



Principal School Council Report

January 2016

General Updates

- Welcome new teacher, Miss Lisa Hungerford, and new FLSC Lynette Theroux
- Afternoon PD for teachers begins twice a month in January
- Art begins in February for grades 3-5 and 6-9 on Thursdays/ New round of options begins, purchasing robotics
- Surplus funds \$13850.00 have been approved: school signage, beautification and promotions, literacy materials and PD, field trips, nutrition programming
- Request for 20 additional laptops and 16 computers has been made for Computers for Schools
- Rural research project interviews begin Feb 1 and 2 – parents, students, teachers

School Goals Initiatives & IB Programming

- Inquiry day, PYP implementation, bulletin board info, increased expectations and February Inquiry Project

Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student intervention programming, November FP Reading Level check -in • Literacy Coach visit in January • Response to Intervention (RTI) continues • Everyone Reads time every 2 weeks, teacher collaboration time • At risk readers have additional reading time and supports • Literacy week at the end of January, Family Literacy Day with guest author visit and family potluck lunch – accountability pillar survey laptops available • Grade 1-3 class now has 1 to 1 iPads to enhance individualized learning • 3 students read 100 books in grades 1-3 and got an award in an assembly
Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased expectations in classes – gym class, snow pants, and • Innovation Day school-wide inquiry project was in December • Teachers are planning inquiry projects for February to share planning and samples with one another for professional growth • School-Wide Writing Tasks begin in January /Exam Week for grades 6-9 • Monthly Progress Update in January – sample(s) of learning • Staff, student and parent surveys in January focused on school improvement
Safe & Caring Learning Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Monthly News Update – December and January • Fabulous Christmas concert in December with school activities and Santa visit! • Movie Night in January • New expectations and policies (snacks, cell phones) • School Care Zones – in and outside of the school • Wellness Grant awarded for \$1500, from the University of Alberta • Special performance in February called Safire by Canadian School Presenters • Skating in January, ski trip to Castle Mountain in February • Leadership Series for grades 4-9 in February, April and June

Items Requiring Action/Discussion:

- 2016 Calendar – suggestions for changes, input on half day Fridays and Flex days
- Guest presenters: teachers, students and school community guests
- 1 to 1 Technology Plan for grade 7-9
- Large bin outside of school – needs to be relocated?