

Tofield School Council Meeting Minutes

Nov 7, 2024

Attendees: Lisa Priestly, Zenovia Lazaruik, Alana Kropielnicki, Jessica Woodruff, Stacey Hawkins, Leann Strilchuk, Megan Appleby, Lyle Albrecht, Tara Cunnings, Jennifer Erick, Karen Gartner, Cassandra Lundbeck.

1. **Call to Order:** 6:30pm
2. **Approval of Agenda** - Motioned by Leann S., seconded by Alana K.
3. **Approval of Minutes** - Motioned by Stacey H., seconded by Tara C.
4. **Old Business - from FoTSS**

Lisa shared details of potential fundraiser with Jake's Spices. 3-pack of spices sells for \$15, \$5 profit. Discussion about trying this before Christmas and seeing how it goes.

Casino Paperwork has cleared and is ready to go.

Grad Account was set up. The \$2000 from BVJ was deposited. Tara has other funds collected that need to be deposited as well.

5. **Principal's Report**

- a) **Education Plan Review** - Discussion on the Alberta Education school plan review, emphasizing the importance of community input.
- b) **BRSD digital diplomas** - BRSD is moving ahead with the transition to digital diploma exams for English 30-1 and 30-2 in January and social studies 30-1 and 30-2 in June. Digital option allows for exams to have an easy "read aloud" option without having the need to for finding EAs to read. Leann asked "Will paper copies still be an option?" Zen will find out.
- c) **PAT/Diploma Exam schedule** - exam schedule was sent out in the newsletter. PATs are later in January than usual as requested by BRSD to have more instructional time before exams.
- d) **BRSD Farewell** - The use of this term will go forward again this year as it is more equitable and inclusive of all Grade 12 students.
- e) **FoTSS Tofield School Wish List**- Zen shared a wish list from staff, including uniforms, tech tubs, chromebooks, as well as a 2nd Gaga Pit; however, there has been an offer from a parent who is willing to donate material and build it. Leann asked if the wood on the playground can just be replaced, if that's the issue or does it need to be a full playground replacement. Zen thinks probably not, but will check.
- f) **Bill 27 and Bill 29**- These bills on the use and notification of alternate pronouns and identification by students, and fairness, safety and inclusivity in sport were introduced Oct 31, 2024. If these bills pass, they will not go into effect until Sept 2025. Zen has copies of the bills if people are interested.

6. Trustee Report by Lyle Albrecht

Lyle shared the highlights from the last board meeting which can be found at this link:

<https://www.brsd.ab.ca/download/472415>

7. Staff Report by Alana Kropielnicki - (attachment 1)

8. Student Report - New SAVY students this year are Alyssia M. and Cale H.

Alyssia was able to attend the first meeting on Oct 30th. There were ice breakers to get to know each other. Students were given data that was analyzed and interpreted and then participated in problem solving activities.

9. Elections - A motion was made by Leann to keep the current School Council board as presently constituted. Stacey seconded the motion. PASSED

10. Adjournment: 7:08pm.

Next meeting December 5, 2024 @ 6:30pm.

See Attachments on next page.

Attachment 1

School Council Nov 7/24 Staff report:

Athletics:

Junior High Boys Volleyball

Our Junior High Boys Volleyball team finished in first place after league play and as a result they hosted the East Division Playoffs, an all day Tournament at Tofield School on: Monday, October 28th.

Teams: Holden, Ryley, Forestburg, Sedgewick, Killam and Tofield.

1st-Tofield

2nd-Holden

3rd-Forestburg

Our Junior High Boys Volleyball Team won the East Division Playoffs and as a result they hosted the Battle River School Division Championships, an all day Tournament at Tofield School on: Tuesday, November 5th.

Teams: New Norway, Bawlf, Forestburg, Holden, OLMP and Tofield.

1st - New Norway

2nd - OLMP

3rd - Bawlf

4th - Tofield

Senior High Boys Volleyball

Our Senior High Boys Volleyball Team had a very busy month of October.

The boys were involved in league play and also went to 4 tournaments

October 5 and 6 - New Norway Tournament

October 18 and 19 - Stettler Tournament

October 25 and 26 - Cornerstone and Hay Lakes Tournament

November 1 and 2 - Vermillion Tournament

After League play our boys finished in 3rd place with wins over WHS and Blessed Sacrament Schools, both from Wainwright.

The boys will be practicing over the November Break as they will be heading to the Central Zone Championships on the November 15th and 16th weekend. The location of Zones is still TBA.

Thank you to the parent's for driving to league and tournament games.

Big Thank you to Mrs. Stephanie Hosker for being our team's Assistant Coach and Manager.

Thank you to our Volleyball coaches this year:

Grade 7 and 8 Girls Volleyball: Adam Madsen

Junior High Girls Volleyball: Diana Woode and Sarah Berglund

Junior High Boys Volleyball: Kaden Doerksen and Kyle Sieben

Senior High Girls Volleyball: Leann Strilchuk, Sharnelle Umphrey and Nav Dhillon

Senior High Boys Volleyball: Stephanie Hosker, Allan Broemeling and Marcel Flasha

Basketball

Basketball Season is getting closer and closer.

Coaches for this year are:

Junior High Girls: Tanis Miller and Carrie LeBlanc

Junior High Boys: John Blades and Brad Regehr

Senior High Girls: Val Rickett

Senior High Boys: Tobias Schmuecker

Please be aware of Basketball sign-up sheets around the school.

Elementary Cake Walk Fundraiser

Monday, November 25 to Friday, November 29

The Grade 5 and 6 students are holding a Cake Walk Fundraiser for 5 days (November 25-29) from 12:00 PM to 12:20 PM in the learning commons. For \$1, you may enter for the chance to win a cake. You may buy as many chances as you wish. Entrants will receive one number per dollar spent. We will then use a random number generator to choose a number, and the entrant with the winning number, wins that cake. Thank you for your support! *Money raised for elementary field trips*

Travel Club

The travel club has just wrapped up our first fundraiser. Students sold Rolling Hills Coffee. Nine students participated and stunned the organizers with how much money they raised! There will be several more fundraisers starting soon. Students will be starting their course TOU 1910 in the second semester and traveling to Italy in March. We have 19 participants and 4 teachers going. The last day to sign up is November 30.

Grade 6 Social Studies

6C and 6N are piloting the new social studies curriculum. Part of this curriculum involves students comparing which document had the greatest impact on modern democracy; The Magna Carta, Bill of Rights or Habeas Corpus . Students had a debate where they listened to others and respectfully argued their opinions. They exceeded their teacher's expectations! Their leadership, confidence and willingness to learn was on full display.

The Grade 5 classes enjoyed a virtual presentation from a Constable in Aklavik, Northwest Territories. He shared insights about his experiences working in the Arctic Circle, discussed Inuit culture, and recounted a fascinating case solved during the Holiday Season in Aklavik.

Today our grade 5 classes attended the Royal Alberta Museum in downtown Edmonton. There they learned about Natural and Human History, along with the special gallery of a

lost empire of Cambodia. As well as the Bug gallery and some students were brave enough to pet a Tarantula!

Tomorrow is our Remembrance Day ceremony in the gym at 10:30 am for our whole school to attend. Many students will be involved in wreath laying, candle lighting, artwork displayed and reciting of Flanders Fields.

The grade 5 and 6 classes learned about Farm and Recreation Safety yesterday.