

MINUTES

Woodhaven Middle School Council Meeting

Date: February 19, 2022 – Time: 6:03 – Location: meet.google.com/smv-qska-oec

In Attendance

Kaila Lyons - Eric Cameron - Lisa Hindle - Ashley Southworth - Marcie Enders - Michelle Tokar
Chris Shaw - Dawn Lutomsky - Lei Gryshik - Marianne Davies - Angele Medeiros

Missing: Lauren Lyle

Meeting was run by Lei Gryshik

Approval of Minutes & Agenda

- Did not approve the January Minutes or February Agenda. Council did not have a quorum at the beginning of the meeting and it was not addressed later when more people arrived.
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Trustee Report

Report given by Trustee Eric Cameron.

- **Numeracy Intervention Project:** Trustees were informed via virtual presentation on the Numeracy Intervention Project being used at Copperhaven School. Teacher, Mrs. Trippel, and 4 students demonstrated strategies that addressed: visual recognition of numbers; counting-visual to words; comparing and ordering; relating to addition and subtraction. The program has been developed by Numeracy Leads from within the division.
- **Board Chair Report:** Board Chair received 3 letters:

- Letter from Christine Jeans, a reporter from the Examiner thanking PSD for the great cooperation with the paper, but she informed us that she is leaving to take on a new job at another newspaper.
- The Minister of Education sent a letter confirming receipt of our letter outlining our analysis of the proposed curriculum and our numerous concerns. The Minister has assured us that there will be full consultation of any revisions.
- The Minister of Education sent a letter to all Boards acknowledging the concerns being raised on a rapidly escalating costs of bus transportation. Hopefully there will be consideration in the 2022 budget.
- **Superintendent Report:**
- A \$6000 donation was received from Stony Plain Dental Centre to support “choice in education”. The Donation will be used for the Connections for Learning programming.
- The Superintendent met with our Field Services representative (Alberta Education) to go over our Annual Education Results Report. We received compliments on it’s thoroughness and transparency.
- The Superintendent submitted 4 names of students for the Alberta School Board “Honouring Spirit” award. These First Nation student’s represent youth who have provided service to their school and community.
- The temporary contracts of the 20 extra teachers to help support teacher absences due to Covid have come to a close, but the nice thing is many have remained on our substitute teacher list. Staff absences are decreasing.
- Registration for the 2022-2023 school year begins on February 14.
- **Parkland School Division Attendance Area Review :** After reviewing the Parkland School Division Student Attendance Area Study completed by Edmonton Public Schools, Trustees directed administration to further explore selected recommendations and report back to a future Board meeting. Stakeholder consultation process and dates have not been established yet, but there will be ample opportunity for robust stakeholder input.
- **Health and Safety Report:** A summary of programs and practices and statistical information for PSD staff and students was presented and covered items such as: Occupational Health and Safety regulations for non-certified staff covering right to know, right to participate in workplace health and safety, right to refuse dangerous work, and reporting incidents. Also the creation of a Divisional Joint Health and Safety Committee was explained. One topic discussed was Covid and Occupational Health and Safety and the steps taken for air quality in schools (upgrading to MERV 13 filters in all schools-Minimum Efficiency Reporting Values; and researching into classroom HEPA filters if needed; use of N95 masks was also discussed-masks supplied by the provincial government to schools were not N95 masks).
- **Student Services Report:** this report highlighted the various ways in which the Student Services Team supports schools to provide an all-inclusive, safe, supportive, academic learning environment that serves the needs of a diverse population of students from K-12. The Student Services Team was listed and some of its provided supports and services were explained including: Relating Everyday Academics and

Life Skills (REAL program); Life, Academic and Work Skills program (LAWS) and Specialized Classrooms for those with mental health needs. A new Inclusive Education Parent and Community Advisory Panel will soon be calling for applicants for a 2 year term to help the Division to strengthen our inclusive education system.

- **2022-2023 School Year Calendar:** after extensive stakeholder consultation the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar was presented. The stakeholder survey asked respondents to consider: start date for students, fall break, start of winter break, February and April PD days.
- **Transportation Services Department Report:** Parkland School Division operates one of the largest regional transportation systems in the province to provide safe, effective and efficient transportation services to PSD and other jurisdiction students. Our system travels 18 630 kms daily for 6 887 students using 155 busses and 6 cabs (160 drivers and
- 16 contractors); has 7 office staff and 12 Transfer Site Bus Monitors. School bus safety procedures were discussed: First Ride program, GPS live tracking, route monitoring, student tracking and communication, safe stop assessments, school bus rodeo, bus operators professional development opportunities, bus cameras and bus registration procedures.
- **New Covid Protocol Changes:** on February 8 the government of Alberta announced that starting Feb. 14 masking on school busses and in schools will no longer be mandated and students cannot be denied access to schools or bussing whether masked or not and cannot be denied access based on personal vaccination status. School Boards cannot institute their own masking protocols and were not consulted with regard to these changes. All adults will be required to still mask until that protocol is rescinded. All other requirements of enhanced sanitizing and cohorting are still in effect.

Literacy Update

- Kaila Lyons: Literacy Lead & Ms. Enders
- Purchased much needed materials for the program.
 - For students not yet working at a Kindergarten level; they work one-on-one with an EA. Emergent material: Magnets 3 letter words, alphabet bins. Maths manipulatives
 - Books - guided reading books from level A-Z. Individual reading books from levels A-K: Kindergarten - Grade 2. L-Z Guided reading material. Level literacy Intervention materials. Red kit N-Q grade 2-4 and Purple kits are S-W. These kits are to help students achieve grade level literacy quickly as they are used daily.

School Council Chair Report

- Nothing to Report
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Principal's Report

- Parent Association business is separate from Parent Council; we need to be mindful about bringing association business into the council meeting
- Kids do not have to wear masks any more. The capacity limits set by AHS are high and the school has not yet come within the range.
- Covid number down to 7 from 18 the previous week.
- The new furniture and equipment has been coming in, new stools were the last to arrive.
- Art and Science labs are finally being used
- What does the council want in using this program? The program can not be used with the curriculum. is thought to be used by Mrs. Schedule through small group work.
 - Council consensus wanting it to be used with all students. Makes more sense to buy the small package as a trial run. Need to see how the program will run and fit into Mrs. Schedule's model being used already. Parent's could also bring the program home to help with students there.
 - Motion made: To ask the association to fundraise for GoZen at \$625.00 for 50 student licence.
 - Marinne made the motion; Ashley Seconded the motion; Everyone (6 people) were in favour.
 - If we decide to keep this program in the future we would look into the Rotary Club to help fund. Should know by the next meeting.
- Operating procedures and Bylaws need to be addressed by council. Other schools have been approached for copies; the response has been limited and unsuccessful. We are currently waiting for them to digitise these and send us copies..
- Thought Exchange needs more people to participate. Accountability Pillar is coming out soon to parents and students in grades 4, 7, & 10.
- Parkland School division eliminated some of the options for the Attendance area changes. All the options about moving the Maranatha program out of Woodhaven and moving Parkland athletic academy into Woodhaven have both been eliminated. First Engagement meeting is being held tonight in Parkland Village.
- ASCA AGM is being held in April, we need to decide who will be attending. We will make a decision in the March meeting
- 3 year plan: What does the Council want to focus on? Do we see value in a 3 year plan?
 - Suggestions needed from teachers - being brought to the staff at the next staff meeting.

- Tabled till next meeting
 - Gordan Marshal the school SRO will be Joining the next meeting to talk about his role and how his program is run.
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Committee Reports

- Fundraising: Ashley Little Caesars. 6 cash orders; 24 Online orders; totalling 81 Cases of product.
 - COSC: Ashley.
 - Scott McFadden Associate SuperIntendent.
 - Insurance rates are skyrocketing. Previous years cost around \$1000/bus this year it is around \$6600.
 - The amount of Substitute teachers overload there is not enough Chromebooks for the sub teachers. Some teachers are asking how we can get more of these in the school, possibly through fundraising. Must be bought through Evergreen IT so that it is safe to be used within the school.
 - Scott Johnston Associate SuperIntendent
 - He opened the floor up to Covid questions: nothing came up. Midpoint administration reviews. Report cards are coming up. Thought exchange assurance survey. Funding for literacy work has been received.
 - Resolution questions are coming up next meeting
 - ASCA report given by Lei
 - The ASCA AGM meeting is coming up and April 15 is the deadline for attendance. We will need to ask the association to fundraise for the cost of sending 1 or 2 people to this AGM meeting.
 - The conference is focusing on “School Councils: Cultivating Compassion”, promoting the work of school council and wellbeing in the school community to benefit student success.
 - Are we doing the stationary fundraiser? Lisa, Ashley and Arizona will take this fundraiser on.
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Announcements

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Next Meeting / Adjournment

Next meeting on April 20, 2022
Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m