

MINUTES

October 19, 2022

Woodhaven Middle School Council Meeting

Date: October 19, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: 5/6 Common Area

In Attendance -

Ashley Southworth – Lisa Iwanyk-Hindle – Michelle Kincheloe – Drew Gabel – Angele Medeiros – Dawn Lutomsky – Nealle Dickson – Kathleen Gilson – Lei Gryshik – Marcie Enders – Deanna Farris

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Michelle proposed we accept the agenda and minutes from September meeting
Ashley S approved the minutes, Drew seconded

Trustee Report

Trustee Osborne sends her regrets as she is unable to attend this evening.

Michelle shared highlights from Trustee Osborne's report

- On September 13, myself, Chair Stewart and Superintendent Boyce met with Minister LaGrange and her chief of staff at the Legislature. MLA's Turton and Smith also attended. Minister LaGrange took the opportunity to thank us for the work we are doing in Fort Chip.
- Our two main topics of conversation were our request for a new high school and the continued struggle with Transportation.
- On September 29, I was honoured to attend a Pipe Ceremony at the Centre for Education to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The ceremony was lead by Elder Simon House, Elder Violet Poitras and attended by Pipe Carrier Francis Rain from The Paul First Nation.

- On October 3 the Board met with Parkland County Mayor and Council to build relationships and encourage dialogue on issues that connect us including transportation, lighting near rural schools, mental health and wellness in our communities, and rural sustainability. It was a good conversation and the County and School division will continue to look for opportunities to collaborate where we can.

Principal's Report

2022/2023 Development Plan

Primary Area of Focus: Teachers and Leaders Promote Literacy and Numeracy

Supplementary Area of Focus: Care, Respect and Safety

Goal: With the support of PSD facilitators, school based literacy and numeracy lead teachers as well as outsourced professional development, our goal is to build staff capacity to improve students' learning relating to literacy and numeracy.

- School Context: 480 students, Dual track PCP and Mainstream programs.
- We have high expectations for both Literacy and Numeracy programming and achievement results.
- Staff require PD to learn new ways of teaching to better meet the diverse needs of our students.
- Post Covid - Students require support to a far greater level than previously needed.
- Purchasing both literacy and numeracy resources to support change in pedagogy.
- The gaps in learning are much larger in each grade.

Question: Is there any specific grades more affected from gaps in learning due to the pandemic? - all grades are pretty much the same

Successes in Safety, Care and Respect:

The return of our school councillor, support teams, collaborative support team, ongoing professional development and afterschool directed learning room / study hall are in place to assist students.

Areas for improvement are Literacy and Numeracy and safety, care and respect.

There is a decrease in percentages of students feeling they are not safe at school according to the survey sent out to students.

Strategies for Growth

Breakfast club of Canada along with other grants provide food for students.

Implementation of Dr. Ross Greene's Collaborative & Proactive Solutions process for working with students struggling to meet expectations at school

Evidence of success will be shared this time next year.

Evidence of Success

Percentage of students achieving at or above grade level in literacy and numeracy will increase as measured by:

- Fountas & Pinnell benchmark assessments
- Words Their Way benchmark assessments
- Early/Middle Years Numeracy Interview
- In class product/performance/conversation assessments

Question: Which grades will have students pulled out to give kids extra attention:

All grades will have support as all teachers will focus in small groups

School Council Chair Report

ASCA – Provides school council with procedures and the purpose for having a Parent Council. Learning Opportunity workshop.

60-90 minutes on a Tuesday or Thursday evening,

Possibly, November 8th, 7pm – 8:30pm will confirm with facilitator

Lei made a motion to ask the association to purchase pizza's for dinner for this meeting, (\$200.00)

Approved by Michelle, seconded by Dawn.

Drew asked with the ASCA meeting is about?

They will provide clarity on the exact roles for the Parent council, rules and association.

Michelle went through the ASCA form to get info on how we run our councils and associations.

November meeting conflict with Fall Break, we rescheduled to November 23rd at 6pm.

During PTI's Parent council set up popcorn and sign up for parents to volunteer

Requesting our Wish list –

Volunteers – Proposed to have grab n go earlier as not enough time for students to get food before class starts and students getting to class late.

Need volunteers to start at 8am to help with grab n go

Adjourned meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:47