

RJHS Council Meeting Agenda

October 20, 2022

1. RJHS ADMIN

Any information we need to be aware of from the Division School Council meeting?

Natalie Report

- ASCA
 - WAS found ASCA was not able to assist them very effectively as an alternate program
 - Is ASCA necessary for all school councils? Can that service be fulfilled as opposed to ASCA directly?
 - Board chair asked school councils to see if they felt that would be beneficial.
 - How are school councils running?
 - Are principals trained?
 - Chairs feel that training would be helpful.
 - Vote - split
 - We can find an hour and a half at principal's meeting to accomplish this.
UPDATE: This was done today!
- Idea sharing
 - RHS/RES
 - Back to school literacy event/meet the teacher/magician/prizes
 - MHS
 - Sending surveys
 - Staff appreciation/gifts throughout the year
 - Parent information nights for kids moving from grade 9 and 6
 - Centralized everything under the division account.
 - CES
 - Duck fundraiser
 - Stirling
 - Buddy benches - if a child has nobody to play with, they can sit on the buddy bench
- Communications
 - Always a challenge
 - School councils being able to communicate with parents has been highly beneficial at RES.
- Discussion of a trust for donations division-wide with money earmarked for specific purposes.
- Discussion about fundraising and how they work independently of each other.
- Engaging/Supporting Principals
 - Meeting with principal ahead of each school meeting
 - Regular collaboration and feedback sharing
 - Open communication is the best support
 - Giving principals a heads up about parent concerns or upcoming council meetings
 - Be in the community and then make an effort to connect so you have information to bring back to the school council.
- Obstacles

- Getting parents engaged at all is a challenge
- World Teacher Day - Board/October
- Canada Teacher Day - May/Schools
- Add to the newsletter - submit positive things happening in the schools and highlight in the newsletter
- Microwaves/heating food in elementary school classrooms
- Advice
 - Seek consensus - don't get weighed down with policies and procedures
 - Why does attendance pieter off?
- Parent Engagement Grant
 - Ideas for different uses
 - Alberta Education communications director for more information about it or get permission to use outside the parameters.
- Meeting agenda
 - email out to all parents agenda

- How ASCA can support your role.
- Share one great thing your school council did last year.
- How are you getting your school community involved?
- How do you engage/support your school principal?
- What went well last year for your school council, or what obstacles did your school council encounter?
- What should new school council chairs know (wisdom/best practice sharing)
- School Councils vs Parent Fundraising Societies

Communication with parents

- What do we want to do for this?
Emails!!
- Getting parents, or anyone, to read emails is sporadic

P/T Night Sessions

- Study Habits - Stacie, Neana, Robert, Rob,
- Using Google Classroom - Using the PowerSchool App -Role of a Parent/Student -
- Jared, Tyler R., Derek, Darwin
- Mental Health - FCSS - Not Available
- Supporting literacy at home - Kelsey, Claire, Bryce
- Number Sense - Brad, Jason, Cameron, Morgan
- Expectations of band students and overview of the band program at RJHS
- School Council running a Q&A

2. Planning for Parent Night

- Time 4-7, November 2
- Presentation from staff on study habits
- Refreshments provided by RJHS parent council
- Surveys that parents can access via QR code re future learning nights

3. Goals for the year
 - a. Increase parent engagement
4. Bylaw updates - review current bylaws and come prepared to revamp them for November meeting
5. Society Status?

To Do:

- Remind staff to reach out early to parents when students are falling behind/failing