



Swan Hills School

Home of the Grizzlies

School Council
Minutes

May 19, 2021

Google Meet 7PM

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Parents:

Staff: Sheila Gardiner, Slade Sekulich

Other: Kerry McElroy, Dean LaBerge, Vanessa Lewis

Review of Current Agenda: Accepted by Vanessa Lewis

Approval of Minutes Accepted by Kerry McElroy

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Committee Reports

Students' Union Students' Union is using the money raised from our vending machines, school raffle, and company donations to save for purchasing seating in the foyer area outside of the Office. The Council selected this goal as it provides more comfortable lunch seating and it will contribute to creating a welcoming atmosphere as guests enter our school.

Slade Sekulich

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PHPS Board Trustee Kerry McElroy

- Attached

School Reports

Division 1

April

-We participated in our monthly celebration with school yard clean up (Earth Day) and enjoyed the movie "The Lorax" while eating a yummy sundae

-April 15th- Grade 2/3- Online Teacher's Pet Field Trip- Communities Around the World

-April 19th- Grade 1/2/3 students participated in a free presentation from National Geographic about how to protect our oceans and sea animals

-April 22nd- All grade 1-12 students participated in a Earth Day presentation by Jill Heinerth (Motivational Speaker)

May

- Grade 2/3- Caterpillars arrived to our classroom for students to observe the Butterfly's life cycle

- May 5th- Hats off to Mental Health

-May 7th- Dress Day-Pattern Day

-May 7th- At home learning began for our students. Students have been participating in daily whole class Google Meets and weekly individual Google Meets to work on Language Arts and Math outcomes.

- May 18- Grade 1- Online Telus World of Science Field Trip- Up Close With Nature

- May 27- Grade 2/3 and Grade 6- Online Field Trip to the Tyrell Museum (Secrets of the Lost Quarry)

- May 31- Online Teacher's Pet Field Trip- Animal Life Cycles

Grizzly Cubs

- NA

PAWS Vanessa Lewis

Hats On For Mental Health Day - On May 5th, we invited all students and staff to wear a hat in support of mental health awareness and to reduce stigma. We also hosted a coloring contest in conjunction with materials supplied by the Alberta Teachers Association.

Summer Program - We are in the process of hiring 2 students to assist us with the summer program. Our contract with Alberta Health Services states that we must provide programs over the summer. The plans and schedule for the summer program are in the works, but I am waiting a couple of weeks to finalize them in the

hopes that we will have a better picture of what the restrictions over the summer will be.

New Programs - PAWS will be offering several new programs, including Slumberkins, Choose Love and Open Parachute to students and staff of Swan Hills School in the upcoming school year.

Barrhead Wellness Retreat - Barrhead Outreach School is planning a Student Wellness Retreat in June. PAWs will be hosting a yoga session and a Brain Smoothies session.

Classroom Visits Schedule - I am currently reviewing our Classroom Visit Schedule. Typically, we visit each classroom every 2 weeks. I am working to see if there is a better way to do this that provides better support/learning to our students and will allow for more flexibility in our programming.

Principal's Report and Advising Opportunities

The PHSD Health Care Aide program will run for the 2021-2022 school year. 16 students will be taking the program, including students from RF Staples, Barrhead Composite, and Swan Hills School. This year, a few adults may be taking the program as well.

First term cost is \$3700 (plus books, lab items, etc.), with a \$1000 deposit due May 31 and 2 payments of \$1350 to follow (July and August 2021). Students in the third or fourth year of high school will receive an approx. 93% rebate; fourth year approx. 46%. Students will enroll directly with Norquest for the second term of the program, fees approximately the same.

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Old Business

- School Board elections

New Business

- SHS School Council election – tabled until September's meeting

Next Meeting September 15, 2021

Adjourn Moved to adjourn at 7:24 pm



PHPS Trustee Report
Swan Hills School Council

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 Mtg.

Locally Developed Courses At the past Board meeting we passed the use of four locally developed courses. They included three Forensic Study courses, six Band, four Reading, and a Social Literacy course. The Provincial Government requires that School Divisions authorize these locally developed courses prior to being used. In the case of these courses, we have been using them, so they just needed to be reaffirmed.

Student Fees There has been no change in the fees being charged this upcoming year. Base instruction, adult student fees, and Vista Virtual fees are not being altered. Bus rental and shop rates are also not changing for the upcoming school year.

Council of School Councils On May 11 a meeting was held online with the fifteen school councils that exist in Pembina Hills. Below is a list of several topics discussed that evening.

Satisfaction Survey Mr Thiessen outlined that for the first time we had unusually high positive rates in all categories. With COVID, the belief was that our public would be more critical, but instead they have shown a high degree of support for the children's teachers and the school system.

Draft Curriculum Pilot after having fifteen teachers from six different elementary grades meet to review the draft curriculum, the decision was to not have our teachers pilot the curriculum. There were a multitude of reasons for not piloting the curriculum, but the inappropriate outcomes at different grades and the wellness of students and staff during COVID were the main drivers.

AP 50-01 (Requesting a School other than the Designated School) The question was asked "How many students do we transport to schools other than the one designated to them?" In some cases, it was because of a request for French, or for someone who needs special supports. But what is interesting is that we transport 347 students for 11 of our schools. What is more interesting is that we transport 36 students for Aspen View, 60 for Northern Gateway, 11 for Sturgeon School Division and 3 for Edmonton Public. Who would have known !!

Hiring a Superintendent..... As many of you know, our superintendent has posted his retirement so we as a School Board are in the process of recruiting a new superintendent. We are advertising throughout Canada and we plan to have his replacement working prior to the start of the next school year.

Trustee Election This October there will be an election for municipal trustee positions. Every school council should be discussing this opportunity with people in their district.