

## **MEADOWBROOK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** Monday, December 11, 2023 @ 6:30pm

**LOCATION:** Meadowbrook Middle School (1796 Meadowbrook Drive, Airdrie, Alberta)

Meeting held in the school's Learning Commons.

### **In attendance:**

- Tara Olson
- Shawna Neis
- Jennifer Lowes
- Melyssa Bowen
- Teresa Sonnenberg
- Katherine Pickett
- Linsey Jay

## **AGENDA**

### **A. Call to order at 6:40 P.M.**

Land Acknowledgment - Shawna Neis

### **B. Approval of minutes from November 13, 2023 combined school council and AGM**

Approved - Linsey Jay.

### **C. Education Partners:**

#### **a. Principal's Report - Shawna Neis**

- Shawna: Leadership students had fun organizing Hot Chocolate day and the Adopt a family charity campaign. The students have responded very well and made around 1,000.00 at the kiosk they set up. Lots of kids made the decision to let them keep the change. That money will be purchasing gift cards for the adopt a family. Today was the last day for donations. How do you guys like the plain newsletter?
- Tara: Fine - sometimes it is nice to see pictures but just the info is fine too.
- Shawna: Maybe if I post on Facebook I can include a link in the e-mail.
- Tara: good idea.
- Shawna: Update on the portables - Lockers and ceiling are in we are waiting on floors. Hoping to move in January.
- Melyssa: 1/3 of our kids are in portables.
- Shawna: Wow! Continuing to work on our PBIS - Trying to connect citizenship to it. Every month we are highlighting a student competency. PBIS committee was talking about stickers when they are caught doing something to do with PBIS. What about pencils?
- Linsey: What about ducks?
- Shawna: Every kid needs a pencil. We can get our logo put on them.
- Tara: Do you have a quote for pencils?
- Shawna: We are still looking.

- Melyssa: If there are 3 PBIS you could do 3 different colours and then they have to collect them all.
- Shawna: Good idea! One more thing - the staff want to thank you for the lunch tomorrow. It is very appreciated!

b. Trustee report - Melyssa Bowen

- November 16 meeting we talked about growth - ward boundary review coming up. 500 new students every year. 2016 was the last time we had a boundary review and an additional trustee was added at that time. Consultation will happen here and in Cochrane etc. We won't get results until fall of 2024 so we are thoughtful of timing for the next election.
- Tara: A change of boundaries?
- Melyssa: No it is a change of trustee. AERR - report with all the pieces where we look at goals and if they were achieved. Can see the report on the rockyview site. (Bottom - I can - Annual Education Report) We opened up initial thoughts on balancing students on RVS site. In person meetings are at the end of January beginning of February. These consultations really help us shift and change some things that we would not think of. April 25 is hopefully when we have our decision. Short term decisions are not enjoyable I like long term but these decisions will mostly be short term.
- Shawna: January 23 - George McDougall High School, January 30 - C.W. Perry, January 31 - W.H. Croxford, February 6 - Bert Church High School.
- Tara: will it be broadcasted?
- Melyssa: No, Hoping to come to an agreement with our ATA local union. It can be challenging to come to a solution. We want to make sure our teachers are appreciated.
- Shawna: Basically it is saying we authorize our next step could be a strike vote.
- Melyssa: Nov 30 meeting - Nose Creek came in and did a presentation on inclusivity. Maintenance, infrastructure 2,795,000.00 spending projects approved. 2023/24 audited financial reviewed and approved. Deficit of 9.4 million. 1.4 million was because of leaves and sick teachers. We continue to advocate for the removal of the weighted rule.

c. School council report

- Linsey: Hot Chocolate went well. Spent 276.00 so make the budget next year for 300.00. Muffins are maybe not a hit - they were also 400.00 so hot chocolate day is better. Got money from Healthy hunger Sept - Dec we got 3,053.94 so our total is 5,360.36. 770.16 for Flavours of Montreal teacher lunch. That will happen Wednesday.
- Shawna: There is interest to implement awards but there are a couple things we want. To be representative of the whole child. Broad spectrum of rewards from academic to sports. We want everyone to receive recognition.

- Linsey: We cannot recognize everyone. Do Leadership, community, sports, fine arts.
- Shawna: The other thing is the way we grade we don't do percentages. So what would we want the award to be for?
- Linsey: for the 4 core subjects.
- Shawna: So we as staff have to figure out what to do.
- Jen: They need marks to get into university and our kids do not understand the importance of marks because it isn't forefront.

**D. Next meeting date: Monday, January 15, 2024 at 6:30pm**

**E. Adjournment - 8:08 pm**