



Swan Hills School

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School Council Meeting

Minutes for May 16, 2018

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: Mike Johnston
Staff: Slade Sekulich, Sheila Gardiner
Others: Terry Kuyek - TOSH, Nancy Keough PHPS Trustee
2. Review of the Agenda
Motion: Accepted
3. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. April 18, 2018
Motion: Moved to accept Minutes by Slade Sekulich
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Students Union
 - i. May 3 Spring Fling Dance. Attended by students from Ft Assiniboine as well. Everyone looked good and behaved accordingly. It may become an annual event...
 - ii. Microwaves were recently purchased for the student lounge. Old ones donated to Div 2 students.
 - iii. Executive is planning a year end activity.
 - b. Board Trustee - Nancy Keough
 - i. Board planning continues. The school division is seeking partnerships that make sense for the schools and communities. Parental Engagement with school administration is encouraged to let the admin know what the parents think is important with their child's education.
 - ii. PHPS will continue to concentrate on Student/Teacher relationships, literacy, numeracy and diversity of student needs.
 - iii. ADLC continues to reorganize staffing to be based in Barrhead. 30 teaching positions to be filled. The division will be partnering with surrounding communities to showcase the lifestyle within the school division's communities.
 - iv. PHPS board amends policy to include value statement. *"We value success for every student. We can achieve success for every student when:"*
 - *All participants in the education system are engaged in learning.*
 - *Students, staff, parents and community commit to building an inclusive culture that is welcoming, caring, respectful and safe in every area of the system.*
 - *We accept all students for who they are and what they need.*
 - *We provide all students with a sense of belonging.*
 - *We teach the literacy and numeracy skills students need to be confident and competent in school and in life.*



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- v. PHPS Board requests funding for maximum bus ride times. Sustainable funding model for funding that includes a maximum ride time.
 - vi. PHPS board has approved a LED lighting project. PHPS will receive \$196,000 from Energy Efficiency Alberta. The remaining \$448,000 to be funded by \$232,000 of unplanned revenue from an insurance policy and \$216,000 annual maintenance program for PHPS facilities. Potential annual savings could be up to \$150,000. Expected energy savings could be up to 374,000 kWh.
 - vii. 93% of survey respondents are satisfied with the overall quality of education offered by PHPS.
- c. Division 1-2: Mr Sekulich
- i. Div 1: Steeped Tea fundraiser orders will be available for pick up May 17.
 - ii. Div 1: International Children's Festival field trip in St Albert May 29. Depart school at 7am and be back at school around 6pm.
 - iii. Div 1: Swimming June 11,13,14,18,20,25 and 27. Students are instructed with water safety skills on deck with pool life guard, followed by swimming skills practice with the life guards.
 - iv. Div 1: Positive Play May 31 periods 7 + 8. Outdoor sporting activities to build positive relationships with their peers.
 - v. Div 2: Grade 4 + 5 are in Drumheller.
 - vi. Div 2: Next bottle drive June 2
 - vii. Div 2: Div 2 Track and Field event in June
- d. Division 3: Slade Sekulich
- i. Lorraine Jackson met wth Grade 9-12 students to provide information about RAP, dual credit and free summer programs for credit.
 - ii. Grade 9 transitions meeting will be held at the in the next few weeks to provide students with information regarding high school programming and supports.
- e. PAWS - Absent
- i. Wellness Days MAy 8 + 9. The event focused on building resilience; the ability for your body to bounce back when challenges are encountered.
 - ii. Grade 1-4 students attended a brief presentation by a guest speaker (Lauren Chow). The students had a healthy snack and learned about how resilience looks and feels in your body. The remainder of the afternoon was spent participating in games which help build resiliency.
 - iii. Grades 5-12 students participated in a morning long resiliency workshop . The WRAP (Wellness, Resiliency, and Partnerships)workshop was hosted by Coach Vern Aitken and was generally well received.
 - iv. Alberta Health Services announced new funding for Mental Health Capacity Builing Projects will be expanding. PAWS is one of the initiatives which is funded by the program.
 - v. RCMP/Sr Basketball Game was held recently. The score was one sided, but all participants enjoyed the experience. Events like this build a strong sense of community and PAWS will look for other opportunities to host events like this.
 - vi. Student/Staff Surveys to help determine areas of need or interest. Parent Surveys in the next few weeks.



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- vii. Summer Program registration will be available at the Wellness Fair May 29.
 - f. Grizzly Cubs - Jen Stenberg
 - i. \$400 raised on Insomnia Night/Movie night towards a new sound system.
 - ii. MS Fundraiser lunch fundraiser for \$5. Monies raised will go to a local family living with MS. The generosity of the community in the last few months has been appreciated, no pledge sheets will be sent out. People may donate if they choose to before May 30.
 - iii. May 30 staff and students will have a short presentation and will be treated to a performance by SAFIRE.
 - iv. A concession will be offered during the June 7 Track and Field Day. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and other refreshments will be offered.
 - g. Terry Kuyek - TOSH
 - i. Seniors Week in June
 - ii. Fire Smart Program - property inspections offered by the Fire Department
 - iii. 2 local Noxious Weed inspectors
 - iv. Communities In Bloom initiative started by the local Chamber of Commerce
5. Principal's Report and Advising Opportunities
- a. Go To Educator Training - initial staff members trained with balance to receive training next year.
 - b. SHS has received a grant from Skills Canada. We are now the proud owner of 5 slightly used refrigerators.
 - c. Students received helmet safety/concussion awareness training.
 - d. Grades 9 + 10 received a local version of the PARTY Program
 - e. LA 6 +9 PAT's written. Remainder of testing beginning on June 20.
6. Old/New Business
- a. School Supply Fundraiser - all supplies delivered to school. A possible \$5/order to school. Will be looked into
 - b. Whooo's Reading fundraiser was completed and exceeded expectations.
 - c. School Lock Down Drill May 22. Mike asked about possibly planning on a day when Pre-School was not there. Admin assured that the drill wouldn't be too intense in the Div 1 end of the school.
7. Next Meeting
- September TBA.
8. Adjourn
- Motion:** Moved to adjourn at 7:55 pm