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**School Council Meeting
Minutes for September 19, 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, MARTine Yamiuk, Amanda MacAhonic, Charlotte Spence, Jordy Spence, Melissa Tout, Laura Hebert, Tyler Kluin, Rose Kluin, Julie Thomsen, Chris Thomsen
Staff: Slade Sekulich, Sheila Gardiner, Kim Hooey, Vanessa Lewis
Others: Terry Kuyek - TOSH, Nancy Keough PHPS Trustee
2. **Review of the Agenda**
Motion: Accepted
3. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. May 16, 2018
Motion: Moved to accept Minutes by Slade Sekulich
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Board Trustee - Nancy Keough
 - i. Board meetings started up in August. Citizenship Awards are being reviewed. A brief discussion ensues and the majority of the attendees. Specific wording of the award to include Volunteering or Community Service and Academic Performance in Good Standing as well as the frequency of the award to be determined.
 - ii. Elder (Indigenous) Protocol being created
 - iii. Ceiling needs to be upgraded before LED lights can be upgraded in our school.
 - iv. Increased funding to the school this year due to interaction with the trustee and attending these meetings.
 - b. Division 1-2: Mr Sekulich
 - i. Routines are being instilled
 - ii. Caught-ya's in effect - monthly sundae with Mrs Gardiner and other prizes
 - iii. Terry Fox Run September 20th
 - iv. Div 1 field trips tentatively include Telus World of Science and a year end trip
 - v. Fundraising efforts include Taco in a Bag
 - vi. Div 2 Cross Country run tomorrow
 - vii. Div 2 Insomniac night, pick up your kids at 00:00
 - viii. Goal Setting Oct 2nd and 3rd?
 - c. Division 3 - Kim Hooey
 - i. Student Council Elections just completed. Mrs King and Mrs Hooey will be the Division 3 and 4 advisors this upcoming year. The incoming council has grand visions and would like to become more involved with school policy. The council includes:
 - President - Kyra Griffin
 - Sr High Vice - Keaten Harris
 - Jr High Vice - Nicholas Baker
 - Secretary/Treasurer - Paige Villard
 - Sr High Social Convenor - Martina Freckelton



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- Jr High Social Convenor - Susannah Purcka
 - Boy's Sports Rep - Josh Davies
 - Girl's Sports Rep - Breanna Bratt
 - Spirit Advisors - Andre Chaisson & Jacob Jerome
 - Grade 12 Room Rep - Michael Lewis & Natalie Perry
 - Grade 11 - Avery Greenhow
 - Grade 10 - Jessie Gardipy & Cassadi Harris
 - Grade 9 - Evan Budney & Blaize Lappin
 - Grade 8 - Aden Keough & Aubrey Zlatnik
 - Grade 7 - Madison Gottfried & Chase Schonheiter
- ii. Mr Hooey, Mr Linger, and Ms Tran will be coaching volleyball this upcoming year..
 - iii. Halloween Howler Volleyball Tournament is coming up Oct 26/27. We will host 9 teams along with 3 of our own. The event will include volleyball matches, and a dance. There could be upwards of 130 kids including kids from Ft Assinboine who were offered the opportunity to come to the dance again this year after last year's successful trial run.
 - iv. A basketball clinic will be held on Nov 16/17 for Grade 7-10 girls and boys.
 - v. Career Fair in WCT Gr 9 - 12 9/28/18. More opportunities and better attendance by trade schools and government organizations. Far superior to the Barrhead fair.
 - vi. Mrs Hooey began to tell the attendees about the CTS programming, and success stories from our school since the High School Redesign. The High School redesign gives flexibility to the students to study at their own pace. In some cases courses can be completed quickly if the student is so inclined. This gives the student the option to begin training in CTS classes while enrolled in high school. CTS courses offered in our school are different than the "traditional" CTS programming many of the parents may have taken.
 - vii. Work Experience - Gr 10's have completed. HCS 3000 has been completed by many students. This course is a prerequisite to any RAP programming.
 - viii. Base Corp Level 1 Childcare is offered in our school as a CTS Course. The Government of Alberta has legislated training requirements for child care centre employees. Primary staff are required to possess a Child Development Assistant Qualification Certificate. The students can then assist in the Kindergarten or Pre School as work experience. 2 students have enrolled this year. A success story from last year was a former student being offered additional job training in Whitecourt as she already had completed the Level 1 and had on the job training.
 - ix. Healthcare Aid, 1 student coming back next year. 3 local students have completed the program in Barrhead in the past couple of years. 30 credits. Substantial cost savings to the student to have the opportunity to do this during high school instead of after high school.
 - x. Mrs Hooey is looking into Gas/Oil Operator certificate from Northern Lakes College as another possible course.
 - xi. Another local success story; a current student and firefighter was offered Fire Fighting Industrial Certification sponsored in Whitecourt by Scott Safety, \$14000 in additional



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funding. 10-01 Employable anywhere in North America Mrs Hooey is looking into the program as a dual credit opportunity.

- xii. 2-3 cosmetology students into Evelyn Charles Academy for certification. Again, Mrs Hooey is looking into dual credit funding?
- xiii. Bottom line is that our kids leave employable. While we don't get the same opportunities. Parents save money, risk free money deciding a career path in High School. Dual Credit opportunities may present better jobs while going to university. Other schools in the division are trailing us in these opportunities.

d. Vanessa Lewis - PAWS

- i. New Staff: Tanya Thomas child/youth mentor and counselling. and Emily McCleod doing after school programming.
- ii. Community Based YOGA - well received by the community. Yoga programming around Oct 15 Division 2. Maybe Divisions 3 and 4 later in the year.
- iii. Jr/Sr counselling beginning shortly with community mentors.
- iv. Oct 15 after school programming begins.
- v. In Class programs Oct 1
- vi. Money Mentors - Sr High Students
- vii. Mental Health Awareness Night Oct 16
- viii. We are the only school in the division with this programming. Many other schools in the Province are looking to medel their programming after ours.

e. Grizzly Cubs - Slade

- i. Jen remains President
- ii. An upcoming Christmas Cash Raffle with a December 10 draw date
- iii. Oct lunch programs
- iv. TBD Oct Movie
- v. Halloween Howler concession
- vi. Table at the annual community Craft Fair November 13.

f. TOSH - Terry Kuyek

- i. Communities in Bloom
- ii. Walking trails have been gravelled and completed around the school
- iii. FCSS Volunteer Night Oct 11 at 18:00 recruiting
- iv. Doug Griffiths is working with the local Economic Development Committee

5. Old Business

- a. Travel Club - "didn't get off the ground"
- b. Electronic Devices in School Jr/Sr - Policy has changed. Tighten up policy, no ban only can be used if teacher directed. Students are resisting, reevaluate next year. Music seems to be the common thing being asked for.
- c. Awards Night? It will remain in the spring after a survey last spring.

6. Principal Report and Advising

- a. Electronics Covered
- b. PHPS Literacy and Numeracy. The school now has a Literacy Lead and a Math specialist to catch up students to grade level.i



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- c. New programming for school. Div 4 students are not interested in the current programming. Need to teach what the students are interested in. Div 3, options are quarterly.
- d. We have versatile teachers, we might not necessarily have the proper spaces or shop space to teach the traditional industrial classes.
- e. High School redesign funding, block funding based on 9/30 student numbers. Students work on credit accumulation. Not funded on credits, no school in the division is funded like that. If you acquire the credits quickly, you can do the rap programming on your own time. Credits aren't necessarily tied to classroom minimum time.
- f. New programming: Experiential CALM course. 5 credits in a week coming up in Jasper this week. Created by a friend/peer of Slade.

7. New Business

- a. Time we meet? Need to have people attend. 6pm? Meetings will remain at 7pm after a brief discussion
- b. A lively discussion begins surrounding the split classes in Division 1 and 2. There are many misconceptions and rumours floating around the community based mostly around the lack of information being communicated by the school. It was suggested by some parents that an information night be held.
- c. Grade 1 and 2 have their own teachers for literacy and numeracy at grade level. Grade 4, 5, 6 are split into a 2 classes. There are just under 60 students between the 2 classes. The Division 2 teachers were to recommend which grade 5 students were in which class. Administration had the final say of which students were in which class based on classroom dynamics/relationships.
- d. Grade 6 is learning grade 5 science/social so both split classes can be on same science/social. Grade 6 parents were told that students may not perform well on PAT testing due to students learning Grade 5 Curriculum this year? Grade 6 students will review at the end of the year before standardized testing. Grade 6 student parents suggest that maybe the review can happen throughout the year.
- e. PHPS has a equalization formula for school funding. Final funding cutoff is Sept 30. A few new students have enrolled in our school, maybe some extra funds can be found to alleviate some of the pressures suggests the PHPS School Trustee. It will come up at the next board meeting.
- f. A parent asks a question of the Fort Assiniboine school. A Fort kid is going to play on our sports team due to the lack of numbers in their school. There are a number of relationships already in place with the community. Many people commute up here to work. It is suggested that the Fort kids should come to Swan Hills for High School and that the School Council writes a formal letter to the board inviting their high school students up here instead of them going to Barrhead. Jordy passes a motion to write a letter to the PHPS board.

8. Next Meeting

October 17, 2018.

9. Adjourn

Motion: Moved to adjourn at 9:15 pm