



Swan Hills School

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School Council Minutes

Februaryy 20, 2019

SHS Flex Room 7PM

Call to Order

7:03pm

Parents: Deshia Gaudet(chair), Amanda MacAhonic, Mike Johnston

Staff: Sheila Gardiner, Julia Fife, Slade Sekulich

Other: Nancy Keough(PHPS Trustee)

Review of Current Agenda:

Accepted By Slade Sekulich after addition of approval of current agenda.

Approval of Minutes

January 16, 2018

Accepted by Slade

Committee Reports

Students Union

- Looking at dates in April and May for Spring Fling Dance, Once again the Fort Students will be invited.

**PHPS Board Trustee
Nancy Keough**

- Principal Planning in progress
- PHPS survey is being used to direct discussion in principal planning
- Approval increase, boundary increase. No population, but a possible increase to district funding.
- Student Services review at the last board meeting. 3 Assessment kits for literacy were requested for each school. Our school is in possession of one now.
- Advocating for provincial funding for mental health supports
- No increases to transportation fees
- Rock the Diploma will be offered again in for the next set of diploma exams.
- New bus drivers have been hired. Mandatory government training is in progress

**Division 1 and 2
Julia Fife**

- Positive Play - 100 Slips
- Leprechaun Traps - Monday MArch 11
- Student Lead Conferences - 15 minutes per student March 14
- Parent Lead Communications, new ways of communicating with parents instead of a couple of consecutive nights? Suggestions are welcomed! Deshia likes having the meetings after the report cards. Goal setting seems to be a waste of time.



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Divison 3 and 4

- Agenda possibly sent home the week before the meeting?
- Div 2 - Spring Concert MArch 20
- Basketball - Tuesday 26 last home game against Neerlandia around 3.
- Parent Teacher meeting - Grade 10 Orientation at the end of May

Grizzly Cubs Deshia Gaudet

- Fundraising activities continue. February Taco in a bag has been cancelled.
- Still looking for a new executive.

PAWS Vanessa Lewis

- We hosted our annual Lego Challenge at Family Day.
- Mrs. Mcleod has resigned. We wish her the best and are currently seeking a new Wellness Mentor. All after school activities (except yoga and baking) are cancelled until further notice.
- Community Yoga program continues on Monday evenings at 7 pm. Cost is \$10 and everyone is welcome
- Pink Shirt Day is on Tuesday, February 26th. This year we are focusing on celebrating diversity and compassion. Activities will be led by students from our leadership group.
- We are partnering with the Community Health Board and the Municipal Library on a public screening of the film "Resiliency". Likely to be held in early April.
- Wellness Day is scheduled for May 6. Olympic bobsledder Neville Wright will be on hand to present to the students about perseverance and overcoming obstacles.
- The leadership group is currently finalizing their plans for the courtyard. Groundwork will begin in the spring.
- We are considering hosting a mental health first aid course for the public. Please let us know if you would be interested in attending this program.

Old Business

- Alternate Calendar - it's set now.
- Fundraising Goals/Participation - not all fundraisers are good. Depends on the trip. Not every family can afford the time to fundraise. Not all families can afford the money not to fundraise. A catch 22, maybe less trips requiring fundraising?
- Parking - assigned spots and signage is up. All staff has been assigned a spot.



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Principal's Report and Advising Opportunities

1. The new equipment purchased with the Razor grant is up and running and now on display in the flex room. 2 computers for photography, no cameras were purchased. Heat press, vinyl cutter, photo printer. Design Studies classes have started.
2. PHPS Priorities: Inclusiveness, Literacy, Numeracy, and Relationships. Relationship building by trying to get students to engage in their learning by choosing what they want to learn. The Razor grant purchased equipment the students were interested in learning. The division has been trying to standardize the assessments across the division, for an honest comparison amongst schools. The numeracy lead for the school is the only one in the division. The position has no defined outcomes or roles, the teachers assign students to the numeracy lead. In the future, will it be by referral or volunteering, or teacher assigned. All schools in the division have a dedicated literacy lead. Many other school divisions don't include kids with learning disabilities in the same classroom. The students are taught to groups or individual programs and often to the benefit of the children with learning disabilities.

New Business

1. School Council Elections - Deshia isn't returning as Chairperson. Elections are in May.
2. Results from satisfaction surveys might be in time for next meeting.
3. Possibly get the agenda out earlier for maybe more participation from parents.

Next Meeting

April 17, 2019

Adjourn

Moved to adjourn at 8:35 pm