

Tofield School Council Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2024

Attendees: Lisa Priestly, Heidi Fisher, Jessica Woodruff, Alana Kropielnicki, Zenovia Lazaruik, Jennifer Erick, Mark Chanasyk, Leanne Strilchuk, Stacey Hawkins, Trina.

1. **Call to Order:** 6:40pm
2. **Approval of Agenda** - Motioned by Heidi F., 2nd by Leanne S. Passed.
3. **Approval of Minutes** from January meeting - Motioned by Alana K., 2nd by Stacey K. Passed.
4. **Old Business** - still no response from the rep of LifeTouch photography. He was sent the link to this meeting tonight.
5. **Principal's Report**
 - a) **Bell schedule change** - There was an error with the program used to calculate instructional time when the bell schedule was created in the first semester, resulting in a shortfall of minutes. As a result a change to the schedule was needed, A little earlier start, shorter breaks, and a few minutes longer for the school day. We have appreciated everyone's understanding and flexibility. Checks have been put into place so that this doesn't happen again.
 - b) **Staffing needs** - meetings are starting with the Division to address what staffing needs the school will have for next year (in particular, support staff.)
 - c) **Division Calendar** - Next year's calendar is out. PD days will be on Fridays. Early dismissal days have been eliminated.
 - d) **Diploma results** - Diploma exam marks have come in, and students showed solid results.
 - e) **Permission Forms**- electronic permission forms are up and running for the second semester. It's all new, but we are working through things with the help of our office staff and it will get better.
 - f) **School Council Community Grant** - We have \$500 through this grant to do something to promote school council. Ideas are needed. Please submit any that you may have. Last year we had the group, Joe Talks come in to address social media. This brought parents into the school and we were able to promote the school council. Mrs. Lazaruik is constantly inviting people to pop in and talk, call or email. She wants to hear from parents and community members. School newsletter readership is about 300+ and people are spending 4-6 minutes reading.
6. **Trustee Report** - Lisa read the following report from Lyle:

"The board has taken recommendations from the consultant on the boundary review and put it out for people to look over and provide feedback before any decisions are made. The new office renovations are nearing completion and the division hopes to start moving offices out of the old buildings and begin the consolidation process in March. The Edwin parr committee is working on the candidates and will have names to forward for the zone shortly. We have been recruiting bus drivers across the division to help with the shortages and have had good success on obtaining some new drivers."

We await the budget announcement next week to see how it will affect the funding model for the future"

7. **Staff Report by Alana Kropielnicki** - (attachment 1)
8. **Student Report** - (relayed by Mrs. Lazaruik) SAAVY meeting was held Feb 9th at Hay Lakes. Students participated in some indigenous education, including a blanket exercise. Our student reps commented they wished they had known some of this earlier. Other topics presented were: Good Leaders follow their belief, personal leadership goals and learning styles. There is a new middle school SAAVY group and Tori and Desmond will be representatives for that meeting.
9. **New Business** - Lisa received an email from a student asking why SlidesGo was blocked from the school network as he had used it in the past for presentations. It was determined that the terms of service say that users must be at least 18 years to use it. She will relay it back to the student.
10. **Meeting adjourned. at 7:24pm.**
Next meeting March 27th, 2024.

Attachment 1

Parent Council meeting Feb 21/24 Teacher report

Sport Tournaments at Tofield School this Year

1. Junior High Girls and Boys Volleyball Tournament (Oct)
2. Junior High Girls Volleyball Divisionals (Nov)
3. Junior High Girls Volleyball Regionals (Nov)
4. Junior High Girls and Boys Basketball Tournament (Dec)
5. Senior High Girls and Boys Quint School Basketball Tournament (Feb)
6. (Upcoming) Junior High Golf Regionals (May)

Basketball

Basketball is running smoothly. Seems like the season is going by very quickly. Basketball seasons for all teams will be done in March and then the next sport is Badminton.

Our Junior High Boys Basketball team finished second after league play and have advanced to Regionals in Forestburg, first weekend of March.

Our Junior High Girls Basketball team finished fourth after league play and have advanced to Regionals in Bashaw, first weekend of March.

This year we had a Senior High Boys Junior Varsity Basketball team. First time ever at our school. They have played a couple of exhibition games.

Our Annual Senior High Quint School Basketball tournament went very well again this year. Our Senior High Boys team finished with a Bronze medal.

Both of our Senior High Basketball Teams have advanced to Zones, we just don't know where they are yet because some leagues are not finished.

Thank you very, very much to our basketball Coaches this year.

Junior High Girls

Coach: Tanis Miller

Assistant Coach: Carrie Le Blanc

Junior High Boys

Coach: John Blades

Assistant Coach: Brad Regehr

Senior High Girls

Coach: Val Rickett

Assistant Coach: Ericka Rickett

Senior High Boys

Coach: Tobias Schmuecker

Assistant Coach: Damien McLeod

Senior High Boys Junior Varsity

Coach: Eve Koloski

Assistant Coaches: Jen Hill and Kaden Doerksen

Physical Education

Our grade 5 and 6 classes are going skating to the Tofield Arena. 4 Times each. We are taking a bus to and from the Arena for the very first time. Usually the students would walk to and from the arena. Ice rental is: \$121.00 per hour and then the Ag Society pays for an hour.

CTS/CTF

We have a new course for the CTF 9 complementray class this quarter called **Digital Creations**. Students are exploring the world of electronics and micro systems. Students are currently learning coding to create digital messaging or communicating on a circuit board.

We have a high school student rehearsing for the REgional Skills competition and will represent Tofield School in April amongst student from all over the north east region of Alberta,

Cake Walk Information: March 11-15

The grade 5 and 6 classes will be holding a Cake Walk Fundraiser from March 11-15 from 11:45 AM to 12:15 PM in the learning commons. We would love to hear from any families that are able to and willing to donate a cake to be raffled off. If you have more than one child in grades 5 and 6, please do not feel that you need to make a cake for each child. A family cake would be lovely! **This is on a voluntary basis only.** The funds raised will go towards subsidizing elementary field trip fees and bussing costs.

Upcoming Ski and Snowboard Trips to Rabbit Hill happening in March for Senior high, Junior high and Elementary

