

MINUTES

February 15, 2023

Woodhaven Middle School Council Meeting

Date: February 15, 2023

Location: Learning Commons

Time: 6:00 pm

In Attendance

Nealle Dickson – Marcie Enders – Deanna Farris – Lei Gryshik – Ashley Southworth – Ben Schock – Moe Teliani – Kim Glegloff – Michelle Kincheloe – Lisa Hindle – Angele Mederios

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Meeting Call to order at 6:02 pm

Michelle motioned to approve agenda, all in favour

Michelle motioned to approve January minutes, Ashley seconded, all in favour

Trustee Report

- No trustee present for the meeting
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Grade 9 Presentation by Moe Teliani, Kim Glegloff and Ben Schock

- Grade nine farewell is scheduled for June 29th.
- The morning will be the awards ceremony and afternoon will be the farewell ceremony.
- Students will pick their theme.

- Year end trip, WEM waterpark will be June 28th.
- STEM trip, Canada wide science fair in Edmonton Expo Centre, May 28th. Grade 8's will be going as well.
- PAT Exams, 15% will be weighted on their final marks.
- Very beneficial to students as they head to high school.
- MATH – Confidence within students has decreased in math skills.
- Exploring different ways to build their confidence.
- At teacher's convention, MATH info gap assessment tests "Free trial", our students will be taking the assessments, the trial is free and typically it would be \$5-10 per student.
- High school recommendations, the teacher's recommendation is based on current marks and effort.

Students will find recommendations on their March report card. A lot of thought has been put into those recommendations and they are not taken lightly.

A lot of work has been put into preparing them for transitioning students to high school. The High School has come in and presented the attendance rate along with graduation rates.

Health days – 2 mental health days, 2 sex ed, substance abuse and career days.

Wade Sorochan speaker at teacher's convention – cell phone at school and the mental health effects of our students – <https://wadesorochan.com/>

Attendance Rate in Grade 10	Graduation Rate in 3 Years
95+	89.0%
90.1-94.9	82.0%
85-90	73%
80-84.9	61%
Less than 80	36%

Question was asked regarding different programs at high school, recommendations are only for streams and not different programs.

Why has the confidence in math declined so much?

COVID amplified the gap in learning but also noticed decline prior to pandemic. Big gaps in learning and working to target those gaps and build those.

Marketplace was an opportunity to have grade 9's gift the incoming kindergarten class with new bibles, would like to see this happen again.

Principal's Report

Assurance measure survey from AB Ed

All Staff and Grade 7 students will do the survey

Assessments

Writing HLAT – all students will have completed this week, teacher's will be collaboratively marking.

Reading Comprehension – RCAT.

Words / Spelling – Words their way – 3 times a year.

All assessments data will be used to help teachers plan and program for their students moving forward in small group format.

Numeracy – Our teachers are working using “Bridging the Gap” to assess students on the key understandings of each unit prior to teaching. This information helps teachers determine the gaps in student understanding so they can target them in a small group format.

Parent teacher interviews bumped up to March 20 (online) and 21 (in person)

Topics for discussion

Grading and reporting of student progress

Report Card - will have significantly less comments, comments will be in grade book.

Powerschool and Grade Book

Teachers will put comments on major assignments, technology has given us the opportunity to give parents live up to date marks for their students,

Cell Phones at School

Cell phones addiction within students inhibits the learning in the classroom.

Are we doing what is best for kids allowing them to have them in the classroom?.

Consistency in policy would be much easier to manage as teachers have different rules as to cell phone use.

Chair Report

- Operations Manual, we need to scan signed document and add into main document.
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COSC Report

- Report Card piece was missed by AS
 - \$500 by June for a presentation or ASCA sessions. Could bring in a speaker from Convention.
 - Volunteering is down across the board - how to bring in more volunteers
 - Grants - all using the same grants, PC, Rotary - WH feeds approx 200 kids a day, we are on the upper end of schools.
 - High School currently does not have council but they do have an association
 1. Separate with just sports focus
 - Report Cards - where are we going
 - Student conduct and interventions - vaping, cyberbullying (outnumbers in person bullying now)
 - Wellness and Comprehensive School Wellness Plan - includes breakfast program
 2. Pilot Project with Westview PCN
 3. Mental Health development
 - 22% of kids are accessing alternative programs (ie. CFL stuff)
 - Advocacy plan - rural and small school sustainability
 4. Not closing more schools out west
 - Unconscious bias
 - The Comp is over capacity
 - Transportation report - \$150,000 to purchase a new bus.
 - New Catchment area rules
 - Annual Education Plan results
 - Spring Engagement Evening - School Council Chairs only invited - usually 2 people per school and goes all day
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Round Table

No items to be discussed

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm
Next meeting – Wednesday, March 15, 2023