



Walter and Gladys Hill Annual General Meeting

Tuesday September 25th, 2018

Minutes

Cheyanne called the Annual General Meeting to order at 6:40pm and a quorum was present.

Meeting President: Cheyanne Jones

Present: Cheyanne Jones, Genna Pittman, Janet Pardy, Chaitee Mehta, Christy Decoste, Freya Fourny, Melissa Gallant, Reena (Alisha) Solanki, Natalie Huntley, Shawn Short, Nikki MacDonnell, Shannon Smith, Rakesh Chovhan, Sonal Chovhan, Marie McKay.

1. Introductions: We went around the table and everyone introduced themselves
2. What is School Council and Friends of Raven Society: School Council is more Educational Based, and Friends of Raven is the fundraising part.
3. Why we need both: We need both to keep the fundraising separate from the Parent Council as the School doesn't handle funds.
4. Chair Report: We have had Facebook Messenger for the group of people that were involved last year, and they were kept up to date on everything that was happening even over the summer. Raffle tickets are already on sale to build up the bank account as we started out low this year with unapproved funds being spent out of the Casino Account last year.
5. Principals report
 - Staffing issues this year with Teachers moving and shortages across the board across Alberta. We are still short on a Grade 5 teacher, but interviews have been conducted waiting on reference checks; meanwhile Ms. Nutter and Mr. Skulski has been stepping up to the plate to make sure the kids are still participating in their regular classes. We have had a Reggio ECDP teacher in position. Ms. Natalie is away on Thursdays so we have a Counsellor who will be in on Thursdays in her place. Mr. Hurley is ½ time this year. New Music

staff which is not a teacher but she is trained in this area and is doing a wonderful job and also has the year planned out.

- Grade 2 class is sharing a classroom as we are short on staff, Portables should be arriving in January but aiming for June because we know how construction can go.
- We received a grant from the Province this year which allows us to pay a small portion in wages to have someone come in and make items, this allows us to have a wider variety of breakfast menu items.
- Discussed how class lists were displayed this year and you were able to meet the teacher prior to the start of the school year. Majority of Meeting Volunteers present liked the idea.
- Traffic is running smoothly with the changes that were implemented last year.
- This year we have no Chinese School or Aurora Basketball Club which is taking away estimated \$25,000 in gym income. This means that Annalee will be coming to Friends of Raven for more support.
- Social Media, questions should go through email or private messenger rather than dis the school over social media.
- St. John's Babysitting Course, Freya to look into this. Also we could use older kids for our Meetings to watch the other kids and keep them busy.

4. What is in it for the Parents: It allows the parents to have more knowledge of what is happening in the school that their kids are attending and how the Parent Council and the Friends of Raven Society Financially Supports the kids and their learning tools.

Raffle tickets were discussed and was explained why it was a jump of the gun to start where we were starting short on funds this year. The draw date is on October 31st.

5. Fruit for a friend.

Forms going home tomorrow.

Fall Fair is Scheduled for October 25th, we will be able to sell Raffle Tickets there before we close the for the draw. Winter Market is scheduled for December 1st at 10-2. Poinsettia's orders are due November 27th and Delivery Date will be December 6th. Xmas Concerts are scheduled for the 11, 12 and 13th of December, Cheyanne looking for sponsors this year rather than spending a lot of money on Raffle Prizes.

6. Description of All Parent Council Positions Explained

7. Directors at Large were nominated first: Shawn Short was nominated by himself, Nikki seconds Shawn and Shawn accepts. Kriscinda Maki was nominated by herself via forms sent back to school Freya seconds it. Shannon Smith was nominated by

herself but withdrew her nomination. Rakesh nominated himself, Sonal seconds the nomination and Rakesh accepted.

Freya nominated herself for President of Parent Council, Cheyanne second it and Freya accepted.

Natalie nominated herself for Vice President of Parent Council, Shannon second it and Natalie accepted.

Shannon was nominated by Natalie for Secretary, Janet seconded it and Shannon accepted, there was no one to take Secretary for Friends of Raven Society so Shannon has agreed to take Meeting Minutes for both groups.

8. Financials: We started out with a \$2420.92 surplus from last year, starting out this year we have a surplus of \$926.43. We are sitting at \$926.43 in our Regular Account, \$2,112.08 in our Hot Lunch Account and \$45,767.61 in our Casino Account. Fundraisers last year brought in \$28,387.28 and we purchased hot lunches, reading materials, learning materials such as electronics were purchased at \$29,488.59. Casino Account has no assets, we disbursed \$44,445.10 last year in learning materials and six classes will be attending Heritage Park Camps this year.

9. Society Positions were Explained

Chair, Cheyanne nominated herself, seconded by Janet, Cheyanne accepts.

Co-Chair, Janet nominated herself, Cheyanne seconded, Janet accepts.

Nikki was nominated for Treasurer by Shannon, Shawn seconded, Nikki accepted.

Christy was nominated by herself for Casino Coordinator, seconded by Freya, Christy accepts.

Volunteer Coordinator Chitee nominated herself, seconded by Shawn, Chitee accepts.

10. Thank you for Coming, Cheyanne and Freya to discuss next meeting

Meeting closed at 7:50pm

Approved: _____
Secretary

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President