

MINUTES

January 15, 2025

Woodhaven Middle School Council Meeting

Date: January 15, 2025

Time: 6:03pm

Location: Woodhaven

In Attendance

Nealle Dickson - Deanna Farris - Michelle Kincheloe - Sherilynn Authenac - Amanda Power-Chelsey Fleming- Kim Wood - Lei Gryshik - Ashley Itz - Jennifer Pahl - Anne Montgomery- Phil Bull

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

- Ashley motioned to approve the agenda, Sherilynn seconded, all approved.
 - Amanda motioned to approve the October minutes, Sherilynn seconded, all approved.
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Grade 9 Teachers Presentation- Moe Teliani, Kim Glegloff, Keri Bradshaw, Ben Schock

Keri Bradshaw spoke on High school course recommendations as grade 9's prepare to move onto High School. Attendance, work ethic and grades will determine which stream they will go into.

Moe Teliani spoke on PAT's, starting on May 29th, 2025. Woodhaven has in the past been on par with the rest of the province. Year end trip and farewell will be at the end of the year with an afternoon ceremony. Parents can donate to assist those students that cannot afford tickets.

Ben Schock spoke on the Grade 9 PCP Program, teachers work very closely with mainstream colleagues, it's the lens in which we look at the curriculum through a lens of faith. Chapel is a large piece of our program which connects all students in the program.

Grade 5-6 students did a service to the community program which they assisted in a lot of programs throughout the school. Each PCP homeroom also does their own chapel time and have prayer time together.

Kim spoke on the awards ceremony which will be held on June 26th. Due to the change in marking the awards criteria will change due to percentages.

Trustee Report - Anne Montgomery

- **Counselling Supports Presentation:** The board heard from a delegation presentation on Counselling Supports in our Division from our Division Psychologist (Josee Huston), School Councillor (Brittany Thorarinson), and Principal (Leah Andrews) sharing our division supports and services for student mental wellbeing and support.
- **School Calendar:** The School Calendar for 2025-2026 has been released. It is one of those years where the breaks seem to make sense. The first day of school will be in September after the long weekend, a full week fall break will continue and Christmas/New Year's break will be from Monday, December 22, 2024 returning Monday January 5, 2026.
- **Criminal Record Checks for Candidates:** The board considered changing its Bylaws to require Criminal Record Checks for candidates who wished to run in the upcoming election. The recommendation to update the bylaw was defeated 5-1.
- **New High School and Horizon Stage:** We continue to work with the City of Spruce Grove on potentially building Horizon Stage onto the new high school and consideration of other options to support the City's efforts. We strongly believe that Horizon Stage is a valuable community space.
- **Transportation:** The division has a new (but not new) transportation director – Gail Lewis. Ms. Lewis has been with the division transportation department for many years and we look forward to supporting her leadership.
- **Changes in Bussing distances for Grades 1-6:** The government has amended the bussing boundaries for guaranteed bussing for grade 1-6 students. The Boundary was changed from 1.0km to 1.6km starting in September 2026 (NOT September 2025). One year has been provided by the government to implement this change.
- **Are you interested in becoming a Trustee?** Election Nominations are officially open. If you are interested in running for school trustee, the division has the trustee handbook available and other information on the division website.

Principal's Report - Nealle Dickson

- Student wellness and learning based think tank with teachers last week. Discussion based on what supports are available for all students within the school.
 - Also thinking about next year and how to build classrooms to reduce the gaps in learning.
 - Report cards go live on January 31, 2025
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School Council Chair Report - Michelle Kincheloe

- Crosswalk, Michelle emailed ASCA director regarding putting a recommendation forward but was informed that this was not possible due to issue being too localized but they suggested the below recommendations:
 - Write a letter to city council regarding our concerns
 - Invite a city council member to a school council meeting
 - Questioning candidates with the upcoming election
 - Sherilynn discussed the possibility of having a scooter lockup, Nealle will check with facilities
 - Casino still needs volunteers
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Next Meeting February 19, 2025

Adjourned meeting 6:52 pm
