



# Swan Hills School

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

1. Call to order – 7:03 pm  
Attendance: Quorum (parent majority, Chair and Principal in attendance) achieved  
**Parents:** Deshia Gaudet(Chair), Martine Yamiuk, Amanda MacAhonic, Braidy Schonheiter.  
**Staff:** Slade Sekulich, Sheila Gardiner, Kim Hooey, Vanessa Lewis  
**Others:** Terry Kuyek - TOSH, Nancy Keough PHPS Trustee
2. **Review of the Agenda**  
Edit to Old business- line b take out “policy has changed”  
Edit to New Business - item f last line. edit to say Jordy passes motion to continue looking into possibilities of Fort Assiniboine high school joining Swan Hills.  
**Motion:** Accepted
3. **Approval of the Minutes**
  - a. September 19th, 2018  
**Motion:** Moved to accept Minutes by Amanda MacAhonic
4. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Board Trustee - Nancy Keough
    - i. A new bid for replacement of the skylight in the entrance way has been secured and work will start in the Spring.
    - ii. All ceilings and lights will be upgraded to LED by next year.
    - iii. There is a new K-4 draft curriculum available for viewing. It can be found on the Alberta Education website.
    - iv. The board visited Swan Hills on Oct 10th and enjoyed hearing from the students union.
    - v. ASCA is seeking input from parents on school councils/ school community members on the following 2 topic areas  
Isolation rooms in schools (our school does not have one)  
Education business planning  
There is a short survey on the Alberta School Councils website.
    - vi. Town hall meeting Nov 6th to discuss the towns future. Brett Cooper Assistant Superintendent will be attending
    - vii. Board news will be in 3 newspapers regularly, including Swan Hills.
  - b. Division 1-2: Mr Sekulich
    - i. Grade 1-2 enjoyed the bus safety presentation last week, presentation focused on rules, behavior and emergency situations
    - ii. Div 1 taco in a bag for September 25th was cancelled due to low volunteer numbers. Future dates are November 29th and December 14th.
    - iii. Div 1 field trip to Telus World of Science has been booked for April 30th as long as there are no school conflicts.
  - c. Division 3 - Kim Hooey - not present, no report.
  - d. PAWS- Slade Sekulich



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- i. Mrs. Macleod has begun lunch hour and after school programming. The schedule will change monthly and be updated in print and on Facebook.
- ii. Partnering again with FCSS for parenting programs. "Awakened Joy" will aim to reduce stress through mindfulness and meditation.
- iii. Hosting awards from money mentors October 29th for Jr. & Sr. High students.
- iv. Partnering with RCMP to host presentations on legalization of cannabis. Date to be announced.
- v. Leadership group received grant from Pembina Pipelines to recondition courtyard area outside the library. Planning has begun and will be presented in early 2019.
- vi. Interested in ideas for new family night ideas... Responses were Family dances, Family service night, Seasonal family craft, monthly family nights.

e. Grizzly Cubs - Slade

- i. All current board members will be stepping down as of June 2019
- ii. French toast and Ham fundraiser made \$150.00
- iii. Halloween movie is Thursday the 18th at 6pm
- iv. Christmas raffle Sept 25- Dec 10th. 1st prize \$2000.00, 2nd prize \$750.00, 3rd prize \$250.00
- v. Halloween howler Oct 26th & 27th cubs is providing concession.
- vi. November 13th cubs will be selling merch at the craft fair. New logos will be available.
- vii. New fundraising items, Cooler for lunch room, 2 water filling stations, scoreboard and stage lights for the small gym.
- viii. Spaghetti lunch Nov 20th.

f. TOSH - Terry Kuyek

- i. Communities in Bloom got awards for their hard work in the community.
- ii. Mental health and wellness event to be held at the keyano center, put on by PAWS.
- iii. Upcoming event at the keyano center with Doug Griffiths on developing the community. November 6th @ 5:30

**5. Old Business**

- a. Division 2 split update- there have been changes to the Div 2 split class. Funding came in with more student enrolling. These classes will now be separate for Social and sciences.

**6. Principal Report and Advising**

- a. Experiential CALM & CTS was a great success!
- b. Student behavior (Mainly div 2) Staff is seeing a large number of students being particularly negative towards one another. Are parent noticing this as well?
- c. A survey was sent out to all students in JR. Sr. high as well as grade 6 to see what programs they would like to see. The results came back with Design being #1 followed by Photography, Foods, Travel & Tourism and Audio-Video, Drama & small engine repair.

**7. New Business**

- a. It was discussed that our school council has not been functioning properly for some time and has low attendance. In hopes to bring it back to a fully functioning body we are taking steps to



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make our meetings shorter as well as more advisory and less information that can be accessed elsewhere. New topics we will be covering are Our education plan, program priorities, budget allocations, school policies and school board policies. Council will be meeting with slade to schedule these according to the schools timeline to be completed.

- b. School council has asked that no other activities be held on School council evenings at the school.
- c. It was also discussed that changed may be made to the amount of meetings held per year. This will be determined once our advisory schedule is determined.

**8. Next Meeting**

January 16th, 2018.

**9. Adjourn**

**Motion:** Moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm