

# MINUTES

## Woodhaven Middle School Council Meeting

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Date: October 21, 2020 – Time: 6:28PM – Location: Virtual meeting

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### In Attendance

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Ashley Southworth - Lei Gryshik - Marcie Enders - Chris Shaw - Lauren Lyle - Dan Dowsen - Darlene Clark

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### Approval of Minutes

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- Meeting Called to order at 6:28 by Dan Dowsen. Meeting was late to start due to a technical issue that was rectified by Marcie.
  - Adopted the agenda - with one correction to the Date of the previous month which was May and needed to be September.
  - Lei Approves - Ashley Seconds.
  - Adopted the September 2020 Minutes - Lei Approves - Dawn Seconds.
  - Chris advised council that the minutes will not be emailed out to everyone as they are on the Woodhaven website under the tab of parent council and past minutes & agendas.  
<https://woodhaven.psd70.ab.ca/view.php?action=documents&id=999>
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### Trustee Report

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Trustee Darlene Clarke joined the meeting

She updated us on:

- how the start of the school year has been going
- 2 COVID cases in the Parkland School Division, 1 at Brookwood School and 1 at Ecole Meridian Heights. These cases did not involve and spread in the school and were handled very well by both schools.
- All schools have been handling the pandemic very well; things have been running smoothly
- numbers of students that have moved into or out of the Parkland school division
  - 91 students moved from PSD70 to Evergreen Catholic School Division
  - 81 students from Evergreen Catholic School Division to PSD70
  - **390 students moved into PSD70 from other AB school districts (clarification?)**
  - 290 students moved from PSD70 into other AB School Districts
  - 389 Students moved into PSD70 from within AB
  - 56 Students moved into PSD70 from out of AB
- November 16 is the next opportunity for transitioning from online to in class.
- They welcomed a virtual delegation from the Connections for Learning Building Futures program-of-choice. This is a program for grade 10 students and is being run in partnership with Coventry Homes

students work with Coventry Homes and all their sub trades in building a duplex which will also double as a classroom during the construction.

- This is the first year for the Building Futures program, the board will decide after seeing enrollment into the program and how the program was handled if they will be planning to run it another year.
- The board approved changes to the Board Policy 8 Appendix 8.7 Audit Committee Terms of Reference; the change will align board policy with recent changes made with Bill 15.
- Board defeated a notice of motion regarding Board Remuneration; the board approved a 10% reduction to the Trustee base Remuneration for 2020/2021 school year
- As of September 30th of this year enrolment has dropped by 60 students from last year's number of 11577 students to this year at 11517 students; this is broken down as:
  - In-class - 9,764
  - Online - 1,299
  - Virtual School (Connections for Learning) - 197
  - Home Education - 257
- Board received the following which they will make future informed decisions on: 2020/2021 Class Size Report Community Partnership Assurance report, 2020/2021 Communications Report
- more information can be found on the PSD70 website at:  
<https://www.psd70.ab.ca/view.php?action=object&id=23750&stream=Homepage%20News>

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## New Business

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## School Council Chair Report

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- Nothing to report as it has been very quiet with Covid happening.
- It will be interesting to see what the WCB, Care, Safety and Respect information will bring for the future of Woodhaven students

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## Principal's Report

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- COVID protocols and procedures are changing less frequently and are becoming more routine. Teachers are more confident, kids are feeling safer. People are following the rules well; only having to remind the building a small amount to put masks on. It happens more so when students are outside playing in close contact playing tag and not keeping the 2 meters social distance. Student engagement is down due to the restrictions on the programming.
- Volleyball is Running as just practices only; no games no teams. Working on moving into a more formal extra-curricular program this would mean honoring the 50 person cohort, playing 2 schools, then waiting 2 weeks for the COVID isolation protocol before playing another 2 schools.

- New addition November 16th. 5 and 6s will stay in the modular classrooms and the 7,8 and 9's will move the classrooms to the new addition. There is a bit of hope that they will get in as early as November 2nd. The new addition is amazing and coming along wonderfully.

**question:** will the grades 5 and 6' be moving into the new building afterwards? How will opening the new wing and closing the old wing affect the grades 5 & 6? No, they are already in almost new modular classrooms. The grades 7, 8, & 9 are in the physical old building they will be moving to the new building only. The grades 5 and 6 will have access to a new bathroom that is closer to their class, then is at the moment, their own common area to use; the new gyms and food labs are being shared by all grades.

- Off of the Education plan Woodhaven has chosen a main option of Care, Safety, and Respect and 2 sub options of Students success and Indigenous ways of knowing. These options were provided by the school division and best reflected the goals set by council and staff on the Wellness, Behaviour and Culture (WCB) for not only the students but for the staff as well. Culture can be defined as how kids are treating each other and how they resonate with each other, particularly around the perceptions of female students of their self worth and self confidence. Marcie is teaching art this year to free up 46 mins a week for staff to work on WCB, Safety, Care and Respect.
- Marcie and Chris are collecting data from the accountability survey, thought stream, suspension data and office referral data -who & why they go to the office. A new questionnaire will be sent to council to establish what they think Care, Safety and Respect mean. More information on this will be shared in the school's development plan.
- Office is working on shifting to a restorative approach to misbehaviour happening in the school. questions like What have you done? Why have you done it? How are you going to fix it? are asked to students so that we can be taught how to behave in these situations instead of sending them home on a suspension. Suspensions are down this year.

**question:** How did the first reentry date go? The kids that were not keeping up with school work had the hardest time reentering. Kids found it very discouraging and frustrating.

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## Committee Reports

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- COSC Report - Lei Gryshik the first meeting is tomorrow Thursday October 22. It was going to be held live but 27 people signed up so it will be held virtually instead. This would be a large number of people attending
- Woodhaven School Parent Association - Lei Gryshik not really planning any fundraisers this year we don't want to put extra burden on any families. being conservative on when to start fundraising However, there are still operation costs for the 2020/2021 to account for; to recover these expenses Parent Association asked the Parent Council if we could increase Hot lunch a reasonable amount, changing it from a recovery cost program to a fundraising program. Right now lunches range from \$6.50 to \$7.75 only profiting \$158.17 last year. After discussion on the matter of having expenses this year and the lack of fundraisers this year and only raising it a small amount.
- **Dan Dowsen made a motion to move the hot lunch program from a Cost recovery to a fundraiser opportunity in order to cover the operating expenses of council. Lauren Lyle seconded the motion. All other parents voted yes to carry the motion forward**
- ASCA Conference - Ashley Southworth joined the 9 1/2 hour conference call, there were ten general resolutions and two emergent resolutions. All ten of the resolutions carried forward and only 1 of the emergent resolutions was carried forward one emergent resolution was completely thrown out. Ashley will send out a report on the ASCA conference and the resolutions that were passed and ASCA

will be posting the information on their website as well. ASCA is asking Councils' to start preparing their resolutions so they can be submitted for the Spring 2021 Conference.

- Do virtual learning families need more support from the council? Do they feel like they are a part of the school family? Do Virtual learners need to have their own council as they have their own unique challenges. Do we need to put a forum out to virtual learners to find out what the families are in need of. Do they feel like they are a part of their school community or any school community, are they happy with the level of engagement from the school? Mr. Shaw is putting a note in the newsletter to invite virtual learning parents to the next council meeting. So the parent council can connect with them and make a plan going forward.

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## Announcements

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## Next Meeting

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November 18, 2020