



Swan Hills School

Home of the Grizzlies

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School Council Minutes

February 19, 2019

SHS Flex Room 7PM

Call to Order

7:00pm

Parents: Jaymie Raymond(Chair), Mike Johnston, Aimee Ulrich

Staff: Sheila Gardiner, Slade Sekulich

Other: Kerry McElroy(PHPS Trustee), Terry Kuyek,

Review of Current Agenda:

Accepted By Sheila Gardiner

Approval of Minutes

January 15, 2020

Accepted by Aimee Ulrich

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Accepted by Slade Sekulich

**ATA Presentation
Alison Tanton**

The Alberta Teachers Association is asking parents to write letters to their MLA's about concerns to Education Funding. A lack of funding has already caused problems within the district. Teachers are asking parents "How will your child be affected from funding changes?"

- Math and literacy coordinator/lead position eliminated
- Division psychologist has resigned, not replaced
- Kids aren't held back, complex classrooms. Many different leveled learners in classrooms.
- Budget will be release Feb 28
- Provincial budget letter writing campaign
- No increase to funding
- Increase in property taxes, carbon taxes
- Small School of Necessity Grant - 3 schools in district could be in jeopardy of closure
- No professional development for teachers

Committee Reports

Students Union

- No report

**PHPS Board Trustee
Kerry McElroy**

- Transportation fees increased \$10/student per year. New wage for bus drivers \$21.60. Unionized drivers in Westlock will be paid less.
- Insurance, 237% increase this year. 64 school districts have amalgamated to find a better deal on insurance. Pembina Hills will be joining the consortium.
- Budget will be released Feb 28
- Indigenous Spirit Award nominee from Westlock
- 114 people attended division wide for the ward review.



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Some other suggestions were brought to the table for consideration.

School Reports

- Grade 4 ski trip this upcoming Friday, 2/21.
- Drumheller fundraising trip meeting in March TBA
- March Movie Night presented by Div 2 Student's Union TBA
- Div Progress Reports March 10. Student lead conference March 17/18.
- Whooo's Reading Read-a-thon. Fundraising for field trips, goal of \$2000. We are approaching the goal.
- Positive Play Rewards continue. Goal was met in January and February reward is a gym day with stations created by jr/sr high students if 100 slips are earned.
- Talent show Feb 24
- Pink Shirt Day Feb 26
- Book Fair/Student led conferences March 17/18
- Taco in a bag days on 3/12, 4/30, 5/22 and 6/18.
- Second semester and Quarter 3 options have begun
- Armed forces presentation Feb 24th.
- Student applications to join provincial forestry programs.
- District Science Fair March 4
- Jr High Cool Camp March 11/12.
- Sr High ski trip March 11/12

Grizzly Cubs Aimee Ulrich

- Swancicle Days activities March 7,
 - Free movie - Frozen 2
 - \$5 Bouncy House during the day. Concession all Day.
- March 19 French Toast Lunch
- Funscript gift card fundraiser. Generating revenue from selling gift cards. Orders placed on the 1st and 15th of every month.
- Perogy Fundraiser coming soon - A pizza party for the top fundraising class
- Spring Fling Dance will run concession.
- No update on chairs.

PAWS Vanessa Lewis

- Pink Shirt Day Feb 26 - lifting each other up. Shorter programming.
- Physical activity challenge in the month of April. 1 Hour of physical challenge a day. Note moods to physical activity.
- Wellness Days end of April/May
- Mental Health Awareness Week: May 3-9
- Summer Program is a go this summer.
- FCSS lunch and learn the final program is tomorrow.



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- PAWS expanding into Fort Assiniboine? Preliminary discussions to provide supports to the school in Fort Assiniboine.

Old Business

- Engaging Senior/Junior High Students. Is bribing helping? Still in progress...
- Ward Review - Decision in the second week of March

Principal's Report and Advising Opportunities

1. Satisfaction Surveys were completed a few weeks back. No more phone calls. Surveys were emailed out. Not sure of the completion rate.
2. Alberta Education Survey - Completed by end of Month. Grade 4, 7, 10.
3. Parent Involvement - need to respond to the surveys for a clear picture. Nothing changes if nobody speaks up.

New Business

1. Pembina School Division satisfaction survey - results for next meeting
2. Alberta Education Survey - Government usually doesn't release
3. Terry represented the Town council to Grades ½. A tour is in the works for the students at the town office.
- 4.

Next Meeting

March 18, 2019

Adjourn

Moved to adjourn at 8:01 pm