



# Swan Hills School

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## School Council Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2017 Swan Hills School - Flex Room 7:00 pm

1. Call to order – 7:01 pm  
Attendance: Quorum (parent majority, Chair and Principal in attendance) achieved  
**Parents:** Nancy Keough-Chair, Deshia Gaudet-Vice Chair, Stacey Baker, Jessie Scholz, Amanda MacAhonic, Mike Johnston  
**Staff:** Slade Sekulich, Sheila Gardiner, Kim Hooey, Vanessa Lewis  
**Others:** Sheri Watson-Trustee
2. Review of the Agenda  
**Motion:** Accepted as presented
3. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. April 18, 2017  
**Motion:** Moved to accept Minutes by Deshia Gaudet
4. Outgoing Chairperson Report: Nancy Keough
  - i. Thank you to all the parents and staff that have attended these meetings, School Council in a vital part of our school community, please encourage others to attend.
  - ii. October 25<sup>th</sup> Nancy will become the new School Board Trustee for Swan Hills, she is looking forward to serving the community in this new role.
  - iii. Last year's minutes and a brief report were given to Sheri Watson to take to the board as per the councils by laws. The report included the challenges and successes of this council. A challenge was that this board was not given access to the bylaws or any previous minutes as they were in the position of the previous Chairperson. This council received them 8 days before this meeting.
  - iv. Meeting attendance is a challenge as well, the council needs parents to have a voice and work with the administration to support the school. We saw an increase through reaching out to parents and posting meeting on social media. This council also made posters and handouts for DIV 1 and 2.
  - v. This current board has put some things in place, all minutes and agenda are uploaded onto the school website for storage and easy access, including the bylaws. A paper copy of the Bylaws and this year's minutes and agendas including the final report were handed into the office, with the previous year's binders. The Alberta School Board Association now also has a copy of the Bylaws. This was all put in place to ensure that all this information is easily assessable moving forward,
5. Election of New Council:
  - a. Nominations were brought forward from the Floor for, Chairperson, Vice Chair and Secretary. Deshia Gaudet was nominated for Chairperson and accepted- All in favour.
  - b. All other nominations were tabled to the next meeting.
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Student Union: Kim Hooey



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- i. All student's union positions were accepted by acclimation. President is Nick Baker, Vice presidents are Allan Lindburg and Cassidy Harris, Martina Freckelton is secretary, Treasure, Brody Hooey and Evan Budney are sports representatives, Jaycee Thunder and Natalie Ruecker are spirit advisors, Aden Keough and Bryanna Rodwell-Ryder are the Social Conveyers.
- b. School Trustee: Sheri Watson
  - i. Congratulations to Nancy Keough, the new School Board Trustee for Swan Hills.
  - ii. With the removal of instructional fees, the school will be charging for certain extracurricular events, the fee guideline is available on the web site.
  - iii. A new organizational chart was put in place that will eliminate 3 positions which is a savings of \$400,000 that will be given back to schools.
  - iv. Released the old superintendent with Cause, an independent investigation was held with independent lawyers.
  - v. The new superintendent is Dave Garbutt.
  - vi. Elections are October 16<sup>th</sup>, take the time to vote.
  - vii. Thank you for allowing me to be your trustee for the last 7 years.
- c. Division 1 / 2:
  - i. No update
- d. Division 3 / 4: Kim Hooey
  - i. 7/8's are going to the Huestis demonstration forest to learn about logging.
  - ii. Grades 10-12 will be attending an upcoming career fair.
  - iii. The Halloween Howler will be at the end of October, teams are registered and a good turnout is expected.
  - iv. October 4<sup>th</sup> , Lorraine Jackson will be visiting to discuss work experience and wrap programming.
- e. PAWS: Vanessa Lewis
  - i. Vanessa is thrilled to have started the year with full staff allowing PAWS to get programming started sooner than last year.
  - ii. Drop in volley ball and basketball will be beginning soon.
  - iii. Mental Health first aid will be offered and is currently full contact the office to be put on the wait list.
  - iv. October 11<sup>th</sup> , in Partnership with FCSS and Parent Link, there will be a community event at the community centre to discuss addictions and drugs in our community.
- f. Grizzly Cubs: Stacey Baker
  - i. Halloween Adults only dance is October 20<sup>th</sup>, Tickets are \$20.00 till October 6<sup>th</sup> and \$25.00 After.
  - ii. The group will be doing the concession for the Halloween howler.
  - iii. There will be a Halloween movie night date TBD.
  - iv. Cubs is raising funds for an electric sign they are close to reaching their goal.



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7. Old Business

- a. No old business.

8. Principal's Report and Advising Opportunities

- a. Slade is excited to be here and has been getting to know the staff and students of our school.
- b. David Garbutt our superintendent will attend our next parent council meeting.
- c. The fees for extra items on the website list a maximum amount, so do not be alarmed. This provides a safety net to ensure that our students can participate at these funds are not available in the budget.
- d. The goal is to keep our high school viable while providing as many options as possible to our students.
- e. The nutritional plan will use .30 of a position and utilize 2 PA's. It will be formatted as a grab and go covering the 4 food groups.

9. New Business

- a. A letter was received from the office of David Eggen the Education Minister, informing school councils that he will be touring the province and is open to meeting with School Councils to discuss topics of interest. The council can email his office to request a meeting.
- b. The School board has asked for a meeting with the minister as well, in the interest of combining a meeting of all council hopefully to encourage a visit.
- c. Arising from, the floor there is great concern over the high school redesign and the removal of the credit system. We are a rural school and need to be funded differently, to provide what our students need. The block funding restricts the funding schools can receive. While students can continue to get extra credits, there is no way to fund it. This is putting a strain on the teaching resources in our school. School Council will discuss writing a letter.

10. Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 18 @ 7:00

11. Adjourn

**Motion:** Moved to adjourn at 7:44 pm