



Swan Hills School

Home of the Grizzlies

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School Council Minutes

September 18, 2019

SHS Flex Room 7PM

Call to Order

7:01pm

Parents: Jaymie Raymond(Vice Chair), Mike Johnston, Aimee Ulrich, Jessie Scholz, Melissa Tout, Stacey Baker, Tiffany MacDonald, Kim Amor, Amanda MacAhonic, Tara LaBerge

Staff: Sheila Gardiner, Kim Hooey, Vanessa Lewis, Slade Sekulich

Other: Nancy Keough(PHPS Trustee), Terry Kuyek(TOSH), Nick Baker, Allan Lindberg, Aden Keough

Review of Current Agenda:

Accepted By Sheila Gardiner

Approval of Minutes

May 15, 2019

Accepted by Slade S

Committee Reports

Students Union

- A delegation presented a few ideas to the council after highlighting their efforts from the past year. Discussions arose from a hat policy, new snacks in the cafeteria/snack machine and use of music devices during class time when allowed by the teachers.
- No hats during inside the school is the current policy, nobody in attendance had a problem with allowing students to wear a hat inside of the school if the administration decided to change the policy.
- Music devices during class time. The students don't see them as a distraction. Some teachers expect students to use them for classroom activities as the computers are antiquated. A lively discussion, the council will leave to the school to decide a direction. Many parents in attendance didn't like the idea of "more" opportunities for device use.
- Student union would like more choice of snack items in the school vending machines/snack bar. Some parents thought encouraging kids to eat unhealthy food if there were more choices. Kids currently walk to the grocery store and get whatever they want. Student's union is thinking that they could save the kids a trip and sell inside the school. Things to consider would be pricing, life span and availability of foods. As long as the younger kids in the school weren't being offered the junk food, nobody really had a problem with trying out.

PHPS Board Trustee

- Council of School Councils was held 5/14 in Barrhead.



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Nancy Keough

- School Division is dealing with the fact no Provincial Budget has been tabled yet.
- Government is going to continue the nutrition grant.
- The division changed their legal name to exclude the word "public"
- Renovations were completed in the school this past summer. New lighting and repairs to the roof in the atrium.

Division 1 and 2

- No report.

Division 3 and 4

- Volleyball season has started.
- Halloween Howler Volleyball tournament Nov 1
- Career Fair in Whitecourt
- A few students are participating in dual credit programs(College/Trade/HighSchool)

TOSH Terry Kuyek

- Not much to report. RCMP community meeting 9/19 @ 18:00

Old Business

- New bell times due to staff equalization scheme. 7 additional minutes to each day.
- A quick discussion on when to meet for school council. Nothing is changing.

Principal's Report and Advising Opportunities

1. School division maintenance staff has installed the water bottle filler in the hallway to the gym. Maybe we can have another one installed in the jr/sr high hallway.
2. SUEZ tour, the company is willing to engage with the school more. Students went to visit the facility the other day during their open house. The SUEZ staff offered glowing compliments on the behaviour of the students.
3. School fees were reviewed.
4. The government recently announced that they would continue to fund the nutrition program.

New Business

1. School Council Elections, Jaymie Raymond was nominated as Chair. Aimee Ulrich as Vice. Mike continues as Secretary.

Next Meeting

September, 2019

Adjourn

Moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm