

LGS School Council Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2012.

Those in Attendance: Janet McKnight, Dave Cambridge, Robyn Oulette, Lori Leitch, Paula McLachlan, Jody Freeland, Maryanne Derka, Laura Pasay

Meeting called to order @ 6:34

Minutes of last meeting (September 18, 2012) – Paula had with her, but no copies and therefore will be carried forward and be accepted at the next meeting.

New Business

Budget – tabled until last.

Transportation update – busing declined from transportation. Parents will be required to drive or car pool their children from Grimshaw to Berwyn School.

Treasurer's Report

1 FT Aide position being paid out of the school budget. All others are paid under PUF funding.

3 FT Teaching Staff remain, due to cutbacks (low enrollment). Ms. Kathy Kielly's employment at the school has ended, leaving Ms. McKnight to teach the grade 1 and 2 split class. Mrs. McCann remains the grade 3 and 4 teacher, and Mr. Cambridge to teach the grades 5, 6, and 7.

Correspondence – none to discuss

Members Discussion

Discussed writing letters in support of the school, low enrollment, and possible closure of school in future. Some members feel a common interest is needed before a letter writing campaign gets started. Some parents concerned with losing Junior High at Lloyd Garrison specifically grade 9 students, some parents concerned with transportation to and from Grimshaw. Council advised to write to school trustees before taking it to the superintendent.

Alberta Education conducting a Tool Kit Review. Review committee coming to school, October 15- 18th. Council will wait on Review Committee's written recommendations before tabling any discussion.

Adjournment:

Adjourned council at 7:45

Society meeting called to order at 7:46

Maryanne motioned to 'reset' budget to include last year's motion regarding computer monitors being paid for but not received, to reflect present budget without including the cost, as well as purchase iPads instead.

Motion seconded by Laura.

All accept, all in favour.

\$27 157.83 is in Casino account, to last council 2 years. Lori motioned to set aside half (\$13,600) for next year, motion seconded by Mary, ALL in favor.

\$17,256.28 (\$8066.00 in General Account + \$13,561.55 in Casino account Budget for 2012)

Lori motioned to pass off the Community Calendars Fundraiser to playschool if they are interested as there is a lot of work and little pay off. Discussed work involved. Motion 2nd by Laura. ALL in favor, all accept unanimously.

Janet motioned for \$1900 from last year's budget to go towards 5 more iPads vs Computer monitors that were paid for but not ordered. Plus \$100 from this budget, to total \$2000. 2nd by Laura. ALL in favor, unanimous.

Ms. McKnight to get back to council regarding admission cost to Valley Zoo for Year End fieldtrip. PAC to pay for bus and kids to fundraise for admission costs.

\$17,260 to spend (includes breakfast program \$3660.00)
+ \$100 – get iPads instead of Computer monitors (\$1990 paid last year)

\$978.50 - AR subscription – Tabled for more information

End of May Fieldtrip – Jurassic Project site east of Edmonton, Legislature Bldg tour, Valley Zoo, Children's Festival for 2 – 3 days (projected \$2500 for bus/gas/driver)

\$3500 – busing-swimming, field trip to Edmonton

\$ - Destination Imagination – tabled

- Possible Provincials in Calgary

\$1,000 – Telus World of Science – tabled

- Valley Zoo Admission – tabled

\$1100 - (\$925 +GST) Alberta Opera (to book for Nov – Dec) Tabled; Janet to get info on booking and cancellation fee.

\$7500 – \$10,000 - QUEST – Tabled; Janet to get info on booking and cancellation fee, and will apply for AFA grant to cover 75% of cost. Maryanne volunteered to try to get sponsorship to cover the \$2500 remaining.

(+) \$200 for bulletin board borders, etc.

(+) \$3000 – Music program

(+) \$600 – T-Shirts 60@\$10

\$1500 – for Library books - tabled.

\$300 - \$900 – CanLit Books Subscription for Library – tabled to get more information from Penny.

\$200 – Childcare for Council Meetings (\$20/month)

Requested \$600 Portable whiteboards for K and ½ Classrooms

\$1800 (\$450 per class x 4) classrooms to purchase whiteboards from their \$ if they choose.

\$3400 remaining

Next meeting; November 14th

2nd Wednesday of the Month.