

## **DSPAC Monthly Meeting**

### **Call to order and attendance: 3:32 pm**

Dawn Nikiwski, Brittany Zak, Courtney Gillespie, Niiki Gongaware, Janelle Allison, Breanne Hansen, Deanne Hutchinson, Christina Guynup, Tricia Simpson, Jocelyn Pennock, Amanda Brockhoff

### **Review of Previous Minutes:**

*Adopted as Presented*

### **Trustee Report:**

May was busy, wondering if parents get board highlights (unanimous that we don't), do we want it sent to them? It could be put in parents announcements or on our Facebook page instead.

Approve \$140 million budget: every cent spent along with some from reserves. Focus around the three pillars, Developing a strategic plan to support the three pillars.

Innovations grant: Spruce view got approved for a hydroponic garden \$22 thousand...?

Deanne just completed her governance course through UofC. It was good.

ASBA spring meeting: looking at advocacy, premier attended, minister of education as well. Both did a really good job at answering questions and concerns.

### **Admin Report:**

*Tornado drill: we did one this year and it went really well.*

*Grad went well.*

*FCSS and village have been giving free hot lunches*

*Classes are going on field trips*

*PAT and Diploma start next week. Grade 12 are signed up for an online accelerator course. Its free for Chinook's Edge and it's a prep course for exams. Query: Exam schedule is on the Friday Update...parent request to get the exams sent to parents of those specific kids.*

*Bike rodeo on Monday*

*Thursday k-6 track*

*Last day on the 27th*

*Teachers positions: not ready to announce but names and supply lists will be announced in a Friday update. But we do know that next year there will be two - grade 1 classes and 1 -grade 2 class. Query: Will parents be allowed to request a specific grade one class? No, Mrs. V will make the classes so the classes will be balanced.*

*Back to School BBQ Date ideas: Parents are not interested in coming before school actually starts. Some new families want to come before school starts, and see teachers and their classrooms...but a lot of families might be gone still doing summer activities. Not on the Friday for sure.*

*Powerschool: Some parents cannot see the grades on powerschool. Let Kim know if there are any troubles. Powerschool is for 5-12.*

*Parent Query: Cell phone policy: they are taken and locked up in the morning, they get them back at teachers discretion. The government sent a cell phone response. It had the largest response ever, they are thinking there might be some policy coming down from the government about it. Ontario is piloting a cell phone policy and Alberta is watching. Ontario has said no cell phones, period. A blanket policy at the school would help parents who don't want cell phone use at school.*

*Welding - is going really well. A guest welder is coming on Wednesday*

*Jump start- A free chromebook for students who do courses over the summer. It's for 10-12. If struggling with registration: try using students' CESD account or let Tricia know. The course teaches you how to use a chromebook.*

*ASCE grant: Division called and said we had to use this grant money by the end of the year. Jocelyn will follow up on that with Becky. It's a government grant from*

### **Old Business:**

*Tabled for Nov 2024 meeting: Parent/school council conference*

*Brochure: Still needs to be updated.*

### **New Business:**

We will need a treasurer and secretary for next year; those will be filled in October.

First Meeting in September 17 at 3:30

Back to school BBQ is September 5, meeting before the BBQ is usually helpful. The BBQ was very expensive last year. Coming year we will try and keep the costs low.

AGM October 23 at 3:30

### **Meeting Adjourned: 4:14**

## **DSPAC Financial Meeting:**

### **Call To Order: 4:15**

### **Fundraising:**

*Casino Update: Total amount made: 28,712.00*

*Thought: Could we fill spots or get more casinos if we traveled outside our area?*

### **Treasurer's Report:**

*See Attached*

### **Old Business:**

*Tabled for September meeting: Nikki P was going to look into grants to help pay for the skating program. Or we will charge parents a small amount.*

*Sign Maintenance: Looked at old notes: Warranty for 10 years, it cost 40 thousand dollars. And the plan was the sign was supposed to pay for itself before the warranty ran out but the company folded. That's where we ran into trouble.*

Sponsorship update: Sponsorship is possible, the policy surrounds the recognition of sponsors. We can't have a billboard thanking a donor, term: "appropriate size". There is no policy against selling advertisement space to businesses. Tyler was around when this was happening and he said he would come and help fill in some blanks.

Brittany will look in her stuff and ask Jane if there is any paperwork.

The sign can do 6 slides. The town owns 2 slides. The school has the other 4 slides.

Casino money could pay for it.

Item: Nikki needs to call Stettler, and find out the company name and maybe they will fix ours.

*Online 50/50 decision: The school would like to do that. Jocelyn will connect with Nikki P.*

*Buddy Bench has been ordered and paid for. Waiting for it to come. Do we need to submit anything to the town grant?*

*Brittany will submit the paperwork to the town for the grant spent. Accounting of grant funds form.*

*Financial Audit Update: Will look at doing it in October. Brittany will get Crystal to do it.*

**New Business:**

Looking at doing the vegetable fundraiser and looking at doing it in the fall and spring. Table this item for the September meeting.

**Next Meeting:** September 17 at 3:30

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:40pm