

**Thorsby Junior/Senior High School
School Council
Parent Teacher Association
Minutes of the Meeting
September 21, 2017**

Present: Kim Chung, Jackie Knopp, Jon Ganton, Kathy Mudry, Kim Engler, Shelly Birch,
Lorelei Stern, Barbie Stratychuk, Shawna Ofstie; Sam Kobeluck

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

School Council Minutes

1. Welcome
2. School Trustee Speeches
3. Minutes: already approved from previous meeting.
Jackie Knopp motioned, seconded by Kathy Mudry, that the minutes from the previous meeting be adopted. Motion carried.
4. Changes or Additions to the Agenda: none
5. Correspondence: Alberta School Council Association
6. Black Gold Report: September 30 is the day for finalized numbers but so far sitting at 11,300 students in the division; \$120 million budget; over 1100 staff; school budget in place; staffing finalized with possible exceptions; extra staffing to THS-small areas are getting extra staffing funds to offer more to the students. ATA contracts still under negotiation; school calendar should have been sent out; added extra to the budget for school breakfast program (THS has not yet received these funds, Jon and Sam checking into same). Cos Lab fully operational. Issues we want Sam to take back to board: option sharing - would like this reinstated. THS was one of the top schools for credit generating per student at 44 credits/student. Jon gave a pat on the back to his staff. THS would like to have an outdoor rink on the basketball court. Would like the boards to be put up so that basketball court could still be used in the spring and summer. The outdoor rink would be a joint project with the town.
7. SU Report: update in Principal's report.
8. Principal's Report: attached.
9. Old Business
 - a) Online Forms: good and bad reviews; patience stressed as we are all getting used to the new systems. Parents commented that an information letter/email would be appreciated regarding activities child participating in and that forms need to be done online.
10. New Business
 - a) Student Awards: success through empowerment and personal-growth; Kim Chung motioned, seconded by Kathy Mudry, that the PTA award six students for the \$25 individual S.T.E.P. Awards. Motion carried

Question for Black Gold Representative: bus routes-why does Southland still have a route out here when 2 local contractors applied for that route, especially considering all the difficulties that were happening with Southland last year. Sam said to ask Sue Timmermans; Sue has been asked with unsatisfactory results. Sam said to talk to Ruth Andres and then Superintendent. Meeting Adjourned 8:10 pm.

PTA Minutes

1. Kim Chung motioned, seconded by Kathy Mudry, that the minutes from the previous meeting be adopted. Title needs to be changed. Motion carried.
2. Changes or Additions to Agenda: None.
3. Treasurer's Report: General: \$4419.60; Casino: \$4086.38. Casino account balance is high-need to double check that everything was paid for. Trees were not bought but everything else was. Jon will confirm with Lorelei McLeod. Cheque #86 unaccounted for. Kim and Lorelei will check the minutes for the Art budget donation.
4. Casino Report: volunteers needed. Need to leave approximately \$2000 in casino account for Registered Casino Advisors, Millet.
5. Communication: council and PTA list for contacting; website updated with new executive; meeting times on school calendar; agreed we would only send out PTA related information to parents
6. Fundraising: a) Silent Auction and 50/50- approximately \$1100 profit from silent auction and 50/50. Christmas concert might be better response due to higher attendance
b) Vending Machines: Kim to do survey on survey monkey
7. Old Business: a) Insurance: Kim will contact Black Gold
8. New Business: a) Teacher Wish Lists - Jon will ask
b) Terry Fox Run: Jackie Knopp motioned, seconded by Shelly Birch, that PTA reimburse THS, up to \$100, for refreshments for the Terry Fox Run. Motion carried.
9. Meeting days: undecided. Request for Community Representatives; Lorelei will contact Elaine Bilar.

Next Meeting: October 18, 2017 at 7 pm.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 pm