

MINUTES

Woodhaven Middle School Parent Council Meeting

Date: January 20 2021 – Time: 6:06 pm – Location: <https://meet.google.com/vmj-foqd-imp>

In Attendance

Erin Alexander - Kiara W. - Dawn Lutomsky - Amber Ballermann - Lauren Lyle - Lei Gryshik - Marcie Enders (Assistant Principal) - Arizona Dyck - Hollie Kulak - Anne Montgomery (Trustee) - Ashley Southworh - Chris Shaw (Principal) - Angele Medeiros - Lisa Iwanyk - Dan Dowson

Meeting was run by Lauren Lyle

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Grab and Go was added to the agenda: Dawn approved; Lei seconded; all were in favour
 - November 2020 Minutes: Lei approved; Ashley seconded; all were in favour
 - December 2020 Minutes: Lauren approved; Dawn seconded; all were in favour
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Trustee Report

Trustee Anne Montgomery reported

- Deadline for Alberta School Boards Edwin Parr award nomination deadline is February 19, 2021.
- The board directed administration to conduct an attendance review of all schools in Parkland School Division for the fall meeting in 2021; the Board will be revisiting boundary lines to distribute attendance across all schools.
- The board received information on the Quarterly Financial Report ending November 30, 2020.
- The board is looking for “ask a Trustee questions”; your Trustee will try to get answers at the next board meeting, and if the Board feels it is needed, they will ask the administration to gather further information.
- The board received information on the Alternative Education Programs Assurance Report about the Choice in Education Act which took effect September 2020. The report showed a 30% enrollment in Parkland School Divisions programs of choice/alternative programming.
- The board received information on the Wellness Assurance Report.

- This year is an election year for Trustees; we were encouraged to ask questions about the job of Trustees and to think about running if we felt we could.
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Crosswalk safety report

- Kiara W. presented her concerns about the safety of the crosswalk that is in between Brookwood and Woodhaven school; This report was also presented to the Spruce Grove Council; she wanted to get our input on what we can do to make the crosswalk safer for students to cross the street.
 - Council was asked to think about what we can do as a council. What is needed to make the crosswalk safer?
 - Chris Shaw is going to contact Tracy Coutts from EverActive Schools and the AMA, we will be looking into if we could get some crossing guards.
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School Council Chair Report

- Nothing to report
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Principal's Report

- Woodhaven had the first and second case of Covid19 in November just as we were locking down; there was no in school transmission; students and teachers from classes affected had to quarantine.
- PSD70 provided the school with support during this. Chris, Marcie and administration had to conduct the contact tracing which added more to their tasks but it went well.
- The new camera system has been installed in the school; they are excited with the new technology.
- School modernization is going well and is on track with the demolition of the old section of the school. The south side of the schoolyard is closed for extra caution while they do the demolition.
- The Care, Respect and Safety survey has been put out to students and parents; results will be given possibly in the February meeting but for sure by the March meeting.
- PSD70 is holding a virtual parent engagement meeting soon; School is asking for an extra 2 seats as some council members would like to attend.

Question: Should the council invite a student ambassador to our meetings? Council liked having a student engaged in the meeting; we would benefit from them attending. Chris is going to extend the opportunity.

Question: How did the re-entry in January go compared to November? The student numbers changed from 451 to 419 in class. It wasn't as smoothly for students that went from in class to online - speculating that with the extra week at Christmas break students were not as prepared for the switch.

- 6 C-Pens were purchased at \$315 each. They have been shipped; no ETA at this time.
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Committee Reports

COSC Report - Lei Gryshik

- Parent report was given on the Inclusive Education Parent Advisory Committee; this committee is based on the Edmonton Public School's model, they talked about engagement division wide - Scott Johnson is going to follow up on this.
- Trustee Montgomery reported the Division budget and fiscal responsibility.
- PUFF program: there is no community student option, as there is less staff, money is often determined at the school level.
- Trustees would like to know what positive things are happening in our schools; COSC meeting will have 2 schools present in the February meeting, Woodhaven will be 1 of those schools.
- Delegation on Wellness was presented; it showed how small changes can make a big difference in the wellness of staff and students.
- Next COSC meeting is in February.
- ASCA funding was reduced by 75%; they lost a government grant.
- Our school council has a mandatory report about highlights of the previous year to the Division. Dawn will be creating a shared google document with Dan and Lauren to proceed with this report.

Woodhaven Parent Association report - Lei Gryshik & Ashley Southworth

- School has purchased 6 of the CPens at \$315 a pen.
- There is a possibility hot lunch will start, coordinator will be working with Chris about a new approach to hot lunch where the food provider packages the lunches into individual classrooms before the lunch comes to the school. This will allow for less volunteers, quicker turn around on food going to the classroom, and better Covid safety measures.

Grab N Go (GnG) report - Dawn Lutomsky

- The program is going very well. Younger students are engaged more, possibly due to the direction students enter the school. Grades 7-9 come in and go to their hallway, and grades 5 & 6 walk directly by the table.
- There is possibility for the program to be run 3 days a week; Dawn can do most days but may need fill ins or the program can be missed those days when extra volunteers are needed.

- Some suggestions that were brought up: providing classes with individual snackboxes. Adding a station to the older grade hall. Making a class presentation on GnG. Adding it to the announcements. Inviting students to come back to the GnG table after they drop their supplies off. Making it more discreet for students that feel stigma about using the program. Creating a survey to ask the student how they would like to engage with GnG.
- A list of what foods are needed and what foods are not working will be provided to the council.
- We are limited as to what to provide and how to improve students' engagement due to Covid safety restrictions.

Announcements

- No new announcements were given

Next Meeting

Lauren adjourned meeting at 7:35 pm

Next meeting February 18, 2021