

MINUTES

Woodhaven Middle School Council Meeting

Date: November 17, 2021 – Time: 6:03 – Location: meet.google.com/zdq-rqur-hnx

In Attendance

Dawn Lutomsky - Chris Shaw - Marcie Enders - Amber Ballerman - Arizona Dyck - Lisa Hindle - Lei Gryshik - Ashley Southworth - Mary-Anne Davies- Damian G - Anne Montgomery - Jay Gryshik
Meeting was run by Lei in the absence of the Chair

Approval of Minutes

- Approval by Ashley - Seconded by Mary-Anne - All in favour
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Approval of Agenda

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Trustee Report

Trustee Anne Montgomery

- Board had two meetings: an organizational meeting to decide who will be on the different committees within the board, and the first official meeting.
- Elected within the board: Chair is Dr. Lorraine Stuart; Vice Chair Anne Montgomery
- Three new Trustees: Jill Osborne, Eileen Wagner, Amy Hennig
- Approved the modular submission request. Schools selected for modulars were Meridian Heights and Copperhaven
- The board will be looking into attendance boundaries; the shift in attendance is due to the completion of Woodhaven's renovation, Copperhaven and Prescott's full capacity and the growing community. The board completed a study across the division to see where the attendance needs adjusting. This will likely be in Spruce Grove. They will be seeking input before putting any plans in place.
- The Alberta School Boards Association meeting and the Public School Board Association meeting are this week.
- The AB School Boards Association passed a resolution to ask the provincial government to halt the pilot of the new curriculum during the pandemic. The PSD Board will be pushing for this pause. They ask that we talk to our MLA's and voice our opinions as this will have an impact on whether the curriculum is launched or not.

New Business

No New Business

School Council Chair Report

- Nothing to report
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Principal's Report

Covid update: October 12th AB Health started contact tracing, Woodhaven had 10+ cases putting Woodhaven on Outbreak status which ended November 5th.

PSD has made it mandatory for all staff to show proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test every 72 hours. That has been implemented. This is also mandatory for volunteers who are in the school for more than 15 minutes or in direct contact with students. A QR code is needed to show proof.

Met with Lauren and Lei to discuss issues that have come up. One issue brought up is how far behind students are in terms of learning. Reasons for this are, children not taking to online learning, losing important engaging activities, kids didn't have the same connection to the building. One frequently heard response from parents is wanting to keep children back a grade. There are many reasons for this to be not a healthy option for children.

- The division has brought in base lines in literacy and numeracy; Literacy - F&P, and Numeracy- Nippy are being used. The school has purchased a literacy program. Last year Woodhaven used these tests to test all the students in the school to discover the baseline for them - this data will be kept for the student throughout their school journey. This year the school is continuing to test students with IPP and IEP. They use the data to inform their teaching strategies.
- Kaila Lyons is the Literacy lead in the school, and has created a program to help teachers and students with building the skills needed to be successful in the future. The school has purchased a program to help with this.

Mary-Anne, with all this information that you gathered, is there a feeling or sense of how many students need to catch up, is it 10% or 50%? Statistically a significant amount of students across PSD need to catch up.

Care Respect and Safety survey, suspension data.

- High levels of suspension previous years; 22 children were responsible for most of these suspensions. The school changed their approach by focusing on specific children by helping them with their specific needs.
 - 2020-2021 attendance was down 14% and suspensions were down 41%. 11 students were responsible for most of these suspensions. All this information will be on the website.
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Student Advisor

Damian G:

1 of 2 students in our division that is with the Minister's Student Advisory Council.

- This is a committee that meets with the Minister of Education and other members of the community. This council advises the Government on what they want to happen within the education system. They have had one meeting so far. During this meeting they watched

presentations. Mental health was a big topic, some students brought forward that we need Mental health aids. Diploma exams were another big topic, Ministers did reduce diploma exams to 10% of your final grade. Literacy in early education, more funding for physical education, better transportation for rural schools was also discussed.

- Questions: How did you get on this committee? An in depth application process, with questionnaires, and multiple interviews.
 - How long did the meeting take: 3 days 8am - 8pm
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Committee Reports

- COSC report by Lei.
 - First meeting was November 2nd where they Elected the Chair, Brenda Cryer.
 - Trustee Amy Hennig: 11942 students in PSD
 - Scott Johnston reported on Covid mandated vaccination. Literacy and Numeracy Baseline measurements. The \$400/student grant for early learning.
 - Bias and antiracism and hiring practices and equity.
 - Slow return on sports and productions: No spectators are allowed.
 - Virtual programs are growing, being held through Connections for Learning.
 - Satellite outreach in Duffield School: Children that live outside of town can use Duffield as their outreach pick up and drop off centre for modules instead of having to come all the way to town to do this. This is an experiment program.
 - Fight club is an issue at one school.
 - Christmas concerts are being planned but with AHS's guidelines in place. Maybe held virtually.
 - Muir Lake community has become a party area that the school has been dealing with.
 - \$500 grant for parent council to grow their council, schools need to individually apply for this. One way to use this money is through ASCA as they are a great resource for Parent councils to use.
 - Council's need to go over their operating procedures. ASCA can help with this.
Parent Association report - Lisa
 - Fundraising committee met three times. They are planning 2 fundraisers before Christmas and a Wolf pack school spirit Fundraiser.
 - ASCA report - Lei
Attended a meeting last week
\$500 for the school council and how we can use that through ASCA, guest speakers, workshops etc. Lei is looking into scheduling some of these for us to attend. They hold Virtual meetings Mondays and Webinars Wednesdays.
 - Hot lunch - Ashley
It was decided that since we need more volunteers to run the program and the trouble we have had in the past getting volunteers plus with the new vaccination policy it would be too challenging to get volunteers to help with the program
 - Right on Stationary - Lei, Would this fundraiser be something the school would be willing to help set up? Quotes will be needed and the Parent Association will take this over.
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Announcements

No new Announcements

Next Meeting

January 19, 2022

Adjournment: 8:19