

# MINUTES

## Woodhaven Middle School Council Meeting

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Date: April 21, 2021 – Time: 6:03 p.m. – Location: [meet.google.com/bbe-cfgm-jwo](https://meet.google.com/bbe-cfgm-jwo)

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### In Attendance

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Darlene Clarke - Chris Shaw - Ashley Southworth - Arizona Dyck - Marcie Enders - Lei Gryshik  
Dan Dowson - Lisa Hindle - Angele Medeiros - Isaac B - Max C - Xavier M - Sofie O - Luke O

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### Approval of Minutes / Agenda

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- April Agenda Approval: Lei adopts Agenda; Arizona seconded; All were in favour
  - March 2021 Minutes: Arizona adopts Minutes; Lei seconded; all were in favour
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### Trustee Report

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Trustee Darlene Clarke reported:

- Parkland School Division Board approved revised Board Policy 5: Role of the Board Chair.
- Repealed bylaw 1-2020 and replaced it with Bylaw 1-2021
- Board approved recommendation to send a letter to Parkland County, requesting reconsideration of Parkland County's decision to discontinue partnership with Parkland School Division, the Town of Stony Plain and City of Spruce Grove in the School Resource Officer Program.
- The Board approved a motion to withdraw a recommendation to make the trustees PSD Tomorrow working meetings open to the public.
- The Board approved the Second Quarterly Financial Report as presented by Associate Superintendent, Corporate Supports and Services, Scott McFadyen and Director of Financial Services, Jason Krefting. As of February 28, 2021, revenues year to date were \$67.8M and expenditures year to date were \$63.7M resulting in a surplus of \$4.1M. A Surplus of \$3.2M is currently forecast for the year ended August 31, 2021.

- The Board received as information an Executive Summary of a recent virtual Student Engagement involving students from six schools. Students were asked to talk about their learning environment, their learning experiences and student wellness. Students attended these meetings with their own school and each meeting was held separately at:
  - Blueberry School
  - Copperhaven School,
  - Entwistle School,
  - High Park School,
  - Memorial Composite High School, and
  - Prescott Learning Centre.
- The Board received information from the Graminia School Utilization and Capacity Information Report as requested. April 8, 2021 - Parkland School Division's Superintendent of Schools, Shauna Boyce, is pleased to announce the addition of a new member of the Division's Executive Team. Dr. Meghan Miskolzie has been hired for the role as Associate Superintendent - Student Supports and Services. The position is becoming available as Dr. Dianne McConnell transitions into her retirement at the end of this school year.
- As you may be aware, each year our grade 6 and our grade 9 students write Provincial Achievement Tests at the end of June. The Provincial Achievement Test is a helpful tool for our teachers to determine how to improve teaching and learning for the students in the following year. This year, Parkland School Division will not be administering Provincial Achievement Tests to our grade 6 and 9 students.
- Our Superintendent has responded to numerous concerns and comments from parents in our division regarding the draft curriculum and PSD's considerations regarding piloting. The Superintendent and her team are working with teachers and administrators to complete a review of the curriculum, and is expecting to be able to communicate a decision within the next two weeks; however, it is possible that a decision may be made sooner than that. Stay tuned for that communication.

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## Student Ambassador

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Isaac, Luke O & Sofia O were our student Ambassadors this month

- How long have you been in the MCP program? 7 years, were at Broxton before the change to house the program in Brookwood and Woodhaven.
- How is a typical day in MCP different from a typical day in the other stream? Main difference is that with every teacher we have devotionals every day meaning we read scripture and pray; we also have chapel once a week and it is the same thing, worship, read scripture and prayer.
- How was chapel before Covid and how has Covid changed chapel? We no longer meet with every class because of cohorts we don't worship, we don't have a speaker, instead we watch videos of guest speakers, and then prayer.
- What is the joint chapel? How was it before and how is it now? Before our school would go over to Brookwood and have chapel with the younger kids but now we still have it every once and a while but now we have an online meeting. All the presentations are all online

- What is the difference between devotional and chapel? Devotional is done daily and it is on a smaller scale; you read scripture and have prayer. Chapel is bigger. It is done at a church service; it is done with worship, speaker then prayer.
- You do all of the courses, Math, LA, Science and Social Studies. Are there any differences in assignments between the MCP program vs the other program? Question views can be implemented into the questions we are asked. Math and Science is pretty much the same but Christian values and motifs are woven into the other subjects.
- MCP has about 150 students and there is 1 class per grade. Does the school split up our sports teams between programs? No it's just one volleyball team for the school.
- Before Covid would there be any classes with kids outside of MCP? Yes, gym class and options. But Covid put a stop to that.
- With the MCP Program going only to grade 9 what are you going to miss the most when you go into high school? Well, you kind of get used to the community you have been with. In high school you get split up from the people you have been around for the whole program. In MCP is a very safe environment that you can always share what is on your mind and what you want prayer for. Going to miss that.
- You mentioned community. What exactly do you think about that? You are with the same class mates day after day, year after year and then you are meeting with the other classes weekly, and also meeting with other schools about 3 times a year,
- It is a good community? Yes it is.
- Student comment: Living waters is a Christian school and it goes to grade 12.  
Mr Shaw replied: Yes, you are correct Living Waters is a Christian school and they go all the way to grade 12. It is a privately funded school, this means there are high tuition fees to pay in order to go to the school whereas the Spruce Grove Composite High school is a publicly funded school and you do not have to pay tuition to attend.

## School Council Chair Report

- No chair report from Dan

## Gaga Pit Report

- Hybrid bottle depot fundraiser seems to be the best option. skip the depo and drop off at the school
- Do we have space to store bottles?
- How about a bake sale? With Covid we are unable to do this
- Concerns: having it on a weekend we may not get as many as we would having it during the week.
- Holding the event for 2 - 3 days, so we can get as many donations as possible; handing out reminder fliers during the drop off.
- Have Skip the depot, pick up the bottles from the school as well as from student family's homes.
- Need volunteers to run the program.

- Run skip the depot program for 2 weeks; advertise a little more through social media and all the other outlets we have. Newsletter, signage in front of the school, Kids are doing up posters for inside the school, social media,
  - Pit will be built earliest Fall 2021.
  - Collection will be done May 11th morning, 12th morning, and 13th afternoon.
  - Put out a sign up for parents to volunteer
  - Lei is doing the contact with
  - Motion was made to get Parent Association to start the fundraising program: see motion below under announcements
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## Principal's Report

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- Julia Schmitt has been running a wellness program with the money council gave for the program. First week - environmental wellness, Second week - Social wellness, third week - Panther spirit colours day - fourth week - jersey day.
  - New addition - currently working on the roof. Crazy hub of activity. The parking lot is full with staff and construction workers. Looks to be on time, but we will see if we have any surprises. Cameron Electric came and gave an educational tour of the solar panels and how they work and the online programs that we use.
  - Crosswalk - Insurance has approved having crossing guards. There is a section in the AMA certificate that we need to talk about at the next meeting. This is deferred till next month.
  - Emailing a proposed fee schedule for next year; will be discussed in the May meeting.
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## Committee Reports

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- Lei Gryshik has nothing to report with COSC. There has not been a meeting, next one is next month.
- Dawn reported on Grab n Go.
  - There is an average of 65 students using the programa day. 195 a week; this is 20% of all students in the school.
  - With the superstore grant we have a ton of food
  - Will still keep an eye on stock and what we need Freson Brothers and Medeiros Concrete and Construction Ltd to donate.
  - We may not need as much from these sponsors; checking with Crystal on how she would like to proceed.
- ASCA questions were voted on; at ASCA Ashley will vote with our school's spirit in mind.

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## Announcements

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- Arizona made a motion for Woodhaven Middle School Parent Association to look into setting up what is needed to have Skip the Depot for a fundraiser. Ashley Southworth seconded the motion. All were in favour of the motion. None were opposed.

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## Next Meeting

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- Adjourned at 8:00