



Fort Providence District Educational Authority

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Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

DEA MEMBERS:

Alphonsine Gargan DEA Chairperson
Pearl Leishman, DEA Board Member and Treasurer
Albertine Canadien, DEA Trustee and Board Member
Evelyn Sabourin-MacDonald, DEA Board Member
Peter Canadien, DEA Board Member

Angela Griffin, DGESS Principal
Rose M. Squirrel, DEA Secretary

REGRETS:

Alphonsine Gargan, DEA Chair
Peter Canadien, DEA Board Member

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 4:04 Pm by DEA Chair, Alphonsine Gargan.

OPENING PRAYER: DEA Chair, Alphonsine Gargan, offered opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION 2022-25

Agenda approved as presented.

Moved by: Pearl Leishman

Seconded by: Peter Canadien

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MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MOTION 2022-236

Agenda approved as presented.

Moved by: Albertine Canadien

Seconded by: Pearl Leishman

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DELEGATIONS: N/A

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Approved by Consensus Draft Financial Report as of November 25, 2022 as presented by DEA Secretary.

DDEC Superintendent Philippe Brulot and DDEC Assistant Superintendent Marty Leach spoke of the Student Wellness initiatives in the Dehcho. Each acknowledged how students across the NWT are struggling. They spoke of the Report Bullying brunch that occurred on Friday, September 23rd, 2022, at DGESS. They introduced to the DEA the fiddlers, Yellowknife flutist William Greenland, and the Travelling Stage Show that will visit DGESS this year to help students talk about what is troubling them and to develop artistic outlets as healthy ways of dealing with stress, anxiety and depression.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Griffin presented the Board with items regarding:

1. 1. Health and Safety:

- (i) Six school suspensions in November 2022;
- (ii) Some bullying at school. Kids are making weapons.
- (iii) I need a DEA member for my Olweus Bullying Protection Committee.
- (iv) Fire Marshal Report

2. Literacy:

(i) Principal observed Writing and Reading lessons in each class and sent reports to the DDEC.

3. Wellness:

- (i) Stage Actors visited in November.
- (ii) SEE-L Itinerant Samson Tshuma visited in November.
- (iii) CYCC continues to work with students.
- (iv) TBST has been contacted regarding two students. JP funding applications going forward for 5 students.
- (v) Students are involved in drug use. Parents, when contacted, seem nonplussed.
- (vi) DGESS was involved in NAAW week events.
- (vii) Covid in the school.

4. Inclusive Schooling:

(i) JP funding applications for several students to enhance Inclusion.

5. Language and Culture:

(i) ILE teachers were at an ILE conference in Edmonton in November. (ii) Working on an A2S program to daily involve Elders and Knowledge Keepers in school.

6. Professional Development: (

- (i) ILE Conference November 21st-25th.
- (ii) LLI training is ongoing.

7. Staffing:

- (i) Two new hires to arrive January 5th, 2023. Need a house.
- (ii) Grade 8/9 teacher on medical leave. He claims he was injured on August 25th, 2022. I have no knowledge of a workplace injury and cannot assist with a WSCC report.
- (iii) I submitted resumes for part-time custodian to HR several months ago, and continue to follow up.
- (iv) DEA to hire lunch cook, and decide on pay, hours, food budget and if students will be charged.
- (v) The librarian has not been active in the school due to illness. She said she would be back Monday of this week.

8. Funding

- (i) We received more funding for food - \$7,500
- (ii) Applying for TAKT funding.
- (iii) Students are funded to register for the Arctic Winter Games.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NA

OLD BUSINESS:

1. DEA Election December 2022.
Elections still in process.
2. Lunch Cook:
Already covered
3. Trip to Mexico.
They are dealing with passports and then the students will be ready for the Mexico Trip.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Christmas for Hamlet.
MOTION 2022-26
Approved that the DEA Bingo Fund raising purchase Christmas gifts for 140 students @ \$ 30.00 each. A cheque of \$ 5,000 be paid to School Secretary, Trinette Farcy for Christmas Gifts, Turkey and Ham for school and Bingo prizes, and travel expense included.

Moved by: Pearl Leishman

Seconded by: Peter Canadien

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2. Bingo Cancel.
Agreed by consensus that Bingo be cancelled on Thursday, October 15, 2022.

3. Purchase Turkey.

Agreed to purchase 4 turkey and 4 ham included with \$ 5,000.00 issued for Christmas Student gifts.

4. Turkeys for Bingo.

Agreed to purchase 6 turkeys and ham included with \$ 5,000.00 issued for student Christmas gifts.

5. New Hires January 2022.

Angela Griffin, Principal advised Board members that Teachers, a couple moving in Fort Providence was hired and they are looking for a place to rent.

6. Usage of School.

Agreed that the Youth Conference that is being held February 6 to 10, 2022 in Fort Providence can use of the school. Recommendations that mask be used and more information will be provided at the next meeting.

7. Other Items:

Peter Canadien agreed to take Albertine Canandien, DEA Trustee's place at the DEA December 8 to 10 meeting in Fort Simpson, NWT.

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INFORMATION ITEMS:

NEXT MEETING:

MEETING ADJOURNED: Moved by Peter Canadien to adjourn at 5:07 PM.