



Swan Hills School

Home of the Grizzlies

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School Council Minutes

January 16, 2019

SHS Flex Room 7PM

Call to Order

7:05pm

Parents: Jaymie Raymond(Vice Chair), Jenn Stenberg, Jessica Hamel
Mike Johnston

Staff: Sheila Gardiner, Julia Fife, Slade Sekulich

Other: Terry Kuyek(TOSH), Nancy Keough(PHPS Trustee), Carol
Webster(SHECD),

Review of Current Agenda:

Accepted By Slade Sekulich after addition of A school
Facebook page to agenda by Jaymie Raymond.

Approval of Minutes

November 20, 2018

Accepted by Mike Johnston

Committee Reports

Students Union

- Slade took us on a tour of the “upgraded” student lounge. New furniture and decorating.
- Match-a-matics on Feb 14
- A possible Pool Night?
- Insomniac Night for Divisions 3 and 4?

**PHPS Board Trustee
Nancy Keough**

- Rock the diploma pre diploma exam class has been brought to Barrhead. Participation isn't what was expected. 1 local student is enrolled. Subsidized to \$70/student, the PHPS has invested about 15k in the class.
- Spare bus drivers are required!
- Encourage School Councils to discuss parent teacher interviews. Are they meeting your expectations? A possible future topic at a council meeting?
- Division citizenship awards revamp. Students can be nominated on the PHPS website, reviewed at the regional office & locally at the schools. Academics no longer have a prerequisite towards the award. Recipients will receive a certificate and a medallion. Grade 12 Students can be nominated for a \$500 award. Grades K-12 are eligible.
- Grade 12 is self nominating, all others are not.
- Teacher/Staff nominations also on the PHPS website.

Division 1 and 2

- Swimming has started this week. 8 classes



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Julia Fife

- Osmo has arrived. An Ipad app/hardware for math learning
- 3 Fundraising field trips - volunteers are lacking. Not a lot of input on how to solve the problem from the parents in attendance.
- This year, students will visit Telus World of Science, more swimming and a last day of school field trip to Whitecourt(Movie). Teachers Pet visits the school for a curriculum based in house field trip.
- Grade 4-8 Ski trip is planned for January 25.
- Div 2 Gym night January 21.
- Science Fair has started. Student help is available on Monday's after school. It isn't a school activity any more.
- Hand Bell Group continues to practice on Wednesdays after school.
- Safety Patrol has a started again.
- Div 2 Intramurals on Day 3, lunch recess.
- Div 2 Basketball practices will be on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Divison 3 and 4

- Basketball tournament in Barrhead this weekend. 3 Strong, competitive teams.
- Razor Energy donation information technology. Student survey said that current students wanted a photography and animation program. We have a plotter and a printer to enable them to create projects.
- Psych20 is a new program
- Rec Leadership programming proper techniques, nutrition
- New programming is being continuously sought out by senior high teachers. Emphasizing opportunities from not a lot of money.

Grizzly Cubs Jenn Stenberg

- Christmas Raffle Sold out
- The new sound system has been paid for. (it sounds great as well ie: Christmas Concert)
- Lasagne Lunch January 29
- New Executive board required for next year.
- Lunch/Movie Fundraisers are being planned for February
- Swancicle Days is March 8,9, 10.

Old Business

Principal's Report and Advising Opportunities

1. Alberta Council of School Councils - 1 rep from the school to be paid up to \$2000.



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2. Advanced placement courses - The first in the division will be from Swan Hills. The student will be writing a modified chemistry course.
3. PHPS survey/ Alberta Ed Surveys have started in the past couple of weeks.
4. Science Program - Generate, an opportunity
5. PHPS Alternate Calendar - 14 alternate days scheduled.
6. ECS - The pre school society has requested that the division starts to offer the ECS program.

New Business

1. Swan Hills Economic Development Committee, Carol Webster - Students to design 2 banners at upcoming trade shows. A \$100 prize will be offered to the winner. Videos are a possibility in the future as well. Must include Town of Swan Hills Flag, 3 or 4 photos. What is life in Swan Hills like from a kids perspective.
2. Facebook page for the school - The school has an account. Who will do it? Assignable time? The librarian has been doing much of the promotional work from the school. Boundaries would be needed to talked about.
3. Surveys are open for Pembina Hills School Division. Comments from last year surrounded extracurricular activities. Are there suggestions? Maybe using Thoughtexchange would be a way to reach out.

Next Meeting

February 20, 2019

Adjourn

Moved to adjourn at 9:06 pm