

Pioneer Middle School

School Council Meeting Minutes March 04, 2019

In attendance: Patrick Wilbur
Lucas Brown
Kim Ponto
Michelle McHugh Jolliffe
Candance Colwell
Laura Henning
Leah Odynski
Jackie Janes

1. **Call to Order** – meeting called to order at 7:02pm.
2. **Additions to the Agenda** - none
3. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – January minutes approved by Kim Ponto. No meeting in February 2019.
4. **Reports**
 - a. **Trustee** – no report, Heidi not in attendance
 - b. **Principal**
 - i. Patrick distributed some dress code policies currently in place at other schools as an opener to round table discussion about Pioneer Middle School’s current dress code policy that is under review. The desire is to;
 1. Clarify some vague wording in policy for better understanding
 2. Gather input from parents, staff and students for well rounded discussion about policy updates
 3. Have a policy that is respectful, positive and progressive
 4. Find out what is working well at other schools and what isn’t
 5. Have updated policy in place by spring
 6. Have positive, effective delivery of updated policy to students and
 7. Have support from parents/guardians to ensure student is following policy
 8. Increase consistency in enforcement of policy
 9. Make policy readily available to students and parents/guardians as part of school handbook, which ideally would have online availability
 - ii. Patrick clarifying if new policy for updated record checks every three years is in fact updated in the new admin policies. Communication must go out to all parents of new update and when it is effective as some were not aware of this change.

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c. Teachers Report

- i. Volunteers are very hard to find for school dances. However, the procedure of individual teachers emailing their parents groups seemed to be more effective. All volunteers must have current record checks on file in the office.

5. Old Business

- i. **Remind App** – Bell has decided to continue to make the service available to their subscribers, however, Rogers customers must download the Remind App in order to be able to receive Remind messages.
- ii. **Dress Code Update** – discussion took place regarding this topic. See notes under Principal's Report.

6. New Business – none

7. **Next Meeting** – Monday, April 1st at 7:00pm in the school library.

8. **Adjournment** – meeting adjourned at 8:38pm

Minutes recorded by Michelle McHugh Jolliffe

Pioneer's Current Dress Code

- clothing worn will not have obscene, negative or suggestive slogans (including but not limited to alcohol, drugs and related symbols)
- clothing needs to be of appropriate length as to not overtly expose the anatomy
- we are a no headgear school, so please do not wear hats, toques, hoods, bandanas, etc. in the school at any time
- please have a change of clothes, runners, and deodorant for phys. ed. class and have appropriate items washed regularly

If you are wearing clothing that is deemed inappropriate, you will be asked to change or cover up. This might be a change into your gym clothes, borrowing something from a friend, or having something brought from home. If none of those are possible, being removed from class is a final option.

Harry Balfour School (GP) CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

A standard of dress, cleanliness and grooming appropriate for being in public is expected of all students, e.g. when standing naturally with arms at your sides, shorts, dresses and skirts should reach your fingertips. Tank tops are required to have a minimum 1 inch shoulder strap, bras should not be visible, and backless tops are not acceptable. Tank tops must be worn underneath any sheer blouses. A student's abdomen should not be visible. All underwear should be concealed underneath clothing. Students are requested to avoid wearing T-shirts with design or word motifs that are suggestive, indecent or contain profanity. We solicit parental cooperation in this regard.

Heavy footwear that may mark the floors is not to be worn in the school. Every student is expected to have running shoes that are worn inside only (please be sure that there are **no black soles** on indoor shoes).

Springbank Middle School Clothing Regulations

Students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate to the environment of a school. Clothing is expected to be neat, clean, and of no embarrassment or discomfort to others.

- Shoes must be worn at all times. The school has a 'two-shoe policy', meaning students are required to change into clean, dry shoes after entering the building.
- Hats, caps, bandanas and other hat-like headgear are not to be worn in the school. Exceptions must be approved by administration.
- Crop tops, halter-tops, muscle shirts, tank tops with spaghetti straps and tube tops are not to be worn. The midriff must be covered, with no belly button showing. Undergarments and cleavage must not be visible, including bra straps.
- Shorts, dresses and skirts must be of an acceptable length. Hemlines must be no more than 6 inches above the knee. Cut off shorts are not acceptable. Waistbands of pants must rest on the waist, not revealing underwear.
- A long shirt or sweater must cover skintight leggings.

- Clothing, lapel buttons, hats, or other items with inappropriate slogans or pictures/drawings are unacceptable.
- Students who are dressed inappropriately will either be asked to phone home to have proper clothing brought in, or will be instructed to wear their gym strip until they go home for the day.

Greystone Centennial Middle School (Spruce Grove) Dress Code

Dress Code Students are expected to dress appropriately at school. Students will be asked to change clothing if dress is not appropriate. Parents will be notified if an issue persists. Footwear is mandatory at all times, or as otherwise specified • footwear that marks or damages the floor shall not be worn (no “wheelies”) • students wearing clothing deemed to be offensive or inappropriate will be required to change (NO clothing with lettering that is suggestive is allowed, promotion of drug or alcohol use, sexual explicit or implicit language/images etc. – students will be asked to change immediately.)

COLD LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS AND APPEARANCE We value all students and their ability to choose the clothes they wear. Clothing often becomes the defining way that students express themselves and regulate their identity. We want to continue to support them. We expect students to maintain an appearance that is professional and supports student success in all program areas. When a student's appearance is felt to be detrimental, offensive, suggestive, or distracting to others (example: alcohol or drug advertising, halter tops, spaghetti straps, shorts or skirts above mid-thigh, etc.), that student will be spoken to by a member of the staff and asked to change. If required, a parent-administrator conference will be arranged. The school is a hat-free zone between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:30 pm on instructional days. However, hats can be worn on theme days and Food Bank Fridays. Students are asked to remove their headgear upon entering the building and leave it in their lockers. Physical Education Clothing: Students must have a change of clothing for physical education classes. Running shoes, socks, t-shirt, shorts or sweat pants are required. Two pairs of shoes are required: one for indoor, the other for outdoor. Shoes must be non-marking. Parents are asked to mark their child's outdoor clothing as this will help in identifying lost articles. In addition, we hope that students will be wearing boots in inclement weather. Lost and Found: There is a Lost and Found box where items are placed. Several times a year, the accumulated articles are displayed. Any items not claimed are then donated to local charities. Parents wishing to check the Lost and Found are welcome to do so at any time. Clearly tagging as many of the child's belongings as possible will help to alleviate identification problems.

Central Middle School Student Dress Code/Code vestimentaire des élèves Why a dress code? At CMS we believe a dress code assists with creating a safe learning environment. A dress code encourages focus in the classroom. In addition, fashion

choices make a personal statement about values. We ask our students to be mindful of the values they are presenting through their appearance. This dress code applies to ALL school-sponsored events, including sports, field trips, dances, and on-site events.

DO'S

- Footwear must be worn.
- Undergarments should not be visible.
- Shirts must cover appropriately (no low-cut necklines).

15 DON'T

- Wear clothing with negative language, symbols, or inappropriate content such as alcohol, marijuana leaves, inappropriate cartoon characters, innuendos or obscene gestures.
- Wear revealing clothing.
- Have undergarments visible (including straps).
- Wear shirts with a low cut or plunging neckline.
- Wear any headgear including hats, toques, bandanas, hoodies pulled over the head. These should be removed upon entering the building. (Cultural headwear such as hijabs are allowed)
- Wear outdoor jackets in class. Students in violation of the above will be asked to change or arrange to have other clothing brought to school. We recognize and respect the wide variance in taste and acceptability that is part of our society outside of the school, but within the school we feel that it is our responsibility to balance individual freedom with the influences this may have on others in the school. Upon entering the school, students must remove all headwear. Hats and jackets are to be left in lockers during instructional times. Hats worn to classes will be stored in the office and returned at the end of the day (or longer in the case of repeats). Students will face consequences for repeat offences. A good rule of thumb regarding clothing is if you are not sure whether it would meet dress regulations please do not wear it.

Cold Weather: All students must have proper clothing for going outdoors in cold weather. We go out at activity time and there are many excursions during the day that require warm clothes.

McKernan School (Edmonton) Dress Code Students are expected to dress in clothing that is deemed appropriate and respectful.

- Elementary students are expected to have indoor shoes which are not worn outside.
- Students must have footwear on at all times. We are dressing for success in a learning environment. Any attire revealing undergarments or body parts that are not suitable to be seen within a learning environment are considered inappropriate. The bottom line is that OUR school is a professional workplace for students and staff members. Headwear should not be worn except for medical or religious reasons in the school. This is simply a sign of respect.
- Junior High students are required to have a change of clothing and proper footwear for Physical Education class, as outlined by their Physical Education teacher. Weekly laundering of athletic items ensures that the learning environment is comfortable for everyone.
- JH students are expected to store jackets, backpacks, skateboards, scooters and head gear in their lockers.
- All students have the right to dress in a manner consistent with their gender identity or gender expression.

St. Matthew's DRESS CODE Students are expected to dress with modesty and respect at all times. Revealing clothing (mini-skirts and "short shorts," shirts with spaghetti straps or those that expose the midriff, etc.) or clothing with inappropriate language or imagery are in bad taste and will not be permitted. Students' undergarments shall not be visible at any time. Students may be asked to return home to change clothing, or parents may be required to bring in a change of clothes, if school staff so decides. Students are expected to dress in accordance with Catholic Christian values at all times.

Alexandra Middle School (Medicine Hat) 19. SCHOOL DRESS/GROOMING

Students attending Alexandra should dress appropriately. School staff has final say on what is acceptable attire for the school.

Some examples of clothing that would be inappropriate for school include:

- clothing and accessories, which have vulgar language or suggestive sexual thoughts and alcohol or other drug logos.
- clothing or accessories that appear to reflect intimidating behaviour, such as trench coats and bandanas, are not acceptable.
- low-cut or revealing tops
- shorts/skirts should be a suitable length so as not to embarrass others in the classroom.
- if a student is wearing a hoodie or similar item, the student is prohibited from having the hood up within the building

Students who come to school wearing inappropriate clothing will be asked to wear clothing provided by the school, other clothing the student may have with him/her at school or return home to change. Students will be re-admitted to class only when such a change has been made.