



Swan Hills School

Home of the Grizzlies

Together we can. Together we will.

School Council Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2018 Swan Hills School - Flex Room 7:00 pm

Call to order – 7:06 pm

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

- **Parents:** Mike Johnston - Chair, Jessie Scholz, Amanda Macahonic
- **Staff:** Slade Sekulich, Sheila Gardiner, Vanessa Lewis
- **Others:** Terry Kuyek - Town Councillor, Carol Webster, Krista Emery, Brett Cooper - Assistant Superintendent

Review of the Minutes

- **Motion:** Accepted as presented

Approval of the Minutes - November 15, 2017

- **Motion:** Moved to accept Minutes by Slade

Committee Reports

- Students Union**
 - Slade presents the report. New microwave and sound system for the gym.
 - Possible spring dance
 - Purchases are funded with "Hat Day" proceeds
- Board Trustee - Nancy Keough**
 - Nancy has been pretty busy. Conferences and meetings and some professional development.
 - 3 Board meetings, approval of the financial statements (including deficit)
 - Attended Sunnybend Colony, approval of the division school calendar
- Division 1-2: Mr Sekulich**
 - continuing to fundraise for a field trip to Children's Festival
 - Swimming begins next week
 - Positive Play
 - No Div 2 report
- Division 3/4: Slade Sekulich**
 - Basketball
 - Ski Trip to Jasper Feb 22 or 23?
 - Rochester School playing our Grizzlies tomorrow(1/18) morning/afternoon
- PAWS - Vanessa**
 - Festival of Trees, \$2000 raised, sold out and the Slo-Pitch split the proceeds
 - Lunch and Learn 15-20 parents usually attend Seasonal Affective Disorder is the focus of this month
 - January Family Night - Yoga Night; Feb 21 Family Night is Glow in the Dark Dodgeball
 - Pink Shirt Day Feb 28 - Building Character for a bully free culture with the elementary students. Jr/Sr high will have a discussion and complete a community based art project.
 - U-Move Challenge: Walk the Grizzly Trail Challenge in February. 93 minutes a day of physical activity is about the equivalent of walking 218km or 2800 minutes. ONLY tie outside of the school day will count
 - Family Day Lego Challenge Feb 19
 - Organizational Skills Workshop for Jr/Sr High Feb 5

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- RCMP summer camp is being offered. Feb 6, CST McLeod will be in to present to interested high school students a week in “Depot” summer camp. He will also assist in filling out the appropriate applications.
 - f) **Grizzly Cubs - Absent**
 - Electronic Sign to be installed by month end
 - g) **Town Council - Terry Kuyek**
 - Affordable broadband for everyone - the town is working hard to find a solution.
 - Town Budget
 - Renewed 911 dispatch with the Grande Prairie Fire dispatch
 - March 9-11 is Swancicle Days

Old Business

- The travel field trip was briefly discussed. As Deshia wasn't in attendance and has done most of the leg work, we didn't spend much time on the topic.
- Fundraising Opportunities - Highway Clean-up will be covered in the next few months again.

Principal's Report and Advising Opportunities

- A lively conversation about the alternate calendar. The deadline to totally revamp the calendar was January 14. A community discussion needs to be held early next year if a drastic change is to happen (reducing/increasing the number of days). 80% is the magic number, parents, students and staff all need 80%. Input from parents and the community as a whole as business is affected by the alternate calendar as well. As a school, we log only 14 alternate days. Other schools in the division do choose to use up to 23 alternate days. Planning of alternate days could range from the amount of time students spend on a bus, to local reasons.
- Moving on... Alberta Education Survey is underway. Phone calls are being made to parents. Students will complete a survey in the coming weeks.
- Feb 1 safe riders presentation on ATV, Snowmobile safety.
- Barrhead Comp presentation similar to the PAWS presentation about drugs a few months back.
- A discussion on Impacting Education in Swan Hills.
 - What Challenges do parents and staff face in their efforts to bring students to success?
 - What do you identify as evidence of progress toward improvement of Literacy, Numeracy, Diversity and student/teacher relationships?
 - What one thing does the parent community want to focus on? Which would have the greatest impact at the lowest cost?

New Business

- Alternate Calendar - Covered
- Nominations for Teacher/Volunteer/Important Person Recognition. We should nominate a person every meeting Nomination forms can be found on the school division website and emailed into the regional office. The instructions are on the division website.

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, February 21, 2018 @ 7:00

Adjourn

- **Motion:** Moved to adjourn at 8:54 pm

