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December 6, 2023

Woodhaven Middle School Council Meeting

Date: December 6 2023 - Time: 6:06pm - Location: Learning Commons

In Attendance

Deanna Farris – Nealle Dickson- Arizona Dyck – Natasha Boyce Bent – Michelle Kincheloe – Amanda Power – Scott Jaspers Fayer – Lei Gryshik

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

- Michelle K motioned to approve agenda, Amanda seconded, all approved.
- Michelle K motioned to approve the October minutes, Amanda seconded, all approved.

Trustee Report – Eric Cameron

- Trustees and Senior Admin attended theWestview School grand opening on November 27 along with the Minister of Education, Demetrios Nicolaides and the Minster of Children and Family Services, Searle Turton.
- Stakeholders engagement session on November 22 was well attended and supplied some valuable input to help us move forward with our educational planning and implementation.

November Board meeting

1. Two letters were sent to the Minister of Education with regard to including the equivalent of Horizon Stage to be added as a new build in conjunction with the new Spruce Grove Composite High School (one with initial ask and one with more detailed information on the ask). We have stressed, though, that our main focus is on the timely build of SGCHS in the next capital school builds announcement.

- 2. We are continuing to establish dates to meet with our three municipal partners and our educational partners: new Francophone School Board in Stony Plain, and Evergreen Separate School Board. Hopeful for announcements at the beginning of next year
- 3. Meet with other stakeholders Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, Parkland County, Francophone school, Evergreen.
- 4. Transportation regarding busing, hard to get drivers, bus routes not being filled,
- 5. A provincial wage including benefits would increase the number of drivers being able to be hired
- 6. Calendar survey is now open and will close after Christmas break
- 7. We hosted a student delegation from Graminia School to share their journey of the Graminia Band program. They presented a slide show and played three pieces-very impressive and were well received by Trustees and Senior staff.
- 8. Financial Statements: Price Waterhouse Coopers, our auditors, presented their unqualified (clean) audit report which reported a deficit of \$1 247 268 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The Board voted to approve the Audited Financial Statements.

Principal's Report

- PAT Results Grade 6 results
 - ELA 88% Acceptable standard
 - Math 75% Acceptable Standard
 - Social 70% Acceptable Standard
 - Science 78.4% Acceptable Standard
- PAT Results Grade 9 results
 - ELA 82% Acceptable standard
 - Math 64% Acceptable standard
 - Social 66% Acceptable standard
 - Science 76% Acceptable standard

School Council Chair Report

Stakeholder meeting attended by Michelle and Lei

Committee Reports

COSC report by Lei Gryshik

Gramina school council implemented a "One more thing" program, QR code to google doc, you can give kudo's to staff member

Brag Box – students can write a note of thanks to anybody at the school, staff or students.

Lei would like discussion if we would like to implement something like this at our school.

Michelle will connect with GM Parents go get more info on how they implement this program.

Jordi Weidman presented on Students and social media.

- keeping kids safe online
- keeping phones out of bedrooms at night.
- Give kids the skills they need to make good choices online.
- Which apps are safe,

Online fight club in Spruce Grove, Kids are videoing fights and sharing them online.

86% of kids are on apps that require 13+

Child luring using AI, the platforms are constantly changing.

Privacy settings, terms and conditions with our child's apps

Google yourself and your child, see what you can find?

What you put out there, future employers will search you

Websites with parent information: Safer Schools together, Media Smarts and CommonSense Media

The difference between conflict and bullying, Possible session at the school?

Nealle will look into this.

Other ideas about getting parent involved, presentations will bring more parents in the door rather than at a parent council meeting.

Announcements

Arizona mentioned that the Purdy's orders will be coming next week, 50/50 draw effective now.

Adjourned meeting

Adjourned at 7:00 pm