

MINUTES

Woodhaven Middle School Council Meeting

Date: September 15, 2021 – Time: 6:02 pm – Location: meet.google.com/qse-tpvu-cun

In Attendance

Amber Ballerman - Lisa Hindle - Lei Gryshik - Lauren Lyle - Ashley Southworth - Janie Scheidle
-Amanda Power - Angele Medeiros - Chris Shaw - Marcie Enders - Janet Rodriguez - Shannon
Fafard -Arizona Dyck - Dawn Lutomsky - Dan Dowson

Approval of Minutes

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- Lauren Lyle ran the meeting as Dan was coming late.
 - Dawn made a motion to move up Janie Scheidl's presentation in the agenda. Lei seconded
 - Lei made a motion to approve the agenda; Ashley seconded,
 - Lei made a motion to adopt the minutes from May 2021's meeting; Ashley seconded.
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Trustee Report

Due to the upcoming elections, the trustee's will not be attending any meetings until elections are over in October.

Janie Scheidl - school counsellor

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- She has gone to all the classes to introduce herself to the students.
 - Working with teachers, she will be helping by supporting the health lessons and health curriculum. She will be spending some time in all of the classrooms doing classroom guidance around health.
 - Small group work. Such as Rainbows, small group counselling around loss and grief. Other skill based groups we may run, for example a girls group (self esteem groups).
 - Then one on one with students. This is not a therapy session, more generally to support the kids by connecting with them if they are having a bad day. Helping in the moment and then providing guidance and resources so they can find other supports for long term help if needed.

- Educate children on the confidentiality around counselling. What they talk about is confidential, however as adults we are mandated reporters when it comes to safety risks around the child.
- Lessons around academics, careers, getting grade nines ready for High School.
- Kids can make an appointment. Referral systems, students can connect with her, teachers, admin or parents or kids can email her directly to set up appointments.
- Survey went out to the children, one for grades 5 & 6, and one for grades 7, 8, & 9 to see what types of issues the kids are coming up against.
- Survey is coming out to families to see what types of programs they would like to see at Woodhaven.
- Question:
Do you do one on one sessions?
If there is a time frame for the sessions. Not kept to a timed event, if the student is upset and didn't make an appointment they stay till they are feeling better, but if a student made an appointment typically it would be about a block.

Would she see a student for 6 or 8 sessions?

Probably not. It would stretch what she is able to do, so community resources would be given to the family.

School Council Chair Report

- Nothing to report

Principal's Report

- School is in a respiratory illness outbreak status - indicated at over 10% absences that are not related to Covid-19
 - Cleaning measures. At the end of the day all classrooms will be sanitized however, if the classroom is being used by two different classes, the classroom will be cleaned in between the classroom switch; high touch surfaces will still be cleaned daily.
 - How did AHS know that this was not a covid outbreak ?
AHS was given a list of names of the students who were absent with illness, AHS investigated and determined that we were experiencing a Respiratory Illness Outbreak with no infectious agent identified.
- Covid Vaccination clinic will be held at Woodhaven on September 23rd.
- New Covid measures.
- 433 students enrolled in the school.
- No new positions to the staff have been added. Some staff on leave have been replaced.
- Mrs. Cresswell has been elected as the ATA president and is teaching halftime, Miss Michelle Merkus is teaching the other half and has been doing a lot of subbing in other classes. Miss

Perras is in for Mrs. Young while she finishes up her Mat leave. Mrs. Aberle is on Mat leave and will not be replaced.

- All the school renovations are done. Deficiencies which is normal warranty work that comes within a year of completion will be done.
- November 15 is the final walk through, at this time they will start on those deficiencies.
- Directed Learning Room - Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:15 - 4:30
- An Indigenous advisory committee is seeking parent members and volunteers for this committee. Email Chris Shaw if you are interested.

Committee Reports

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- COSC - Lei - nothing to report, next meeting is in November
 - Parent Association - Lei
 - We need to ask council for a list for fundraising
 - Skip the depot for gaga pit
 - Grab n Go - going to start up. Letter is going to be done up.

AGM Elections

President Dan Dowson (incumbent) - Lauren Lyle (elected)
Vice Chair Lauren Lyle (incumbent) – Lei Gryshik (elected)
Secretary Dawn Lutomsky (re-elected)
Volunteer Co-ordinator – Lei Gryshik will continue in this position (non-elected)
COSC Representative – Lei Gryshik will continue in this position (non-elected)
Grab n Go: Dawn Lutomsky will take over this position from Lei Gryshik (non-elected)

Next Meeting

October 20, 2021

Meeting is adjourned at 8:30 pm.
Next meeting October 20, 2021