

ÉCOLE DICKINSFIELD  
SCHOOL COUNCIL  
February 16, 2017

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Present:	Michelle Preville-Hall	Dana Wigle	Theresa Rogers
	Suman Kaur	Paul Smith	Sabrina Watson
	Thomas Andrews	Melissa Manolescu	Luana Donahue
	Erin Keca		

**1. 2. Call To Order, Introductions, Agenda, and Minutes:**

a. Call to Order: 6:37 p.m. (Quorum Was Met)

b. Agenda and Minutes:

Motion: **To accept agenda.**

Moved and seconded. *Theresa and Luana*

Motion: **To accept Minutes from January 19, 2017**

Moved and Seconded: *Luana and Dana*

**3. Standing Items:**

**a. Health and Wellness/Apple School Update**

- Thomas gave brief update of the Ever Active Schools conference he attended at the end of January. He also updated about the grade 5 and 6 students who attended the Healthy Active School Symposium (HASS). Students who attended came back with a priority for mental health. The students would like to start doing a random act of kindness campaign.
- Melissa received an email from Natali Levasseur (District Psychologist). She would like to attend our School Council meeting in March with Shannon Noble (Assistant Superintendent) to see if they can better support parent needs.

**b. Leader in Me**

- The school put on a leadership night on February 15<sup>th</sup> and it was well attended. It was student-led so the students participated as greeters at the door, public speaking and tour guides. Emphasis was on literacy, numeracy, apple school and green school. Administration received very positive feedback about the evening. Comments: communicate more to parents what it is actually about and how the students participate, and provide a staff contact on student sign-up sheets.

**4. Old Business**

**a. Operating Guidelines/Code of ethics for School Council**

- A well put together document on operating procedures for Ecole Dickinsfield School Council. Thank you to Melissa, Maryse, Luana and Erin for making time to do this. One minor change to term for 1-E. Change "School Community" to "Members at Large".

Motion: **To adopt Operating Procedures with change to 1E**

Moved and Seconded: *Theresa and Sabrina*

*All in Favour*

**b. Networks Rep**

- It would be beneficial to rotate the person attending the monthly Networks meeting at District office. It can be overwhelming to have someone commit to going every month but by taking turns we can still bring the info back to School Council without burning out our volunteers. Next one is March 6<sup>th</sup>. Theresa and/or Sabrina will attend.

- Michelle and Paul attended February Networks meeting. Meeting discussion included: proposal of alternative school calendar with 11 months of school and longer mid-term breaks, and need to increase the number of trustees on school board.

## 5. New Business

### a. ASCA Conference and AGM

- Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) is holding a conference coming up April 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> in Edmonton. District pays for the registration fee for 2 people from each school. Our Parent Association Council (PAC) will reimburse travel and hotel. Theresa and Desiree indicated an interest in attending on behalf of School Council. Asking if anyone else might be interested in going. As school funds are used cover costs and all members (which is all parents) are eligible to go, the question should be raised to all parents to find out if anyone else might be interested in attending. If more than 2 people from our school would like to attend, can they pay their own way? Theresa will email ASCA and let Melissa know. An email invite will be sent out to all parents. All parents attending must attend March School Council meeting. Registration is only paid for 2 people, and only one person is eligible to vote (obligated to carry the vote on behalf of our school council). The ASCA AGM Issue Resolutions will be emailed to all members in attendance at this meeting (it is also available on the ASCA website) and our vote for each resolution will be discussed and decided in the March meeting.

### b. Calendar for 2017/2018

- Would like to develop a paper calendar similar to the one that went out for the 2015/2016 school year. Both PAC and Paul agreed to fund the calendar.

Motion: **To create a subcommittee to organize and produce the 2017/2018 parent calendar.**

Moved and Seconded: *Luana and Melissa*  
*All in Favour*

Subcommittee Members: Include, but not limited to, Sabrina, Theresa and Michelle.

### c. Parking and Safe Use of Crosswalks

- Jaywalkers and crosswalk parking is an ongoing issue. Thomas will contact Bylaw to discuss general school zone safety, including the possibility of installing a flashing crosswalk sign. Administration will put out extra pylons near the crosswalk to try to keep people from parking too close to the crosswalk.

### d. Communication About School Events

- Deferred due to time constraints.

## 6. Reports

### a. Principal

- Mme Danielle's (Grade 2) classroom has a leaking roof. Renovations may take up to 3 weeks. Alternate plans for the class have been made and storage for stuff has been resolved.

### b. Parent Association

- It would be beneficial for the two groups to be in attendance of each other's meetings. Next PAC meeting is March 6 at 9:15am in PAC room. Melissa will attend.

## 7. Meeting Dates

- March 16, 2017

- May 18, 2017
- June 15, 2017

**Adjourned 8:39pm**