

MINUTES

Woodhaven Middle School Council Meeting

Date: January 19, 2022 – Time: 6:00 p.m. – Location: meet.google.com/vun-rfgp-fqt

In Attendance

Anne Montgomery - Lauren Lyle - Arizona Dyck - Dawn Lutomsky - Lisa Hindle - Michelle Kincheloe
Ashley Southworth - Michelle Tokar - Marcie Enders - Marie-Anne Davies - Lei Gyrshik - Chris Shaw

Approval of the Agenda

- Update on Clothing Sale fundraiser was added to the end of the Agenda
 - Moved Kelly and Riley's presentation up
 - Approved by Ashley Southworth; seconded by ??; All in favour yes
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Approval of the Minutes

- Approved by Ashley Southworth; seconded by ??; All in favour yes
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Trustee Report

Trustee Anne Montgomery

- The board has Budgeted 130,000,000 for this year's expenses.
- The board received extra money for K-6 students. This is to help with them catching up due to the pandemic lag in their learning.
- January 18th meeting started the talks around the attendance review. Some schools are too full and some aren't full enough. The report is available to read, and is encouraged so the public has a chance to have a say in the inevitable change about to happen.

www.psd.ca/download/378346

Question: Is PSD looking at what will happen to student in high school as well?

Kelly & Riley Practicum students

Questions asked:

School Council Chair Report

- Nothing to report
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Principal's Report

COVID update

- The school received test kits and masks on time. Getting the masks out was more difficult as the masks came in packs of 50 and each student was receiving 20. They needed to be split up before they were distributed.
- Lot of confusion and anxiety for parents around what to do if you are exposed to Covid-19.
 - If you test positive - not fully vaccinated
 - Close contact - not vaccinated
 - Test Negative - fully vaccinated
- COVID numbers are posted every Friday on the website. As of Friday they have 8 cases in the school. <https://woodhaven.psd.ca/home/news/post/covid-19-notifications-reported-case-count>
- They are not sure if they will have to go online but most likely no. A trigger would be not having enough staff to run the show. The tests have been a big game changer in keeping numbers down.
- Question: What are the expectations for teachers & kids for homework if an extended absence is needed. An email is sent to the teacher from Chris and Marcie telling them that the student will be away for a long time (they do not divulge whether it is COVID related). The parents can go to Google Classroom to find the child's assignments.

2022 - 2023 PSD Schedule Review

- Scott Johnston would like us to vote on the school calendar.

- Version 1 (the extra day off during fall break) Fall break November 14-18 Christmas break December 26-January 6 OR
- Version 2 (the extra day off during Christmas break) Fall break November 7-10: Christmas break December 23-January 6.
- Council voted Majority for version 1

GoZen quote and pricing

- Marie Anne presented Gozen an Anxiety program being considered for implementation by the school. The program can be used individually by children and adults or can be used on a grander scale by professionals and schools. Licensing is available and is the only way to use the program. Mrs. Scheidl has looked into the school and thinks it would be beneficial for the school to us as a tool in their toolbox. She has asked if the parent council would help in purchasing a licence for the school. 10 licences for 50 students each @ \$625.00.
- Questions brought up and discussed:
 - Will it fit with the curriculum? Yes
 - Does the staff favour the program or have any ideas or questions? Chris will add this to the staff meeting agenda.
 - When a child is feeling anxious can they use the program no matter where they are? Yes the program is used online
 - Worry of students being put at a disadvantage if they are not able to use the program as we would only have enough for a limited number of students - this is a concern but it is not cost effective to purchase enough for the whole school, when the program has not been used yet.
 - What age level is the program for? Ages 6-15
 - Time commitment for each lesson? 20 - 30 minutes
 - Does the Parent Association have the funds for the licence? Treasurer will do some research to find this out.

As there were still some questions about the program the parent council would like additional research before making a final decision and have therefore tabled this for next month's meeting.

- Wolf pack pride event tabled till next month

Committee Reports

Fundraiser update by Arizona

- 50/50 draw was very successful for the amount of work needed to hold one of these events.
 - Total taken in \$1790; winner prize \$895; after expenses fundraiser profit \$699.07
 - We are limited on what we can spend the money on. Only items that are able to be moved if the school moves; physical items such as a gymnasium scoreboard.
- A Facebook account was created for the Parent Association allowing them to advertise the fundraisers being held. Limitations when advertising through the school and it's a Facebook page.
- The hot lunch fundraiser is being scrapped.

Parents Association update by Lisa Hindle

- The parent association is trying to establish a separate entity due to rules and regulations with the government. A new WHMSPA logo contest may take place to bring student engagement with the fundraisers being offered.
- Fundraisers ideas for the remainder of the school year:
 - Little Caesars happening soon
 - Cake Affair around Mother's Day
 - School supply year end
 - Booster juice year end
- Casino date for 3rd quarter July, August, September 2022.

Clothing sale update by Arizona & Nathan McLachlan

- Discussion held with Nathan McLachlan he runs the schools swag fundraisers and is knowledgeable about the program.
- The school fundraiser does not want us to use clothing in our swag packages or future fundraisers; We do not want to take away from the already existing fundraiser.
- They do not run all year round due to the cost of keeping inventory. It is more cost effective to run a few times a year.
- An online store has a higher price point making it not accessible to all kids due to the higher cost of the clothes.
- Companies used:
 - NWT located in Spruce Grove; offer a decent price with quality products.
 - MCHS and SGCH high schools. Have the best price but the quality can be questionable
 - Mirror Image offers more than clothing options, ie. water bottles
- How many Grade 4 students are coming in next year? 75 How many Grade 9 students are leaving at the end of this year? 63

COSC nothing to report

ASCA update by Lei

- Still have to work out the dates that we would like to have ASCA come for training workshops. Would work through the workshops one by one and we would start at the beginning

Announcements

No announcements

Next Meeting

Next meeting: February 16, 2022
Adjourned at 8:29 p.m.