



Swan Hills School

Home of the Grizzlies

Together we can. Together we will.

School Council Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2017 Swan Hills School - Flex Room 7:00 pm

1. Call to order – 7:02 pm

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

- **Parents:** Deshia Gaudet - Chair, Lindsey Kilpatrick, Amanda MacAhonic, Melissa Tout, Mike Johnston, Courtney Ruecker, Julie Thomsen, Jessie Scholz
- **Staff:** Slade Sekulich, Sheila Gardiner,
- **Others:** Terry Kuyek - Town Councillor, Allan Lindberg, Nicolas Baker

2. Review of the Minutes

- **Motion:** Accepted as presented

3. Approval of the Minutes - October 18, 2017

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

4. Election of New Council:

- Nominations were brought forward from the floor for Vice Chair. Mike Johnston nominated Lindsey Kilpatrick and she graciously accepted - All in favour.

5. Committee Reports

a. Students Union

- a. Everyone in attendance at the Halloween Howler enjoyed the dance and music provided by "Night Owl DJ".
- b. Gym night will be on November 22 from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. Basketball will be the activity.
- c. Members of the executive met with Mr Sekulich to address some items of concern. They included:
 - i. 2 new microwaves for the student lounge
 - ii. Install a couple of additional shelves to create more space in the lounge
 - iii. Repair the water fountain by the gym and in the jr/sr hallway. Both are not working adequately.
 - iv. An additional volleyball net and basketballs were requested.

b. Board Trustee - Nancy Keough

- a. Nancy and the rest of the trustees were sworn in October 25.
- b. Hat Tip to the school for the Remembrance Day Ceremony

c. PAT Tests & Diploma Exams

- i. Grade 6 Math, Science and Social Studies require attention in general
- ii. Grade 9 Knowledge and Employability test results have improved and are better than the provincial average.
- iii. More Pembina Hills students are writing diploma exams
- iv. Pembina Hills students are exceeding provincial averages in the following classes:
 - LA 30-1, LA 30-2
 - Social 30-2
 - Math 30-1
- v. Pembina Hills Student enrollment is down by 54 students across the division. Our school is down 7 students. No schools will be considered for closure next year.
- vi. Nancy and the trustees are attending the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta AGM and Fall General Meeting. In conjunction with the AGM; a legacy panel will be held with the following Provincial Cabinet ministers:
 - Hon David Eggen - Education
 - Hon Sarah Hoffman - Deputy Premier & Health
 - Hon Joe Ceci - Treasury & Finance
 - Hon Richard Feehan - Indigenous Relations
 - Hon Christina Gray - Labour & Responsible for Democratic Renewal
- vii. The new Pembina Hills Public Schools website is live. It will be kept up to date with current news and bussing information. You can subscribe to receive updates delivered to your email box as well.

<http://www.phpschools.ca>

c. **Division 1-2: Mr Sekulich**

- a. Not received from Division 1 or Division 2 this month

d. **Division 3/4: Slade Sekulich**

- a. Jr High Basketball has started. There could possibly be 2 boys teams if interest continues.
 - i. Boys will practice on Mondays and Wednesdays.
 - ii. The girls will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- b. Basketball fees are quite reasonable compared to other schools within Pembina Hills.

e. **PAWS - Slade**

- a. PAWS is attending a workshop in Calgary for 3 days.
- b. Festival of Trees December 6 - Proceeds of the evening will be split between SH Slo-Pitch Association and PAWS to provide recreational opportunities within the community.
 - i. Tickets on Sale November 21. \$5 with a food bank donation, \$10 without a donation.
 - ii. Meal is a turkey dinner; just like your Grandma would make.

f. **Grizzly Cubs - Courtney Ruecker**

- a. Halloween Dance proceeds of \$1100 to be put towards sports programs

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- b. The school wood CTS program will refinish the bleachers - materials covered by Grizzly Cubs
 - c. Fundraising activities included a poutine lunch and a family movie night in October. Fundraising activities to resume in January 2018.
 - d. Recent community Christmas Craft Fair - merchandise and tickets for pillows were sold
 - e. Electric sign to be installed in the new year. Thank-you Pembina Pipeline for the generous donation of \$5350.

6. **Principal's Report and Advising Opportunities**

- a. Remembrance Day event last week, it was well attended.
- b. Review the Council of School Councils presentation to the Minister of Education, David Eggen N
- c. PHPS PD Day November 20, emphasizing Numeracy.
- d. Jr High Field Trips - Ft Assinboine is traveling this upcoming May. The timing doesn't work this year, too short of notice. The school could explore traveling with other schools in the division in the future or travel solo. The creation of a Travel Club?
- e. Highway Clean-up fund raising opportunity - follow up in early 2018
- f. PAT/Diploma reviews on the school website.
- g. Hat tip to the volunteers who helped with the Halloween Howler volleyball tournament.

7. **New Business**

- a. Junior High Field trips, Deshia has been exploring options on travel within Canada.
- b. Finances are challenging when it comes to these trips. Highway clean-up is an option, casinos are another option. PAWS or Grizzly Cubs could possibly apply for a casino.
- c. It was pointed out that there are numerous fundraising activities happening throughout the year. Creating a pool of funds that could be accessed by Divisions 1 through 4 may increase the number of people who could volunteer.
- d. A motion to proceed with looking into a Travel Club. Volunteerism, Fundraising opportunities and Travel Providers. The motion was passed unanimously.
- e. The School Council email is swanhillssc@gmail.com, to be used for school council business. The Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Principal will have access to the the account.
- f. Deshia was forwarded information for a grant. Alberta recycling is offering up to 30k on a project. She will forward on to Grizzly Cubs.
- g. Terry Kuyek will be representing the Town Council at the meetings going forward. Town Council was sworn in at the end of October. Please forward the minutes to Terry.
- h. Mike offered a "brief" review of the Council of School Councils meeting with David Eggen.
- i. A suggestion to change the night and time of the meeting was presented from the floor. The 3rd Wednesday of the month is currently the best night.
- j. Next meeting was moved up a week, the last day of classes for the school is December 20th.

8. **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 @ 7:00

9. **Adjourn**

- **Motion:** Moved to adjourn at 7:54 pm

