

## **Langdon School Council Meeting – September 20, 2017**

**Call Meeting to Order:** Launa A. 6:30pm

**Approval of April 12, 2017 meeting minutes:** 1<sup>st</sup> Carrie G. 2<sup>nd</sup> Heather M.

**Treasurer Update:** Carrie G./Brandi-Lee M.

\$1852.55 – society account at ATB

\$12303.51 – held in school suspense account – request cheque from  
Lynnette for balance – cheque to be deposited to new account  
at Mountain View Credit Union in Langdon

**Volunteer Update:** Heather B.

Upcoming Terry Fox run on Sept 22. 2 positions still available to be filled.

**Community Update:** Heather B.

Upcoming Candidate Forum on Oct 12 in Indus – questions to be submitted  
on LCA website

**Trustee Updates:** Bev L.

September 2017 Langdon School Council Report

- School Board/Municipal elections are on October 16. Please make sure to vote!!
  - Ward 1 will see an election with Shali Bazuik and [Shallu Bajwa](#)
  - Patty Sproule has been acclaimed for Ward 2
  - Ward 3 -5 people are running for the 3 spots in Airdrie ([Melyssa Bowen](#), [Todd Brand](#), [Jim Forrest](#), [Jason Spratt](#), [Pam Thursfield](#))
  - Norma Lang has been acclaimed for Ward 4

- Ward 5 has 3 people running (Dan Cavanagh, Judi Hunter, Kristyn Schmidt)
  - Fiona Gilbert has been acclaimed in Ward 6 (Cochrane)
- The Ministry is now talking about making amendments to the current School Act as opposed to moving forward with the Education Act. Here's an excerpt from his latest email to us, dated September 6:
  - Education legislation is also a critical part of ensuring all children in Alberta have access to a high-quality education. After thorough review, I have decided to consider amendments to the *School Act*. The *School Act* has served Alberta's students well for almost three decades, and we are confident that—through additional amendments—it will continue to do so.
  - To determine the nature of these amendments, Alberta Education will host six, two-day consultation sessions across the province. These will include a series of topics, including items related to: access to education, age of entry, education service agreements between First Nations and school authorities and joint use planning agreements.
- The Minister of Education has also indicated that he'll be returning to the public to discuss school and transportation fees. He wants to hear from stakeholders on this as well as other issues:
  - age of compulsory attendance
  - full-day Kindergarten
  - natural person powers
  - separate school district establishment
    - Stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide a written submission. Submissions can include input on the above listed topics, as well as other changes to legislation. These submissions can be submitted to [edc.policybranch@gov.ab.ca](mailto:edc.policybranch@gov.ab.ca) by October 1, 2017. In addition, they will be hosting follow-up meetings in Edmonton and Calgary in October to provide information on what we hear in these discussions. These dates will be finalized in the coming weeks.
- At the September 7 Board meeting, under New Business, I raised the issue of the GOA not providing fee replacement grants for FI students going to a "non-designated" school, according to the province and the confusion/unfairness surrounding it. We have written a strongly worded letter to the Minister of Education in this regard and will continue to advocate on this issue.
- September 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting has been cancelled due to the government consultations and the number of people required to be there

**New Trustee Introduction:** Patricia S.

New trustee for our district by acclamation

**Set 2017-2018 Meeting Times:** Launa A.

Need to discuss availability with administration for at least one to attend  
Next meeting scheduled for October 18 @ 6:30pm.

**Canteen Lunch/Hot Lunch Update:** Launa A.

Canteen lunch is in planning mode still – will begin after Thanksgiving

Hot lunch is in planning mode still – hot lunch day might change to Tuesday

**Fundraising:** Launa A.

Casino dates are October 24 & 25 – no fundraising or spending submissions received yet

**Adjourned:** 7:45pm

**Next School Council Meeting: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 6:30pm**