

**School Council Meeting**  
**Minutes for October 18, 2017**  
**Swan Hills School - Flex Room 7:00 pm**

1. Call to order – 7:05 pm

Attendance: Quorum (parent majority, Chair and Principal in attendance) achieved

**Parents:** Deshia Gaudet - Chair, Mike Johnston

**Staff:** Slade Sekulich, Sheila Gardiner, Vanessa Lewis

**Others:** Sheri Watson-Trustee, Nancy Keough-Incoming Trustee, Dave Garbutt-Superintendent

2. Review of the Agenda

**Motion:** Accepted as presented

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. September 20, 2017

**Motion:** Moved to accept Minutes by Mike Johnston

4. Election of New Council:

a. Nominations were brought forward from the Floor for,, Vice Chair and Secretary. Mike Johnston was nominated for the position of Secretary and accepted - All in favour.

b. All other nominations were tabled to the next meeting.

5. Committee Reports

a. Division 1-2: Mr Sekulich

i. Fundraising for field trips has begun: We are doing one taco in a bag sale and one pizza sale per month. We still need more volunteers.

ii. Positive Play slips have started. Students will receive a group reward for every 100 they earn for playing in a positive way. These may be given out to a student for acts such as including others, sharing, using the equipment correctly or in general, playing nicely and taking turns with others.

iii. Got-ya slips are given to students within the school who are following the rules, making good choices, working hard, listening, being on task etc.). Their names go into a bucket for a monthly draw to win a chance to enjoy a sundae with our Admin Team.

iv. Yellow Slips - We used the month of September teaching and reteaching behavioral expectations. Starting this month we are handing out yellow slips and time at the wall for misbehaviors at recess.

v. Halloween Celebration- Students will be making caramel apples in the morning. After lunch recess there will be a Halloween parade that goes through the grade 4-6 hallway, followed by Halloween activity stations. After last recess the students are back in their classrooms to wind down with a class party.

vi. Student of the Month - 1-2 students will be recognized in each class for things they are doing really well in the school and on the playground (being on task, completing assignments, listening and following instructions, cooperation, effort etc.). The students are recognized in front of their classmates by Admin., receive a certificate and have their picture and why they were picked posted in the Div. 1 hallway.

vii. No report from Division 2 - not submitted

- f. Division 3: Slade Sekulich
  - .Twenty-three Swan Hills High School students broadened their future options by attending the Career and Education Expo at the Jean Millar Centre in Whitecourt on September 22nd. Showcasing regional business and educational opportunities, the Expo featured fifty-two exhibitors. Thirteen of these exhibits had demonstrations and/or virtual simulators. A full twenty-eight post-secondary institutions were in attendance. 2 Students won Evelyn Charles scholarships.
  
- c. PAWS - Vanessa Lewis
  - i.All Student Council positions are filled
  - ii.Jr/Sr girls/boys have mental health programs. Sr Boys have tailor made their own program.
  - iii.October 30 Family Craft Night
  - iv.October 11 PAWS co-hosted an event for Addictions awareness. It was well received by the attendees
  - v.December Family night is going to take the place of the Christmas Tree Festival.
  - vi.Christmas Light Up November 16th.
  
- d. Grizzly Cubs - Jen Stenberg via text message
  - i.October 20 - Adult Halloween Dance
  - ii.November 3 - Family Movie Night
  - iii.November 8 - Poutine Lunch
  - iv.Pembina Pipelines has contributed the rest of the money needed for the electronic sign
  - v.The next fundraising project will be for bleachers
  
- e. Board Trustee - Shari Watson
  - i.Nancy Keough excited to start board work
  
- 6. Guest - Dave Garbutt
  - a. Complimented the agenda and organization of the Parent Council - hat tip to Nancy
  - b. Dave explained that he wants to be involved in the parent council meetings. He plans on attending another meeting before Christmas and another in Spring
  - c. Encouraging transparency, and engagement from the parents, students, and staff. He wants to get to know the community.
  - d. He referenced a point from the last meeting about high school funding. He explained his belief that the schools should be in the business of educating and not in collecting money. 35 credits are funded division wide so that all students get the same quality of education. Every spring the 35 credit policy will be revisited by the board during budget planning.
  - e. Dave mentioned that so long as the board can offer quality programming, the school will stay open. It is up to the citizens of the town to keep up their end of the bargain. He mentioned that closing a school is a sure fire way to kill a community...
  
- 7. Principal's Report and Advising Opportunities
  - a. Enrollment - 197, 37 in High School
  - b. School renovations over Christmas Break. Elementary Bathrooms, leaky skylight in foyer
  - c. Halloween - No weapons should be required for your costume

d. Fort Assiniboine School has asked if any Jr high students would be interested in a trip to Quebec, Montreal & Ottawa May 10 2018. Parents are funding in the Fort mostly on a monthly plan.

e. A Leveled Literacy Intervention video created by a student is being used by Patty Zadankowsky across the division.

f. Breakfast Program, Secure Energy Services hot breakfast 1 day a week. AB Government funded breakfast daily - grab'n go

8. New Business

a. Mike mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce has booked a guest speaker for November 27. Doug Griffiths is a self professed "community therapist" and has co-written a book titled *13 Ways To Kill Your Community*. As he is booked for the day, in other towns he has spent time with high school students. If there is availability maybe he could talk with the student about their community. Should tie in nicely with Social Studies curriculum.

b. School attendance has been excellent. The Sunday budget may need to be re-examined...

9. Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 15 @ 7:00

10. Adjourn

**Motion:** Moved to adjourn at 8:21 pm