

H.J. Cody School Council
Establishment Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2011

7:00 PM, School Library

Call To Order: 7:01 pm Tracy Villeneuve acting chair

Welcome and Introductions: Attendance: Dave Elwood, Jas Payne, Tracy Villeneuve, JoeAnne Knispel-Matejka, Alexis Tucker, Trisha Schmitz, Tracey Lynn, Bonnie Branton, Lori Johanson, Gerrie Friesen, Shelly Suggett, Linda Wagers and Sherry Erichson

Approval of Agenda: presented and approved, addition of Linda Wagers, Gerrie Friesen and Sherry Erichson

Administration Report:

Jas Payne spoke to the issue of the school wanting to start a school council for some time but due to the administrative changes it was not possible until this year and was happy to see a large turnout and interest shown in the formation of this council

Dave Elwood gave an update on happenings at the school:

7 new teachers

current registration around 640 students

talked about communication between parents and the school, advises that a monthly mark list will be going home with the students to be signed and returned to the school

first Professional Development Day is this Friday for staff with a focus on Special Education

Discussion and approval of By-Laws:

Jas Payne read the by-laws aloud and there was some discussion regarding necessary changes. Changes required were noted and will be discussed further at the Annual General Meeting next month.

Gerrie Friesen motioned to have by-laws approved as presented, Trisha Schmitz seconds. Bylaws approved.

Elections:

For the position of Secretary, Sherry Erichson nominates Trisha Schmitz, Shelly Suggestt seconds, Trisha accepts.

For the position of Vice Chairperson, Alexis Tucker nominates Tracy Villeneuve, Sherry Erichson seconds, Tracy accepts.

For the position of Chairperson, Shelly Suggestt nominates Sherry Erichson, Alexis Tucker seconds, Sherry accepts.

Discussion of the Formation of a Fundraising Society:

Jas Payne expresses an interest that the school would like to move in this direction in order to obtain non profit status and be eligible to apply to work a casino. Carried forward to Annual General Meeting next month.

Other:

Gerrie Friesen raised an issue regarding that there is no yearbook for students at the school other than the graduating class. It was felt that it should be something available to all students. Jas will discuss with Mr. Tuck who looks after the Graduation Year Book and this will be discussed again at a future meeting.

Linda Wagers a teacher with the school, presented the SUTP Coupon Books she is spearheading the sales of for a student trip to Japan and for her Outdoor Education class to raise funds for equipment and field trips. Books may be purchased from Linda, Gerrie or they are available at the office. Cost is \$20.00

Linda also presented information from Hunting for Tomorrow regarding Provincial Hunting Day, to be held, Saturday, September 24, 2011. She advises that as part of her Outdoor Education class she offers the student an opportunity to receive their Hunter Training Certificate at a reduced cost from the online or privately offered courses.

Alexis Tucker raised the issue of communication between parents and the school, Dave advised that the first newsletter will be going out this week, can be received by e-mail by registering with the office or hard copies will be available as well

Sherry Erichson asked a question regarding the bus the school owns and the issue of parent drivers transporting children to off campus school events. Dave advises that the bus was vandalized last year and the parent driver form is school board policy. Offered to discuss further outside of this meeting.

Sherry Erichson raised an issue of some problems occurring in the hallways with the Grade 9 students and a concern for safety. Dave and Jas asked that this be discussed further outside of this meeting.

Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting, October 25th, 2011, 7 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 PM