

## District Council of School Councils

MINUTES – March 11th, 2015

**Present:** Dr. Henderson, Heather Smith-Schenkey, Terrie Chapdelaine, , Amanda Kenny, Rebeca Rothfus, Carolyn Freeman, Shannon Nelson, Jennifer Lanctot, and Alana Durbeniuk,

**Regrets** Nadia Delanoy (guest), Marcie Moore

### Action To Be Taken

#### **1.0 Call to order**

Meeting was called to order by Heather Smith-Schenkey at 7:04 pm

#### **2.0 Adoption of January 14th, 2015 minutes**

Minutes were adopted by Amanda Kenny, seconded by Rebeca Rothfus.

#### **3.0 Presentation: Google Drive and Google Apps for Education** (Dr. Henderson for Nadia Delanoy, Director of Programs and Instruction) (20 min)

The District is currently using Google Drive and Google Apps for Education to allow students and teachers share and collaborate on line. The District Chrome Book Pilot is currently underway, with positive feedback from users. The District Technical Advisory Committee is working to build capacity, proving to be an effective means to distribute and collect student work. Dr. Henderson presented the “Google Classroom” video and demonstrated the ability to filter searches for different learning needs.

Discussion (10 min):

Benefits of supporting literature using technical tools discussed.

#### **4.0 Trustee Comments** (Carolyn Freeman):

The attendees were encouraged to provide feedback to the school board trustees for “what works and what can be changed”.

The Provincial Education Budget will be released on March 26, 2015, with predictions of a lean education budget. The District will prioritize spending, focusing on maximum student benefit.

Telethon was successful, although not generating as many funds as in the past.

Discussion around poor participation in the Accountability Pillars survey was discussed, with suggestions that an on-line option is considered. This is a provincial initiative that the District cannot independently change.

**5.0 Superintendent's Report (Grant Henderson)**

The District's goals and accomplishments are determined by the Ministerial Order on Student Learning. This includes "The Three E's – Engaged, Ethical, and Entrepreneurial" competencies. The focus remains on literacy and numeracy. SD76 has made great strides in teaching using Instructional Intelligence, TRIBES, and Cooperative Learning. The District is reflecting on ways to measure success in these areas.

Dr. Henderson extended the District's gratitude to School Councils for Telethon contributions.

**7.0 Next Meeting Date**

**Wednesday, October 14, 2015 7:00 pm**

**8.0 Alberta School Councils' Association Spring Conference and AGM**

Shannon Nelson will attend as the DCOSC representative. She will provide a verbal report in October, 2015. Report will include a review of the courses Shannon participated in, as well as sharing information for parent councils to use.

**9.0 Motion to Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned by Heather Smith-Schenkey at 8:05 pm.