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May 17, 2033

Woodhaven Middle School Council Meeting

Date: May 17, 2023 – Time: 6:02 pm – Location: Learning Commons

In Attendance

Nealle Dickson – Marcie Enders – Lei Gryshik – Ashley Southworth – Deanna Farris – Lisa Hindle – Michelle Kincheloe – Arizona Dyck – Deanna Farris – Aileen Wagner

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Call to order 6:02pm

Michelle motioned to accept the minutes from April, motion to accept Ashley Southworth, all in favour

Trustee Report

Aileen Wagner is presenting Trustee Report from Eric Cameron

Board Chair report:

- Election cards to ask your candidates that come door knocking
- PSD invited the candidates with the board regarding their view in Education
- Educational Planning day saw 115 guests help contribute to a wealth of input
- Entwistle school closed on May 1 and 2nd, was reopened on the 3rd then closed again are reopened again on May 15, 2023

- Board Chair Report: The Board is putting the final touches on our election advocacy plan which focuses on school builds, provincial funding model, curriculum development and health and wellness cross-ministry supports. The Board and senior administration hosted an Educational Planning day on April 6 which included school council members, other

community members, municipal leaders from Stony Plain, City of Spruce Grove and County of Parkland, as well as students, teachers and administrators. The results of this planning day, helps us in putting together our Education Plan which is our blueprint for educational planning and delivery. The Board Chair met with Mayor Acker of the City of Spruce Grove to initiate discussion of the future of Horizon Stage now that the replacement school is nearer reality. Also, MLA Turton had a discussion with the Board Chair with regard to Horizon Stage. It was a pleasure to have Mayor Choy, of the Town of Stony Plain, accompany Trustees on our school tours of the Centre for Learning, Meridian Heights and Muir Lake School.

- Superintendent Report: The Educational Planning Day saw 115 guests help contribute to a wealth of input which has to be unpacked and included in structuring our Education Plan. It is the time of year to start new staffing, starting with administrators and moving on to teachers and support staff. Principals are working diligently on their budgets for submission in time for us to submit our budget to the government. School Transportation guidelines and funding is changing soon which will most likely increase ridership requests. PSD was declined for any of the 31 modular classrooms we had requested; however, the previously approved modulars for Millgrove School will be put in place this summer. PSD received \$212 000 in learning loss grant specifically targeted for numeracy and literacy help for grade 1 students. Our new Westview School is still on track to be open in the fall of 2023.
- The Board welcomed a student delegation from Ecole Broxton Park, Ecole Meridian Heights and Spruce Grove Composite High School at its April 11 Board Meeting. Students from grade 3, 5, 10 and 12 shared their experiences with the French Immersion program and their reasons for pursuing the program.
- The Board approved the Budget Assumptions for the 2023-2024 school year, which help provide guidelines and proactive planning when establishing the budget for the next school year.
- The Student Engagement report was presented which outlined the input received from our March 21 engagement with high school students. Trustees shared their thoughts on the engagement which gave a fairly good understanding of how students view their education program and expectations of teachers, support staff and parents.
- The fires on the west end of our school division forced the closure of Entwistle School May 1 and 2 but the school was able to open on May 3; support staff were sent out to assist any students or families in readjusting after the traumatic evacuations that were put in place. HVAC systems were shut down during the evacuations at all our west end schools to prevent smoke intake. The Board had an election candidate meeting with candidates that are in the running in our 3 MLA areas that are represented in the district. Trustees outlined our advocacy priorities found in our election brochure that is available to all School Councils and our stakeholder groups, as well as all candidates running in the May 29 election.

Principal's Report

- Development Plan report given to council to give feedback by the end of next week.
- Track and Field concessions went well although moving all the items to the back field was cumbersome.
- Jr High Track Meet went well, the decision to move the concession to the back field was due to Student Management. We did not want students travelling to the front of the school with no supervision. Containing the students in
- PAT exams went well for the first round although the turnaround time is very quick not allowing a lot of time for the teachers to mark the exams
- Volunteer celebration invitation was sent out
- Bike theft at the school, a bike was stolen from the fence that was locked up.
- PAT schedules going into June does not sit well with most parents as it runs to the end of the month.
- Rum and Butter chocolate bars donated to school

School Council Chair Report

Nothing to report

COSC REPORT

ASCA - Lisa

- Keynote on school centric to family-centric a gentle revolution.
- Family centric - Meet the family night, school is trying to get to know the family vs the school is the center and parents are peripheral.
- Parent book club lead to parent feeling like a reader and starting to read to kids every night
- Reset Room - a joint mental health initiative from Elk Island Public School Division
 - Open to every student in the school after finding the office was overflowing with students

- Students choose to go for any reason, teachers did not send them
- Students asked teacher to go to reset
- Decorate with fairy lights, low lighting, nice calm area
- Teacher and EA available for supervision
- Coached process and a safe place for students
- Case studies on the efficacy of the room
- If they were spending a lot of time there, they would call the parent to discuss
- Student could work there until they were comfortable to come back to class.
- Monitored who was going and how long
- 600 visits in 5 months
- Elk Island has 16 reset rooms in total with a Grant project
- Social Emotional Learning in Action
- Mental health promotion for all students
- Students with SE frameworks were higher academically than other schools
- Building Futures
- Financial curriculum in all the grades
- Program components
- Home and school programs can be accessed on the websites
- Money Fair at the school - talk about financial literacy vs a one classroom focus
- Resolutions
- Records disclosure for SB candidates - voted yes
- Collaborative approach with Health and social services to share the financial burden of services in schools - approved
- Environment Energy Sustainability - amended, carried but the motion overall was defeated
- Bullying - Address the rights of victims - voted yes
- Bullying - part 2 - in favor
- ASCA offered to consult with GOA - approved
- Increase qualified mental health people in schools - carried with amendments (lots of debates)
- \$500 funding - will be able to use the \$ to send people to conferences vs having to hire a speaker at a school

ROUND TABLE

- Dairy Queen fundraiser on the 8th
- Purpose of the funds – Wish list or benches for the playground, Grade 9 farewell or grade 4 welcome packages,
- Having a fund for families who cannot afford activities, could be difficult to manage.
- Total Casino funds available to spend: \$20 409.92
- Total approved wish List Items: \$11742.99
- Remaining Left: \$8666.93 to spend.
- Have approx.. \$2500 - \$3500 from regular funding to use - can be higher depending on incoming fundraisers still to happen.
- Items Approved at Meeting:
- 4 more hearing devices : \$6000 - cover with casino
- Fridge for the servery - \$3500 - cover partially with casino

- Coverage for office Freezer - \$1500 - covered with operating funds.

Lei Motion to approve 4 REDCAT and \$3500 for new fridge and up to \$1500 for office freezer. VOTE all in favour

Adjourned meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm