



Swan Hills School Council

Date: March 19, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Flex Room

In attendance: Jennifer Beauchesne, Sherry Pfannmuller, Kara King, Victoria Kane, Kathrine Wiks, Shirley Morrow, Angela Banks, Dean LaBerge, Lauren Kadlun-Jones, Tiffany MacDonald, Cyndy Moore, Yvonne Giggie, Nadine Collett, Crystal McBratney, Jaymie Raymond

Call To Order – Jennifer Beauchesne @ 7:04 pm

- 1) **Review/Approval Of Previous Minutes** – Sherry Pfannmuller
- 2) **Review/Approval Of Current Agenda** – Dean LaBerge
- 3) **Committee Reports** (Approximately 15 minutes)
 - Student's Union – Has started, their first meeting was March 11th. Jordan Bruce was elected Chair and will attend school council meetings as student representative.
 - **Board Trustee- Victoria Kane**
 - i. Pembina Hills has partnered with Ruperts Land Institute, a land-based learning camp from June 3-5 at Metis Crossing. Students will deepen their culture, learn Metis language, and practice skills. They will train in first aid. Transportation will be provided for students. Students will be nominated on academic standing, behavior, and attendance. 22 students will have the opportunity to attend. There is no cost to students.
 - ii. The Annual Report needs to be submitted by May 13th, 2025.
 - iii. Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) Education Fund Priorities breakdown: Student and Staff Relationship, Numeracy and Literacy, and Support Staff.
 - iv. Swan Hills School is the 3rd priority for modernization. The school will be modernized 85%-95% to increase utilization. The upgrade will cost roughly 12 million dollars.
 - **Submitted School Reports** –
 - i. **Div 1:** Student led conferences were well attended. Student artwork is displayed in the hallway. Report cards are available online. ISP meetings were scheduled for this week as well as next week. There are not enough lifeguards for students to participate in swimming lessons. A swimming event for students will be held instead. This month, the family group lesson for grades 1-9 was courage. Students and staff dressed up for Dr Seuss Day and PJ Day. Grade 3 students attended the Rotary Musical Festival.
 - ii. **Div 2:** The ski trip at Misty Ridge was a lot of fun. Staff are considering taking students twice next year within a two-week period. Swan Hills School hosted a volleyball tournament. 100 students attended from other schools. Insomniac was a lot of fun. Students are communicating with

pen pals in Berlin. Staff would like to host another family movie night as well as a movie for the student's union. Ice cream will be served for Division 1 students. On May 22nd students will be visiting Fort Edmonton. Outdoor Ed will be held at camp Warwa for grade 6. It will be an overnight trip. Students will get to have the opportunity to try the rockwall, zipline, giant swing, and canoeing.

- iii. **Div 3 & 4:** March 17th the curling bonspiel will be hosted in Westlock. Parent-teacher interviews will be held on March 12, 2025. Quarter 3 electives will soon end, and quarter 4 electives will begin. The Swan Hills Travel Club will be visiting Spain and Portugal on March 18th. Basketball has been wrapped up. Badminton will be next. Assignment grades continue to be updated in Powerschool.

- **Grizzly Cubs:** Not in attendance.
- **PAWS:** Not in attendance.

4) **Old Business**

- ASCA resolution package. ASCA advocates to the government what they would like to see in our school. Our school council can send a representative. There are 6 proposals for us to vote on.
 - i. Proposal 1: Fund trials of Electric School busses: Parents in attendance voted against.
 - ii. Proposal 2: Funding Specialist Teachers: Parents voted For.
 - iii. Proposal 3: To Mandate Annual Reporting of Data from schools: Parents voted FOR.
 - iv. Proposal 4: Discontinue Mandatory Timed Testing of K-3: Parents voted FOR.
 - v. Proposal 5: Online Safety: Parents had concerns about committee suggestion, remove that and for the rest.
 - vi. Proposal Six: To amend the Safety for all proposal: revoke mandatory notification of parents when preferred names and pronouns are used. To return to opt-out of sexual education instead of opt-in. Parents voted AGAINST
- AGM meeting will be held on April 27th from 9:30 – 3:30. Jennifer Beauchesne will attend and vote as parents have indicated.
- School Board Trustee Elections will be held on October 20th.

5) **Principal's Report and Advising Opportunities** (Approximately 15 minutes)

- Miss Wicks will be working under the supervision of Mrs. Hooey for her practicum from February to April.
- Alberta Annual Assurance Survey is due March 21st, 2025.
- Jr. High had their ski trip at East Link Park on January 24th.
- Sr High had their ski trip on February 27th and 28th at Marmot Basin Jasper.

- There will be 22 alternate days next year. School days will be increased to 12 minutes per day. The new school day hours will be 8:30 to 3:42.
- March 20th there will be a Metis presentation for grades 1-6. Sessions will include history stories and dance, porcupine quill work, and painted bead work.
- Progress reports will be available online only.
- First aid renewal, online and in person, has been rescheduled to April.
- Pembina Hills has signed on with Hour Zero to support emergency plans.

6) **New Business**

- **School Council Guidelines**

- i. The school council reinstated 2024 documents are out of date and not up to ASCA standards. The Code of Conduct, Ethics, and Procedures need to be approved by the September council meeting. Neerlandia school council will be contacted for support.

7) **Next Meeting** – May 21@ 7pm

8) **Adjournment** – 8:48pm