

**Carseland Elementary School
Parent Council Meeting**

Monday, September 22, 2008

Present: T. McKinnon, J Grimsdale, L. Lightfoot, R. Cleveland, S. Malmberg, B Lausen, K. Hebbs, T. Page, Mrs. Gordon Y. Anderson, C Lausen, J Alce, H. Folvik, D. Knause, F. Tribe, K. Beard

1. Welcome to all by Teri, and the meeting was called to order at 7:10pm. We introduced ourselves as there were a few new faces. Teri also mentioned that we are no longer called the Parent Council, but the Carseland School Council – this is so not to exclude anyone who doesn't have students in the school from attending meetings.

2. Reports:

Secretary's Report – The minutes were read and adopted with no errors or omissions.

Election of Officers and Representatives:

President – Teri McKinnon

Secretary – Rhonda Cleveland

Treasurer – Connie Lausen

Fundraising Coordinator – Sherrie Malmberg and Jenn Alce

Hot Lunch Coordinator – Bobbi Lausen

Teacher Representative – Mrs. Carol Gordon

Student Representatives – to be elected

Community Representative – Mrs. Trudy Page

Treasurers Report – Connie brought along a copy of last school years financial statements. The current account balance was \$7337.10. Out of that is the \$6000 that was allocated to the school at the last meeting so there is a little over \$1300 available. There is one large picture of all the students left from last year if anyone wishes to purchase it for \$50.

She had a few concerns – Please hand in receipts as soon as possible. All hot lunch deposits will be done by Connie or Bobbi Lausen and all other deposits will be done by Connie.

Fundraising Report – Sherry reported that the Student Union coupon books are available in the office.

There are still Christmas ornaments available from last year, she will count them and let us know at the next meeting.

Fund raising ideas – Fund Script are gift cards that would be available for several different businesses that we would get a small percentage of the sales. It doesn't cost the consumer anything extra; they get full face value to purchase. They are available in different increments. We will get started with this in October.

We will also have our baking raffle at the Christmas concert.

It was mentioned to look into selling Coco Brooks pizzas or Alberta made beef jerky.

Spruce Meadows also has a program for school fund raising and Rhonda will look into it.

If anyone has any other ideas, please let Sherrie or Jenn know.

Students Report –The students have not had there elections yet.

Teachers Report – Mrs. Gordon reported that everyone is getting settled in the new year. Welcome to Jeff Grimsdale as the new Principal, Mrs. Tucker is doing a new math intervention project with the ECS class. Ms. Christensen will be holding the student elections soon. Mrs. Carlson was at another meeting tonight so she couldn't attend. Mrs. Armstrong will be involved with the virtues program. Mrs. Baillargeon is busy with the AISI math focus. Mrs. Gordon will be sending home the math back packs within a couple of weeks.

Hot Lunch – This is the first week of hot lunch - all is going well. A reminder that everyone needs to have the cheques submitted in order to help with the program. Starting with the next session Tisha Langlois has volunteered to go every Wednesday and deliver milk for the hot lunch program.

Community Representative –Mrs. Page reported that the Carseland Community & Agricultural Society needs people to come to the meeting September 30th at 7:30pm. Top of the agenda is commitment for officer positions in order for the Society to meet mandate, continue functioning and secure the community buildings to continue to operate. A representative from Carseland West will be attending as well as Mr. Vander Velde, the area councilor.

3. Trustee's Report – Mr. Hebbes reported that the board really appreciates all that the school councils do for the schools. He mentioned again that with technology going the way it is, soon computers will be telling people what to do.

4. Principal's Report

1. Class Sizes
 - a. Kindergarten – 10
 - b. Grade 1 – 15
 - c. Grade 2 – 14
 - d. Grade 3 – 16
 - e. Grade 4 – 24
 - f. Grade 5 – 15
 - g. Grade 6 – 15
 - h. Total – 109

2. Staff Members for 2008/2009 School Year(School Division Allocation of 6 teachers (AISI is purchasing 0.1 and school budget is purchasing 0.1)
 - a. Sheila Tucker – ECS and Grade 3 social
 - b. Carol Gordon – Grade 1
 - c. Diane Baillargeon – Grade 2 and AISI
 - d. Nicole Armstrong- Grade 3 LA & Science
 - e. Jodi Carlson – Grade 4, Gr. $\frac{3}{4}$ Health & FA
 - f. Kelli Christensen – Grade 5/6, Grade 5 Math
 - g. Lynn McConnell – Administrative Assistant

- h. Vicky Wegener – Educational Assistant
- i. Christine Scheifele – Educational Assistant
- j. Carla Ostrom- Educational Assistant
- k. Gwen Rogers – Custodian
- l. Jeff Grimsdale– Grade 3 & 6 Math, PE 1 – 6

3. School Council Representatives and Phone Fan Out Parents

Classroom Representatives

ECS	Feather Tribe	808-5082	
Grade 1	Lynda Lightfoot	934-6768	lightfoot@platinum.ca
Grade 2	Heather Folvik	934-1175	hfolvik@abnet.ca
Grade 3	Rhonda Cleveland	934-5383	cleveland@platinum.ca
Grade 4	Sheila Raine	934-4856	
Grade 5			
Grade 6	Connie Lausen	934-3997	lausenfarm@platinum.ca

Phone Fan Out Representatives

ECS			
Grade 1	Jenn Alce	901-0371	freshlook@abnet.ca
Grade 2	Heather Folvik	934-1175	hfolvik@abnet.ca
Grade 3	Bobbi Lausen	934-4568	lausen@telsu.net
Grade 4	Sherry Malmberg	934-2184	owen.malmberg@3web.net
Grade 5	Katherine MacEachern	934-6038	
Grade 6	Shannon Stewart	936-5071	

4. Character Education (Virtues Program)

- i. monthly assembly to highlight virtues for month
- ii. at assembly – gr. 5/6 and $\frac{3}{4}$ FA class to perform to high light virtue of month
- iii. 3 times a year – virtue will be accentuated by whole school activity
- b. Schedule of virtues to be addressed during 2008-2009 school year
 - i. October – Courtesy
 - ii. November – Respect
 - iii. December – Generosity
 - iv. January – Self-Discipline
 - v. February – Helpfulness
 - vi. March – Responsibility
 - vii. April – Forgiveness
 - viii. May – Tolerance
 - ix. June – Honesty
- c. Green tickets

5. Principal's Award of Excellence

- a. Three times a year each teacher will be able to nominate a student for something that was excellent
- b. Opportunity to share what the child does that is excellent with parents. Principal takes all excellent winners out for lunch

6. Carseland School Goals 2007-2008 School Year

- a. Math – AISI – Maximizing Mathematics

- b. Character Education- Virtues program
 - c. Assessment
7. Technology-
- a. GHSD portal
 - b. Active Board would be more useful in a more used room
 - c. Video Conference Suite we are hoping to get the funding for from GHSD
 - d. Webpage will be up soon.
8. Other items
- a. GHSD will pay for a one year membership for Alberta School Councils' Association.
 - b. Terry Fox Run 1:30 Sept. 26th
 - c. High way Clean up was very successful, thanks to everyone who came out.
9. Extracurricular Events
- a. Swimming Lessons –
 - i. Students pay for lessons
 - ii. Request for School council to pay for busses
 - b. Ski Trip for grade 5/6 (no funding requested)
 - c. Golf lessons this spring
 - i. Grade 4, 5, 6 Students pay for lessons
 - ii. Request for School council to pay for busses
10. Field Trips
- a. Past support from School Council has included \$500 per grade to cover bussing costs as well as admission for all curricular field trips. Request for curricular field trips to be funded again by School Council
11. 100 Klicks prize sponsorship
- a. Approx. \$350 budget item per year
 - b. Request for another year of School Council sponsorship
12. Cultural Events sponsorship
- a. Requested approx. \$800 last year (Cinderella). Mrs. Baillargeon is currently looking for something this year.
 - b. Request for School Council sponsorship

It was discussed that we need to do more fund raising and start right away in order to cover all the wish lists.

Motion –Dahrlyne motioned that we approve the wish list on an as required basis rather than all now as we don't have the funds in place.

2nd Motion – Heather

All in Favor

Passed.

Motion – Yvonne motioned that we pay \$100 of the requested \$350 for Klicks now and then as we get more funds in we can allocate more for it.

2nd Motion – Feather

All in Favor

Passed.

Motion – Sherrie motioned that we give \$200 towards Principals Award of Excellence lunch, and when we have more funds we can allocate more.

2nd Motion – Connie

All in Favor

Passed.

5. Carseland Kids Wellness Coalition – Just a reminder that tickets are on sale for the evening with the Laugh Shop and they will go fast. They have already sold 8 tables and 6 singles. The caterers are Good and Plenty out of Carbon and always have an excellent meal. If any individual or company would like to donate something for the raffle or silent auction it would be gratefully received.

They received \$15000 from Pioneer, \$40,000 from the PB Club, and the Lions Club has pledged \$20,000 - \$30,000 after the casino since there was a lot of volunteers from CKWC.

6. Old Business:

Classroom fan out reps – discussed earlier

Thank you to Agrium – A picture of all the students and a thank you note went to them this summer.

Meet the Teacher Review – There was a good turn out of people and lots of books were sold at the book fair.

7. New Business:

Jelly Bean Dance – October 17 or 23 were the dates suggested for the dance. Mr. Grimsdale will check to see what Mrs. Rogers' hours are.

Halloween – The grade 6 class will put on the carnival in the afternoon again. The Lions club will have hot dogs and Juice and coffee at the hall. There may be games as well, it is yet to be decided.

Remembrance Day Wreath – It was discussed and decided that we had the funds to do this again.

Motion – Connie Motioned that we donate \$35 to purchase a wreath.

2nd Motion – Heather

All in Favor

Passed.

Staff Appreciation Lunch – This is done 2 times a year. We will need a parent for each class as well as 1 for the canteen. Teri and Mr. Grimsdale will decide on a date around the end of November.

Posters – Teri handed out posters that emphasize the great jobs that teachers do.

New Parent Package – Mrs. Gordon will ask Mrs. Tucker if the new parents were given a welcome package or not. Feather will help to get them together if one didn't go out.

Donated Books at the Store – Someone is collecting the money from the store to give to the school but no one is sure who that is or where the money is.

Library Bags – Mrs. Gordon asked if Sherrie could get more library bags for the new students.

Note – Mrs. Zimmerman offered to help in anyway she can to contribute to the fund raising efforts of the school.

Tabs – they will not be collected this year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Next Meeting – November 17, 2008 @ 7:00 PM.