

WALKER SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES
6:30 p.m. Oct 14, 2015

Present: Patti Sherk, Arryn Varls, Dara Troendl, Shelley Okabe, Steve Exner, Noelle Dickson, and Ms. Houk.

The meeting was called to order. The previous minutes were posted on the website.

Principal's Report: We have 245 students. Orange Shirt Day was the first annual day when kids were asked to wear orange and recognize the residential schools and the hurt done to families because of them. Ms. Berg and Ms. Johns did a presentation and reflection opportunity with the students. Volleyball season is underway. Lots of assessments are being done at this time. Tell Them From Me input will be sought next week. Next week is Education Week, lots happening, including a book cover contest and a teacher swap (reading to other classrooms). On the 21st students can share their accomplishments. Thursday Oct 22nd is Cuddle Up and Read.

Two proposals from staff. Both have to do with literacy development. \$425 for RAZ-KIDS interactive reading tool for kids. Students have login and password. Teachers can monitor progress and change level. More than 400 books, each has online quiz, available 24/7. Arryn moved that RAZ-KIDS be supported up to \$500, seconded by Shelley; CARRIED.

Second proposal: Jolly Phonics program to supplement the phonics program currently in use. This marries movement and sound to letters. Two sets of posters and two songbooks. Four classrooms sharing two sets \$176 plus tax and shipping. Patti moved the funds be allocated, Steve seconded; CARRIED.

Ms. Houk presented a powerpoint outlining the goals of the staff for the coming school year.

Treasurer's Report: Absent

Chair Report: The QSP fundraiser sold 88 units online, which was down some from last year.

Arryn printed our online newsletter in colour and has prepared a holder to make them available out front.

Welcome Back Night Thursday, September 24th. 66 pizzas, \$756 in revenues, with a cost of \$927 resulted in a \$224 deficit. This can be absorbed because we had a grant for our spring barbecue. We had 50 drinks left over, kids got a free slice. We could have used 2 or three more pizzas. Cookies also ran out. The council paid for four dozen bagels, fruit cups, juice boxes, etc. for breakfast/lunch cupboard. \$50.52.

Fundraising opportunity with the Regina Pats for the school and the Lung Association as well. \$15/tickets, \$5 for school, \$5 for Lung Association and \$5 for the Pats. Game in January 29th. Walker Community goes to a Pats game.

Tracy asked that a council member attend the lunchroom meeting.

Instead of a musical at Martin the school will be doing an in-house family event where a neutral-themed winter wonderland . It will occur over an hour and a half period and include hot chocolate, craft opportunity, and carolers. There is a committee of four staff planning this event

Adjournment moved by Arryn.

Next meeting November 18, 2015.