

District Council of School Councils

MINUTES – January 14, 2015

Present: Heather Smith-Schenkey, Terrie Chapdelaine, Marcie Moore, Amanda Kenny, Dr. Henderson, Carolyn Freeman, Jennifer Lanctot, Treva Heron, Shannon Nelson, Rebeca Rothfus
Guests: Dean Brandt, Andrew McFetridge, Linda Johnston, Darla Fauth

Action To Be Taken

1.0 Call to order

- Heather Smith-Schenkey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2.0 Presentation: Education Foundation Telethon

Dean Brandt, Andrew McFetridge, and group

(10 minute presentation)

The 21st Annual Public Education Foundation Telethon will be held on **March 8, 2015**. The purpose of the Telethon is to serve as a platform for children and educators to show the good work and innovative projects they've been doing, reflect the talents of students, as well as raising funds to go back into Public Education. This year the theme is "Great Things are Happening in SD76".

Telethon will be aired on **SHAW cable from 2 – 6 pm**

•Pledge line is **403 526 0726**

•Phone-in pledges encouraged

3.0 Presentation: Alberta Health Services Vaccination Initiatives and Head Lice Protocol

Linda Johnston/Darla Fauth

(25 minute presentation and 10 minute discussion)

For presentation summary, refer to attached handouts: 1) Immunization, 2) Head Lice, 3) Head Lice: Who's Responsibility Are They?, 4) Head Lice – Detection Combing

Alberta Health Services best practice guidelines were reviewed for management of Head Lice and Immunizations. Of note to parents: no child will ever be immunized without parent/guardian consent. Each school has an assigned AHS nurse from Community Health, who can be contacted by parents for information and or presentations.

School representatives are to contact their Principals to encourage students and their families to phone in with pledges. Any pledge amount welcome.

4.0 Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Amanda Kenny

(20 minute presentation)

Amanda reported on the 2014 conference. She offers all handouts she collected at the conference to share with those requesting them (please contact her). Amanda highlighted some exciting opportunities seen provincially that SD76 Councils may be interested in, including:

- Grant opportunities: add a committee to your school council to watch Grant opportunities to access them when offered
- Tool boxes to build strong School Councils
- Healthy Eating Programs e.g. Apple Program

Amanda strongly urges schools to send a member to the conference. She feels it is a positive experience and the abundance of information provided will undoubtedly benefit your school. This is our opportunity to voice comments to the Minister of Education. The School Board has paid for the schools' memberships in their support of our participation.

DCOSC supports sending a representative again this year, with expectations they will also report back and share information. **Anyone who is interested should forward their name to Heather Smith-Schenkey by February 13, 2015.** If more than one person is interested, a draw will determine the participant.

Interested members wishing to attend as the DCOSC representative, email your interest TO HEATHER by Feb 13th

Members are encouraged to fundraise within their schools to provide at least one parent from their school the opportunity to participate in the 2015 ASCA Conference/AGM. (Note: All parents are welcome to attend if they are able and willing to pay registration and other associated costs)

5.0 Trustee Comments - Carolyn Freeman

The Board of Trustees are public servants with a commitment to support School Councils. Please approach your trustee with suggestions on how they can better provide this service.

6.0 Superintendent's Report – Dr. Grant Henderson

The District continues to focus on improved learning through enhanced instruction, cooperative learning, and inspiring education. There is a District initiative of "Understanding by Design" that about 75 educators participated in. They worked on a pilot project focusing on instruction, curriculum, and assessment.

7.0 Future Meeting Dates

- DATE CHANGE to **March 11th, 2015** at 7:00 pm

8.0 Approval of Minutes November 19th, 2014

Minutes were approved as circulated. Accepted by Amanda, seconded by Rebecca.

9.0 Motion to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by Heather Smith-Schenkey at 8:46 pm.