

ADHS Parent Council Meeting November 20th, 2017

Those Attending: Katie Baker, Carolanne Kearney, Dave Pier, Kelly Judson, Melanie Kavanaugh, John McAllister, and Jordan Blanchard.

Meeting Started: 6:30 pm.

Approval of October's Minutes:

-Only Melanie able to approve, no available member to second.

Trustee Report: (John)

- Summer Learning Programs; K – 5: 391 students, English Second Language – K – 8: 71 students, Grade 6 to 7 Transition Program: 278 students, Summer Semester: 1041 students, 1292 credits earned.

- Director's Work Plan: Further to the Trustees' work Plan for 2017-2018 and the Board's Strategic Plan, the Director's plan involves the following:

- Increase the Graduation rate by 2% in 2017-2018 – 5 actions
- Increase to 50% staff who agree that they feel valued and there is good communication within the UCDSB – 4 actions
- Increase the capacity of students to deal with stress – 5 actions
- Connect with community stakeholders beyond our policy requirements – 4 actions
- It should be noted that one of the prime duties of Trustees is to evaluate the Director and this plan will be the basis for such a task.

- Update on Indigenous Education - This Board initiative involves three strategies

- Working collaboratively with the members of the Director's Advisory circle
- Improving student achievement and well-being for self-identified Indigenous students
- Leading for reconciliation

- Review of Bylaws

- School Improvement Plan Presentations

- Trustee Innovation Awards

Prime Minister Report: (Nick sends his regrets and details delivered by Dave)

- Party in power (Blue) has 27 members and the Opposition has 14.
- Blue party has had its caucus and integrated the new 7's, 8's and 9's. to their ministries.
- Parliament held a successful 9-12 Halloween dance – we had about 70 attendees.
- They are planning a BYOB (...banana that is...) event in November
- They are currently planning for a 7-12 trip on December 8th to Ottawa. Details TBA
- They will be selling school clothing either in December or February.
- They are looking at purchasing a water bottle filling station – but need to select a model.
- Parliament is looking for a fundraiser for next semester.

Administration Report: (Dave)

- We had a Ministry of Labour inspection on November 16th – there were only two minor issues surrounding clutter. Both were resolved immediately and so we passed the report without incident.
- The HELP club – led by Shannon Campbell has been working to promote positive character traits at the school – speaking up, not being a bystander, caring, thoughtful and compassionate.
- The LINK CREW is also doing anti-bullying presentations with grade 9 classes and will later do them for the grades 7 and 8's as well.
- The Gold party put on a whole school Remembrance Day assembly on November 10th
- Members of the school community were at the community ceremony on the 11th however unfortunately the laying of the wreath didn't occur. We will take measures to ensure that it happens in the future.
- The craft show was a success. More information to follow including planning for next year.

- Secondary midterm reports will go home on Wednesday. Parent teacher night is the following Wednesday – November 29th.
- Intermediate progress reports went home on November 8th.
- ADHS has a new website that went live last week. It is much more user friendly than the old one and links to Facebook for updates. We are still learning how to use it – but hope to have updates complete before the end of November
- We completed the first of three cycles of our SIPSA plan. We were looking at a strategy called V3 in math (visualize, verbalize and verify) and a strategy called QAR (Question and Response) for the literacy team. Our next cycle starts December 1st and will go until March.
- We have been given an additional EA and are waiting to hear from HR before we can hire.
- We had a PA day on October 27. It was about mental health and working with LD students. We are having another one November 24th. It will be about teaching numeracy across the curriculum and will prepare us for a software switch over for elementary report cards.
- I met with the alumni committee and discussed the possibility of changing their presentation to the ADHS Academic Awards Night. They were in favour. As a result we are likely to have a ceremony in December and then hold the awards night next year in November.
- We are having regular college and university visits to the school. We will start the application process in December.
- We have two applications for funds – HELP club asks for \$200.00 and the SSP has asked for 100.00 to offset the cost of an event for intermediate students, HELP club and LINK and WEB students in April. LIVE Different = self-esteem and character ed.

Parent Council Chair Report: (Carolanne)

-Nominations were put forth for the 2017/18 Parent Council seats.

-The final tabulation of the money raised through the canteen provided by Parent Council at the Craft Show is not available, however we do know that it was approximately \$264.00 after expenses were subtracted. We do have left over supplies

to use again next year, and there was a discussion regarding asking more parents to bake in order to cut costs.

Next Meeting: January 15th, 2018, at 5:45pm, in order to have a short meeting before joining John at the Athens Council Meeting at 6:30 to help represent the school.

-February 12th, March 19th, April 16th, May 14th, and June 18th.

Meeting Adjourned at 8pm.