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October 16, 2024

Woodhaven Middle School Council Meeting

Date: October 16, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Learning Commons

In Attendance

Nealle Dickson - David Griffin - Deanna Farris - Michelle Kincheloe - Lei Gryshik -
Amanda Power - Sherilyn Authenac

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Michelle motioned to accept the agenda and minutes as presented. Motion carried and approved.

Trustee Report

Trustee Jill Osborne sends her regrets as she is unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Board Report from the meeting of October 8, 2024 as read by Michelle Kincheloe:

Delegation – A delegation of students presented on the German and Japanese language classes at SGCHS and spoke about opportunities for international student exchange programs. The education and experiences that these students are receiving is really opening their world up. Congratulations and good

luck to those students preparing for international travel and I can't wait to hear about your trip when you return. The Board approved the Modular Submission Report. A copy of the report can be found here: <https://www.psd.ca/download/469939>. With the announcement of the Accelerator program from the Provincial Government, the Board has slightly changed this years modular submission request. The Accelerator program is promising additional billions to add school spaces. We have requested 8 new units for Memorial Composite to increase the capacity of this school, which is currently at 95%. We have also requested replacement modular for existing units at the following schools: Ecole Meridian – 6 modulares Blueberry School – 11 modulares Ecole Broxton Park – 6 modulares Muir Lake School – 2 modulares The Board received the Athabasca Delta Community School Report for information. A copy of the report can be found here: <https://www.psd.ca/download/469940>. A highlight for me was hearing about the implementation of MyPath North and how the school and community have come together to provide culturally responsive programming for the students in this fly-in community. The Board received the Student Conduct and Intervention Report for information. A copy of the report can be found here: <https://www.psd.ca/download/469942>. This report shows a troubling and significant increase in suspensions. Numbers are showing a dramatic increase in incidences of physical aggression and non compliance, particularly in the grade 5,6,7 cohort. The Board has asked for additional information and possible engagement relating to this data. The Board received the 2024/25 Enrolment Report for information. A copy of the report can be found here: <https://www.psd.ca/download/469943>. Overall, PSD has increased by 150 students and is at 12,667 total students (a 1.2% increase over last year). Increases/decreases in student population in specific areas is as follows: • Community A enrolments decreased by 18 students or 3.1% • Community B enrolments decreased by 31 students or 0.6% • Community C enrolments increased by 169 students or 2.6% • Outreach enrolments increased by 42 students or 12.5% • Athabasca Delta Community School decreased by 12 students or 7.9% The Board received the Curriculum Implementation Report for information. A copy of the report can be found here: <https://www.psd.ca/download/469944>. This year we are implementing Grades 4-6 French Immersion and 4-6 Science. There are also 12 teachers in grades 1-6 who are piloting the new K-6 Social Studies Curriculum. It is set to be rolled out next year. There have been no indications that grades 7-12 curriculum will be updated until the full K-6 courses have been implemented. The Division Principals and their teams at head office are working hard to ensure teachers have appropriate resources and PD to be confident and supported in teaching the new curriculum. Advocacy: On October 3rd, myself and Board Chair Lorraine Stewart attended the Pathways of Poverty engagement at Heritage Pavilion that was supported by the 3 municipalities. Currently, 1 in 7 households in the Tri Region live in poverty. The living wage in

our region is \$21/hour and minimum wage is \$15/hour. Parkland School Division continues to address food insecurity in our schools with our partnerships with Rotary's Community Pantry, Breakfast Clubs of Canada, Gordon's Food Services and President's Choice Grant. The Board continues to take every opportunity to advocate for our new high school. We know we're close, but we won't stop until Minister Nicolaidis makes an announcement publicly.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Dickson shared the 2024/2025 development plan.

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School Council Chair Report

Nothing to report

Adjourned meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm