

Vermilion Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2019

- Called to order at 7:04pm
- In attendance: Kathy Crowe, Darcie Maier, Jim King, Calvin Anhorn, Sheila Doherty, Bruce Marriott, Jana Perrault, Dawn Newberry, Heather McRae, Jenna Waltz
- Jana moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Darcie Maier
- Board Report:
 - Mr. Marriott spoke of the “Four Year Engagement Plan”, there will be more engagements/consultations in the spring.
 - Irma School is not yet completed, but hopefully will be in the next few weeks. It’s behind schedule due to weather.
 - International student program is moving forward. Adalee (Assistant Superintendent) is going to Berlin Germany to recruit international students. Billets will be needed if interested. This would bring money and experience to our school division.
- Administrator’s Report:
 - Professional Learning with Tiffany Brown was taken by staff prior to student days. She focuses on concept based learning.
 - Clubs have started, Spirit Club, Cross Country Running Club, and Volleyball clubs for the grade 6 boys and girls at JR Robson
 - Several Grade 6 students will attend We Day - will present at a School Council meeting in the future.
 - Student Enrollment Projections were on target, had to cut 3 IA’s, 1 teacher, and 2 days of FSL per week, new government budget should be ready in the next month.
 - FSL program is discontinued, replaced with SEC (Social Emotional Coaches).
 - Mental Health Professional Coleen Pilkey is still on staff.
 - Changes in staffing - Carmen Thronson is now teaching Kindergarten, Janna McLaughlin moved to grade 1, Mrs. Heinrich is teaching grade 2, and Mrs. Joa is now teaching grade 6.
 - Healthy Schools Initiative - Mrs. Moses will be challenging families to be more physically active, families can send in photos of families being active. More info to come.
 - October Staff Meeting, Healthy Food Initiatives Benchmark Assessment will be presenting our report card, how we can do better.
 - Government Of Alberta has committed to funding the Breakfast Program again this year. This program helps us provide healthy food choices for breakfast for anyone and lunch for those in need.
 - New trees in the playground. Mr. Lloyd Rumboldt planted trees that we bought and the Town of Vermilion kindly watered them over the summer. Grade 6’s will be watering them during the school year.

- Grade 1-4 new curriculum has been put on hold by the government, will continue on with the same curriculum that's been in place.
 - Service Projects will be announced, art for hospital patients. More will be decided upon soon.
 - Grade 3's will do SLAs (Student Learner Assessments) will be given (Pilot Project) to get benchmark information. Likely to become Mandatory in the future.
 - Digital Reporting of Grades, there will be no more traditional report cards, will all be digital. Parents can view at any time on Parent Portal. There are different options available to view on the APP opposed to the website.
 - Money leftover in the budget last year, so we were able to purchase 20 new IPADS, old IPADS will go to Learning Commons.
 - Jack Link's fundraiser will begin October 8th. Beef Jerky options will be available to buy singularly or by the caseload.
- Bouquets: Breakfast and lunch programs are great, staff are so friendly, lots of smiles. Loves that Board Members and Admin all get together to talk about what is going on. Appreciation for the teachers taking on the Clubs.
 - Other:
 - Kathy looking for input on what kind of topics and speakers we want this year.
 - One meeting will include speakers differentiating SEC, VIBE and the Mental Health Professional
 - Adjournment - 7:54pm
 - Next meeting will be the AGM October 21, 2019 at 7pm. We are looking for new members to join the School Council as executive officers (co-chair, treasurer, secretary).