

## Cyril Varney Council – Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 29, 2015

**Time:** 6:00 – 7:35 PM

**Present:** Ron Hodkinson, Janelle Bast, Barb Caskenette, Cynthia Loiselle-Séguin, Lee Anne Jolivet

**Regrets:** Laura Killam

### Elections:

Chair – Cynthia Loiselle-Séguin

Secretary – Barb Caskenette

### Fundraising Plan (with projected revenue):

- Bingo (\$6000), done for 2015. Will need to resubmit applications for 2016.
- Book Fairs (credit with Scholastic for book purchases)
- Lamontagne Catalogue (\$2000), going home with students this week.
- Lamontagne Cookie Dough (\$1500)
- Pizza Days (\$1000), Soup Day (\$1500)
- Test Drive School Partnership (\$2000), Ron to set-up date with dealership

*Last year's revenues:* Pizza \$2176, Walk-a-thon \$2597, Book Fair \$842, Bingo \$5240

*Current Monies (General):* \$12,498, not earmarked for anything (\$1200 must be spent on parent involvement)

*Current Monies (Bingo):* \$8205, has been spent on 25 Chromebooks for use in Junior classrooms, our iPads (30) will be passed onto the Primary classes for their use

Motion to approve plan (Ron), Seconded (Cynthia) – approved

### RDSB Strategic Direction:

All school councils must review the board's Strategic Vision and provide feedback no later than Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. Guiding questions provided, to be returned to Ron by Oct 7<sup>th</sup> to allow for compilation and submission to the board office.

### RDSB Community Planning and Facilities Partnerships:

Document reviewed with council. Any additional comments or input can be made via link on the school's facebook page or with the board office.

Motion to approve policy (Ron), Seconded (Cynthia) – approved

### RDSB Accommodation Review:

Limited discussion carried out by council. Ron will provide link to full document, to allow members time to review. Will discuss and put forward recommendations at next meeting. Community may also provide input, but only school council members will be able to vote on details of the policy.

### Principal's Report:

- Current enrolment is 255, but should be up to 258 by next week. Our numbers were such that we were able to retain our current teachers.
- Dreambox not renewed this year, due to cost vs program usage / effectiveness
- Re-greening of the school yard is complete, thanks in part to our winning the Ugly Playground contest. Trees and a Healing Garden have been planted, play structure and other outdoor items repainted, safety fencing installed between sidewalk and parking lot and across side yard access, and new soccer nets set up. There is still the potential to install fencing on the other side of the parking lot, but it is not a high safety concern. Also hoping to install a picnic table and a couple of benches in the yard.

Council discussed the possibility of installing a "Buddy Bench" in the school yard, explained that it's a brightly coloured bench where children looking for playmates can sit to signal that they want to play, but don't have anyone to play with. Cynthia motions to approve installing a "Buddy Bench", Seconded (Barb) – approved.

Once we have the benches, students will be involved in the painting and be educated on what they mean.

Janelle will look into pricing for 2 benches; 1 for primary grades to create, 1 for junior grades.

- The school has purchased a used stackable washer and dryer for \$650, is being installed in the school.
- Halloween Dance & Book Fair scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>

Other Business:

- Ron provided copy of the dress code policy for our review. Council had brief discussion on how we'd like to see it evolve. To be reviewed further, and discussed / updated at future council meeting. Ron will put out to teachers for input.
- Janelle reports that she's setting up Vision Screening with the Real Canadian Superstore. They will come in and provide full vision testing for all students, and they provide free prescription glasses for children if required. Date to be arranged.

**Next Meeting(s)** Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM  
Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM  
Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

Motion to adjourn (Cynthia), Seconded (Barb) - adjourned