

Valhalla Community School  
School Council  
Minutes January 05 2016

**Attendees:** Anna Odd, Sarah Miller, Shellie McLean, Steve Mumert, Sara Morales, Cindy Mumert

Called to order: 7:04pm

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

Teresa Boucher read the minutes from last meeting

**Teresa Boucher made a motion to accept minutes as amended, Anna Odd second AIF carried**

**Reports**

**Teacher Report (Cindy Mumert)**

Cindy reported that the instruction of French to the grade one and two's has been super fun and they are doing very well, and taking it in very quickly. Working on getting the Junior High to take it more seriously. She stated that working with Ms. Lewis has been very rewarding, sharing ideas and helping each other.

Cindy also talked about the peer teaching/conferencing has been very helpful to the staff, giving each other ideas and feedback.

**Treasurers Report (Sara Morales)**

Balance on account: \$7737.33

Detailed report was given, see attached paper

**Anna Odd made a motion to accept the report as read, Teresa Boucher second it AIF carried**

**Principal Report ( Steve Mumert)**

Alberta Education Accountability surveys are being sent out. One will be sent out with each family. Steve stressed how important it is that these surveys be filled out and sent back as soon as possible. They have a huge impact on our school and reflect how well the school is doing. The school's Facebook page will also display

this information and reminder letters with information on them will go home with each student.

Sarah Miller suggested having parents aware that they can contact the school if they have any questions from the survey.

## **Board Report**

Nothing to report at this time

## **Old Business**

Christmas Concert:

Ideas were brought up as to how and improve the concert such as:

\*Build a detailed volunteer list with the specific names and specific jobs on it.

Teresa Boucher and Sarah Miller will design a list in the near future and have ready before the next concert

\*Have a detailed list also for the Potluck lunch. Have it all laid out with times for the jobs, how many people per job and names

\*Discussed that Anna Odd continue to do her phoning for volunteers for these lists and to do a follow up with a phone call to remind each volunteer

\*Sarah Miller suggested a "couch raffle". This would be selling tickets beginning of December for people to have a chance to sit in the VIP section during the concert and have front row comfy seating. Sarah Miller suggested doing a trial run of the couch idea for the spring fling concert and maybe getting an afghan donated to make the couch a real cozy place.

\*Suggestion was brought up of possibly putting the silent auction items in the hallway rather than in the gym during the concert, possibly use desks to put auction items on.

Valhalla Heritage Society:

The Valhalla Heritage Society owns the school's building. Teresa Boucher suggested going to the society and asking them about joining together for possible grants. For example: taking "x" amount of dollars to the society to put towards a new sound system, putting in for a grant and potentially doubling the money. Expectations would need to be drawn up in regards to usage and having trained people to run the system.

**Teresa Boucher made a motion to approach the Valhalla Heritage Society and see if they are interested in matching our donation of \$3000 to apply for a grant**

**to go towards a new sound system for the school, Anna Odd second it, AIF carried.**

Sound System:

The quote for the a new sound system including the training from Heartbeat Productions is \$14,465.45.

The Playground Committee has approximately \$8000 in their “slush” funds. Brandy Skaksen and Teresa Boucher are wondering about possibly donating some towards the new sound system.

Payment for the sound tech and rental of the system and head set plus the training for Steve Mumert of Teresa Boucher is \$220.50

**Anna Odd made a motion to pay the \$220.50 to Heartbeat Productions and any donations that come in afterwards to be deposited into account, Teresa Boucher second it, AIF carried**

Drink station:

The new and improved drink station during the Christmas Concert was very well received. Shellie McLean suggested that for events like this the 100 cup coffee pot needs to be used for regular coffee and the smaller ones be used for the spiced coffee. RL Johnson donated all the products and supplies for the drink station which totalled \$295.83. Idea was suggested to find a donor each year for the drink station supplies. Anna Odd is going to look into the new style water cooler/water fountain units that some schools are using.

Thank you Cards:

Sarah Miller suggested ideas for putting inside the donor cards. For example, pictures of the donations.

There were 67 donors that need thank you cards. One donors item was forgotten in the silent auction so it was decided to use it for a door prize in the Spring Fling. There was \$111 in cash donations that will also get thank you cards.

Teresa Boucher and Sarah Miller will write up what’s to be in the cards and will run it by Steve Mumert and Anna Odd before finalized.

Anna Odd will do a thank you to IGA in the newsletter and the Junior High students will do a thank you card for the IGA.

## **New Business**

Public speaking competition is February 05, 2016

Discussion on whether to have a drink station at this event, it was decided to just have regular coffee, juice and tea for this event. Anna Odd suggested having a babysitter for this evening.

Anna Odd needs a list of events coming up in the next 4 months to be able to start phoning parents for volunteers.

Jimmy the Janitor has been SOLD OUT!

**Next meeting is February 2, 2016 @ 7:00pm**

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:37 by A. Odd, second by Cindy Mumert AIF carried**