Zak, Courtney Gillespie, Nikki Pivert, Jocelyn Pennock, Tricia Simpson, Dawn Nikiwski, Deann Hutchinson,

Review of Previous Minutes:

Adopted as presented

Trustee Report:

Busy last couple months hiring new staff. Hired a new associate superintendent and a number of principals.

Attended Royal Symposium was very good. Good speakers talking about reconciliation, inclusion, and governance.

Parents' matter is on April 24 - Nikki Pivert will be there.

Alberta School Council puts on a conference for all school councils. The board is putting forward a recommendation and supporting 2 school council members to go to the 2 day conference. (including hotel) Moves school council to be advisory groups vs fundraising folks. Looking for 3 more schools to go next year. The invitation will come out in January of next year. Bring it up in November of 2024.

Increased cost examples: Toilet paper was \$17/case last year and this year it is \$34/case. This is why everything is so expensive. When you pay for a gym rental they are helping pay for everything all the way down to toilet paper.

Admin Report:

Basketball has wrapped up, final tournament this weekend.

Curling bonspiel was a hit

Skiing was on Monday - Changed to 7-12 trip and it went really well.

March Madness went well

School board is coming to tour Delburne School.

P/T interviews are coming up either in person or on the phone.

We don't have a budget or staffing or anything for next year. But welcome to ECS on May 1.

Situation from today: Bussing situation: Delburne to Olds on the bus then picked up in Olds. On one of these, the bus was not driven properly, and students were on the bus calling the school and all persons were informed. The bus driver will not be driving for Chinook's edge anymore.

There are cameras on the bus and they will be able to review that. Nobody was hurt and nothing was hit. All parents of children on the bus were called

Grad fundraiser: Online grad auction goes live right before Easter on the Friday. Successful last year and looking for bigger this year.

High school students are going for school tours at RDP, SAIT, etc. They get a really nice tour and they get to see residences. They didn't do UofA or UofC, they focused on the smaller ones. Grade 10-12.

Knit wits: The students love it and are in there knitting and visiting and loving it.

Old Business:

Tabled for NOV 2024 meeting: Parent/school council conference

Ref Mentorship Committee:

- Updates: Plan to meet after hockey provincials. The Central Alberta Ref Association of basketball is going to give some direction and advice. They will meet and get rolling in April.

New Business:

- Marketable skills for females graduating Delburne Centralized School:
 - o Not a complaint: There was a question from a community member who said they thought Delburne School was doing such a good job for males and females interested in predominantly male careers to set them up for success when they graduate. They were wondering what DCS was doing for female students who were interested in predominantly female fields. What jobs could they go into when leaving our school? Do they have any programs they can be bussed to for Cosmetology? Bookkeeping? Nurse? Health Care aid?
 - o This is exploding and we are starting to look at building it. They are looking at doing off site cosmetology, etc. It is on the radar.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:00

DSPAC Financial Meeting: March 14, 2024

Call To Order: 4:01

Fundraising:

Medium Fundraiser:

- Decision: We cannot have a bar, zero alcohol. A medium is a tricky to bring in because it might trigger people and might be tough to bring in and get approved. We will pass on this event.

(Reminder: A comedy medium. Bring her in as a fundraiser. Fee is \$3500 + accommodations. Minimum \$50/ticket that's 70 tickets to break even. Plus the price of the hall. Talk to people about what they think and get some feedback from the community.

People thought \$60 was too much for Jody Carrington. Ag society is having a yuk yuk event and they are charging \$40...)

Treasurer's Report:

We need to come up with a strategy for maintaining the sign, it's too expensive for the school to maintain on their budget. Nikki could connect with others at parents' matter to see what other schools are doing to maintain. Deanne will look into the sponsorship policy. And maybe we could approach other entities that would advertise on the sign and so we could generate more income. Jocelyn will look into who can fix it in the future and bring invoices for maintenance in the past 2 years.

The company has gone out of business so we can't find anyone to maintain it.

Reminder: We have \$8600 for next year.

Athletics fees: Can we cover the bussing or just the student fees? We only called it athletics, we have 2 sports left this year. We didn't pay out the full amount last year. If we get to the end of the year and there is money left, then give it to the school. (We like to use buses because we can guarantee safety better)

Old Business:

Buddy Bench: Nikki P will get that ordered. And we will decide what to do with it when it comes.

Online 50/50: If we are interested in this. What date do we need to decide and get started? (September meeting?)

It takes about 2 weeks to get organized, we would run it for them to replace their catalog fundraiser. If school wants us to do this we will. They need to let us know by our June meeting. The entire 50/50 would run online. Jocelyn will let us know.

New Business:

PAC supper: We will provide costco lasagna or whatever and put it in the foods room oven. We will provide 1 meal on the Wednesday.

No skating or hockey program: Last year it cost \$4700. And we ran \$1500 in the hole for swimming. They ran high school skating and that cost the school \$1500 in the hole. So the school lost \$3000 between the two. They are thinking next year we would charge parents, Nikki could look into grants or maybe someone would donate the ice. We were in a transition year and Hockey skills might be back next year. Swimming is a life skill and we will always do that. But Skating feels more optional. There used to be more money in athletics, but that's gone.

Outdoor classroom sign: Looking at options with admin. She'll let us know.

Idea: Flourishing story and innovation grant: The details are online, they have to bring in community and become sustainable. Not a one shot thing.

Next Meeting: April 11 at 3:30

Meeting Adjourned: 4:37