

## ERHS Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Monday September 17, 2018 at ERHS room 110 at 6:30 pm.

In attendance Barb Arend, Karen Garber, Rachelle Miller, Dakota Ruschkowski, Sydney Hacke, Caylee Orosz, Theresa Thompson, Diana Snow, Vicki Losey, Bobbie Garber, Stacey Dietrich, Stephanie McNeely, Terra McCulloch, Connie Robertson, Elise Walker, Carol and Dave Swanson.

Bobbie called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, agenda read and approved. Minutes of June 04, 2018 meeting were read and approved. Welcome and introductions were made. Thank you said to Diana, Vicki, Barb and Rachelle for cleanup and organizing the school kitchen, Diana for planning of hot lunch program and Vicki for continuing Erle River's Deliver's.

School Council positions for 2018/19: Chair: Bobbie Garber

Vice-chair: Terra McCulloch

Secretary: Stacey Dietrich

Treasurer: Stephaine McNeely

Treasures Report: GIC account \$6,810.42 and Cash account \$2,726.49.

Principals Report: See Attached.

Trustee Report: Absent

### Old Business:

1. Kitchen supplies: Diana purchased new kitchen supplies. Mandy made a motion to reimburse her for the new supplies and to have a standing float for start up costs with concession and hot lunches. Elise seconded. Terra made a motion to pay invoice for popcorn and cotton candy for concession. Connie 2<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Athletic Director Report: It was discussed that if the athletic director is unable to attend the meeting, an update on current events be submitted to be read. The position is being shared by Mrs. Miller and Mr. Ruschkowski this year. Mrs. Miller asked about senior night, a motion was made by Terra to purchase roses and gifts (\$200) for the senior volleyball girls upcoming home game. Vicki 2<sup>nd</sup>. Other senior sports will be discussed later.

### New Business:

1. Erle Rivers hot lunch account opened at Riverside market.
2. Community event: Tabled
3. Grade 6 & 7 Curriculum: Concerns were discussed, staff have made changes and are open to hear any questions or concerns that parents have. Please feel free to contact Mr. Toly or Mrs. Arend.
4. Sports Banquet/Dinner Theatre: Tabled
5. Weight Room: Supervision for use of equipment. Monday high school and Wednesday middle school are the only supervised days. High school students can sign in at office or make arrangements with a coach or teacher. Horizon policy on the weight room will be posted on the Erle Rivers Website for parents to view.

Sub Committees:

6. Concession Report: Things are off to a good start, feed back is always good. Hot lunch menu is posted on Diana's Facebook page "Erle Rivers Concession". Volunteer positions for September are filled, but still need help for October.
7. Communication: Erle Rivers Delivers will be posted in the October town letter. Vicki will include the hot lunch menu and the up coming spaghetti supper fundraiser.

Next meeting will be Monday November 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm, E.R.H.S. room 110.

Meeting adjourned by Bobbie at 8:00 p.m. Theresa seconded.



ERLE RIVERS  
HIGH SCHOOL

**School Council Meeting**

**September 17, 2018**

**6:30pm**

**Principal's Report Submitted by Barb Arend**

- 1.) **Welcome Back:** We're happy to be back with a new year. Last year was a year of learning and we had some successes and challenges. It was our first year with a reduction in staff and having to combine our grade 6/7 class. It is my hope that we'll move forward this year learning from the mistakes of last year, and that we'll work together to make awesome opportunities for ERHS students.
  
- 2.) **Current Enrollment & Staffing:** We currently have a student count of 89 including 2 students from Brazil who arrived today and will be with the Grade 10 class. We currently have 2 PS III students, Tyrel McGonigal & Zoe Kawalilak, who are working with Karen Garber, Monti Toly, Rachelle Miller and Barb Arend. Tyson Niwa is currently replacing Kacie Neamtu on maternity leave and Kayla McPhillips is our new middle school math teacher on Mondays & Wednesdays. We are also happy to have 2 counsellors on staff this year to meet student needs: Amy Davis & Taunie Magnuson
  
- 3.) **Communication:** First of all, our apologies for the short notice on the picture day. Although picture day was the exact same day as last year, and we had it on our website, with the later start after labour day it snuck up on us and we realized that we hadn't sent out the notice early enough and our school messenger program wasn't working due to the district changeover. We will keep that in mind next year when we are booking pictures.

School Messenger is now working and you will be able to receive notices from both the school and Horizon if there is need for district notification. As we have been using school messenger for a number of years now, we have been asked to pilot the school messenger app where parents can use the app to report absences to the school. More information on that will come out later this month when we have it.

We will also continue to put information in the Community Newsletter to keep all of Milk River up to date with events and happenings at our school.

- 4.) Curriculum: At the end of last year we discussed as a staff what we can do to make things better for our student learning. We are a small staff that are required to teach both high school and middle school classes in order to provide a variety of opportunities for students. There are years when teachers are asked to teach new curriculum they haven't taught before. To help with the curriculum transitions we have created a curriculum cycle list. At the end of each year, staff complete the chart to say what novels/ units they have taught, CTF projects they have completed and the resources they used. This communication is helpful when teachers are planning and preparing for the next year.

Last year the 6/7 class was the first multi-grade class that Erle Rivers had so we knew as we were establishing our cycling schedule that our current grade 8's may miss some curriculum and they have repeat as others. We have created a curriculum cycle so that going forward, each year our grade 6's & 7's will receive a portion of each curriculum. Mr. Toly spent a lot of time with Mr. Zink at Warner who has been cycling the curriculum for years. Going forward there shouldn't be any gaps because we have established a cycle to ensure all outcomes are met. For the 6's when they are writing their PAT's we will begin in January to review some of the curriculum not covered that during AEP so that they've had exposure to all of the content.

In addition, this year we have utilized our time with Ms. McPhillips to provide additional numeracy practice and support for our Grade 6/7 class. This allows Mr. Toly to teach the curriculum content to a single grade twice a week while Ms. McPhillips is implementing the Numeracy Ninjas intervention program to improve basic math skills and problem solving skills.

In CTF, staff are collaborating to support our core curriculum. We are working together to build challenges that coincide with what they may be doing in another class. All challenges are tied back to a career and a discussion about that career is also incorporated. Students have provided suggestions for types of challenges they would like to be involved with this year and attempts will be made to develop those as well.

Mr. Toly is also our shop teacher this year and all grades have an opportunity to be in the shop this semester.

In high school we've had to cycle our Physics and Chemistry programs. We inform students of the cycle when they are signing up for courses so that they know if they don't take it in the current year, they will have access to do it on DL.

There has been another learning curve with our distance learning programs this year. Mrs. Swanson is looking after the registering of courses and Mrs. Arend is looking after student progress and marking where applicable.

We have developed a HS CTS course this year that partners with the elementary school. A group of students is receiving mentorship training so that they will be able to go to the elementary school and support students in Grades 3 & 4 with reading and numeracy. They will be able to receive credit for this course. Our staff have been working to look for modules that they can combine that will engage our students in learning and have them gain credits. All of

5.) Assessment: Assessment is our professional development focus this year. We are working together to ensure that our messaging to students is consistent across the school. We have been sharing with students the outcomes descriptors for tasks to help them understand what each level means. We are dedicating our time this year to working on assessments that are cross-curricular where possible and have clear learning outcomes. Staff will also receive further training on an assessment program that allows teachers to attach the outcomes to the question so that the assessments are clear with what they are looking for. GoFormative was piloted by Mr. Toly last year and we are looking to expand it across the school this year.

6.) AEP: We recognized that students in MS were not utilizing AEP for what it was intended so this year we have decided to create a schedule for students to work on further developing skills during AEP unless they have been assigned homework.

Monday-Spelling

Tuesday- Reading comprehension

Wednesday-Choice

Thursday- Math/Science/Social

On Mondays during AEP, High School students are given access to the fitness room. On Wednesday, choice days, MS students are given access to the fitness room.

For high school students this year we have implemented a study block. Last year we noticed that during their spares students were not always making good use of their time even when they had heavy course loads. This year we have created study blocks where we have reduced the spares and have created a supervised area for students to go to and receive help if needed but also keep them on track with their homework.

7.) Fundraising & Experience Week: This year we are continuing with our poinsettia fundraiser which was successful last year. The orders will be due mid November for delivery in early December. Our goal is to use the funds to support Experience Week. This year experience week will be the second week of May to coincide with the Experience Week at Lethbridge College. Horizon High School will be given a specific number of spots so we are working as a cohort to develop an application process as there will be only a few spots per school. Those students in the college program will be at college residence for the week and will participate in college programs. The remaining students will be given a variety of sessions to choose from to attend in the afternoon in similar fashion to last year. Staff are currently working on deciding what they will be offering.

8.) Student Council: Our student council did an awesome job running ErleFest once again. It was Mrs. Miller's advisory that won! The council will be working on developing a plan of events for the semester that will hopefully be shared at our next meeting.

9.) Academic Awards: Our Academic Award Night will be November 15th this year. This date was selected to coincide with reading weeks as local colleges/universities so that returning grads could attend and it also allowed for less interference with events in December such as the MRES Christmas Concert (and hopefully we can avoid some bad snow days). Further to our conversations of last year regarding the size of our bursaries, I have provided a list of our current awards and their amounts. I have also created a letter to send to local businesses to see if we could

As these awards are to acknowledge academic success for the 2017-2018 school year. Staff sat together in June with the student report cards to determine this year's middle school winners. We also worked on criteria to help determine winners which was included in this year's handbook. The school wanted to know whether the SAC would be sponsoring the same awards this year and whether the name of the awards would stay the same. Often awards are created and then the sponsorship changes or is no longer relevant, we are open to direction with the name of some of the scholarships where appropriate.

10.) Special Dates:

September 25: Job Shadow Presentation for HS

September 26: Orange Shirt Day

September 28: No School- ISP Day

October 4: Photo Retake day

October 8: No School- Thanksgiving

October 17: PTI 4-7 pm.

October 18-19: No School- District PD Days

November 2: Report cards go home