



CLEARVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Councils' Workshop - Feedback

February 12, 2015

7:00-9:00 pm

Clearview Public Schools

Central Services Building

Board Room

Reflecting the professional development workshop done in October around the role of school councils... (items in **bold** are the bigger, shared ideas from the groups)

Question 1

What are the big initiatives that your school council does successfully? Be sure to brag and share the great things you are doing!

- **Playground purchases, help with purchasing, new equipment**
- **Community involvement and involving community members. Brownfield: community members come to our meeting and provide input (e.g. 4H, etc.). Keeps everyone involved.**
- **Support school related activities: hot lunch, dances, transportation, breakfast baskets, supplying healthy snacks**
- **Politically involved/arm of the school, stand up for your school**
- Audio/Visual system for SES
- Increased participation levels
- Hot lunch in Botha weekly, Big Valley every second Friday
- Hoodies for Erskine students – School spirit
- School Foundation (Registered Society) – Casino, swim lessons
- Botha: pay for swimming lessons, fundraising (cookie dough sales)
- Stettler High School: Dances, refreshments at sporting events
- Playground purchase
- Movie in the Park
- Community Involvement – all organizations come and present reports (Brownfield): Brownies, 4H, Library, Rec Centre, High School, All teachers, Hot lunches, Churches
- Community Calendar
- Magic Show
- Silent Auctions – money for School exchange
- Movie nights
- Breakfast baskets (Donalda) – fruit, granola bars; given to each class
- Sponsorship – Breakfast for learning (Outreach) – donations
- New Years Eve – kids and family danced, played games

- Bussing – Extra Curricular
- Welcome Back Breakfast & BBQ (Donalda)
- Outreach: Help community, rummage sales, BBQ fundraisers
- Wednesday Soup Days
- Block Party (Stettler)
- Leader In Me – Middle & Elementary school

Question 2

How do you build trust and communication with the school and school principal? What does your school principal do to build trust with you?

- **Communication, open honest accountable**
- **Principals are more human, being present, relating to students/kids, empathetic**
- **Being supportive to the students, going in with the idea that the principal/teachers are wrong, parents go in to find solution, teachers and principals are listening, support should go both ways**
- Communication: open, honest, solution based, proactive, frequent and accountable, use multiple methods
- Humanity: accessibility, one on one interaction, empathetic, being present
- Supportive: by parents and students
- Build Trust: help when asked, show understanding to situations, support decisions, mutual respect, being trustworthy

Question 3

What is the best way your school council can support students and schools?

- **Communication**
- **Show trust and respect**
- **Two way communication**
- **Using the proper ways to communicate**
- **Show support**
- **Speak positively and through advocacy**
- Positive example for students
- Be involved in school activities
- Collaborate with other schools
- Realize there are many perspectives in the room
- Trust parents/School Council trust staff & respect staff trust parents
- Assume everyone there for the good of the kids
- Follow proper channels to deal with concerns – know that there are channels to deal with concerns
- Support Schools and Board in Advocacy
- Fund raise for field trips, do hot lunches
- Guide for decision making – discuss and have parental support – parents and staff on the same page
- Speak positively everywhere
- Facebook page to inform about positive events
- Good knowledgeable communication link between Clearview, Principals and parents – two way open communication

Question 4

What further supports from Clearview Public Schools would your school council need to support learning?"

- **Consistency of funding**
- **Update school council page on website, go to spot for ideas, sharing, contact information for chairs, can contact directly**
- **Council of School Councils (advocating to government, work together as a whole)**
- Figure out how to lobby together as a group of schools
- Not having schools "pitted against each other"
- Tools to help School Councils collaborate/work together
- Clearview could put page on Facebook/website of ideas from each School Council/School – could include things like how to run a meeting, start a School Council, etc.
- Recognize individuality of each School/School Council
- Consistent funding formulas year to year
- Knowledge that Clearview values small schools

Question 5

"Wrapping up for the session, what is a word that you could share which would best summarize what models a good school council?"

- Positively
- Proactive
- Communication
- Honesty
- Supportive
- Respect
- Help
- Engaged
- Compassion
- Empower
- Kids
- Community
- Team work
- Hopeful
- Cooperation
- Responsibility
- Participation
- All the good ones are gone...
- Consistency
- Accuracy
- Us
- Integrity
- Investment