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Woodhaven Middle School Council Meeting

March 17, 2021 - 6:00pm - Virtual Google Meet

In Attendance

Arizona Dyck, Chris Shaw, Dan Dowson, Lauren Lyle, Julia Schmidt, Ashley Southworth, Lei Gryshik, Eric Cameron, Lisa Hindle, Marcie Enders, Angele Mederios, Natasha Boyce, Sanaa Mannen, Xavier M, Max C, Isaac B

Approval of Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm
Introductions

Motion to accept the mins, adopted from Feb meeting, Approved by Lei, Lauren seconds. Accept Agenda: Lei approves, Lauren seconds.

Trustee Report

- Trustees approved the PSD Selection Committee's nominees for the 2021 first-year teacher award. The Board will submit Danielle Bechard's nomination to the Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr Selection Committee for consideration.
- The Board approved revisions to Board Policy 2: Role of the Board and Board Policy 3: Role of the Trustee.
- The Board approved the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar.
- On a motion by Trustee Cameron, Trustees approved a motion to write a letter to the Minister of Health and the Chief Medical Officer of Health to request that all school-based staff, and contractors in regular contact with students, be considered essential service frontline employees and be given high priority to receive phase 2 COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Trustees deferred the recommendations for the Transportation Fee Scenarios as well as the 2021-2022 Fees and Allowances to a future Special Board Meeting.
- The Board approved the Three Year Capital Plan including plans for updating and/or modernizing Spruce Grove Composite High School, Brookwood School, Forest Green School and a replacement school for Parkland Village School
- The Board received the School Resource Officer Report which outlined the great work of our Resource Officer, Const. Gord Marshall.
- Administration shared responses and statistics on our Stakeholder Engagement Event, held online Feb. 10. There was a very favorable response from our stakeholder groups, school administration and from Trustees.
- Trustees accepted the Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal Expenditure Report which outlined all the major infrastructure projects completed, ongoing, and planned for the 2020-2021 school year.
- The Board of Trustees feel an important role of a Trustee is to advocate for programs, policy and actions that benefit the educational program for our students.
- At a special board meeting on March 11 the Board approved a motion to set the transportation fees for the 2021-2022 school year which will see fee increases, including \$150 per year per rider for ineligible (non funded) rural riders, \$75 per year per rider for ineligible (non funded) urban

riders, \$75 for cross attendance and alternate seat rider fees, \$50 for private schools and \$10 for eligible (funded) riders.

New Business

Student Ambassadors Xavior, Max, Issac, Jericho and Aram joined us to discuss the possibility and benefits of having a GAGA PIT at Woodhaven. Something exciting for everyone! A hexagon shaped pit, in which kids go in and play a variant game of dodgeball. Players have to avoid getting hit on or below the knee by the ball, while they hit the ball at each other using their hands, as they dodge, jump, roll, run, etc. They put on a wonderful presentation for us. A few benefits to the pit would be that it can fit a class or cohort, it's something different for the school, kids will be interested and want to be active and like most playground equipment, it's something that can last for quite some time. Fundraising for something like this ie: a bottle drive, would be in further discussions. The approximate cost is \$1800, the placement of the pit could be in the northwest corner of the school yard. It would need to be installed after the current construction is finished.

This would be a student led project, with parents, parent council/association and school support. More news to come in the very near future.

Julia Schmidt

Wellness Month for Grades 5 to 9, we are looking to put on a wellness month after we get back from Spring Break. Each week being a separate dimension of wellness, ie: Tacky Tourist, Clean Up Planet- Submit Photo. (all activities would be at the school/school related) Would like to provide some incentives for this. The budget of \$400 for the whole Wellness month will be used to purchase things like Gift Cards, Tshirts, Water Bottles, etc. Arizona says the Den Days fund can cover it as we are not using it for Den Days this year. Julia puts forward a motion to the council asking for the Association to fund Wellness Month, Lauren seconds it. Motion approved.

Principal's Report

Student teacher Ms. Schimdt asked the council for, and received, \$400 for prizes for April's Wellness Month. Mr. Shaw updated the council on future traffic disruptions in the parking lot due to construction. He also gave an update on the progress of the renovation of the existing building. He indicated that he had made inquiries regarding the viability of adding crossing guards to the unmarked crosswalk between Brookwood and Woodhaven. However, he also expressed his concerns that with traffic all but stopped on King Street during peak times, that cross guards may not be the best option to keep children safe. Mr. Shaw also indicated that he would be presenting the updated Fee Schedule for the 2021-2022 school year to council at the April Meeting.

Committee Reports

ASCA Conference April 24-25. Alberta School Councils Association has a yearly meeting. Lei read through the ASCA Resolutions that are on the table for the 2021 General Meeting Conference with our School Council. We briefed on them and will discuss them in more detail in our April meeting. To view the resolutions, please go to www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca

Announcements

Next Meeting

April 21, 2021 at 6:00pm @ Virtual Google Meet