

MEADOWBROOK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Monday, February 12, 2024 @ 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
- Melysaa Bowen
- Teresa Sonnenberg
- Katherine Pickett
- Linsey Jay
- Kelly Chabot
- Ada Roberts
- Roberta Ehigiajo
- Diana Stapor (Online)

AGENDA

A. Call to order at 6:34 P.M.

Land Acknowledgment - Ada Roberts

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

Approved - Linsey Jay.

2nd - Kelly Chabot

C. Education Partners:

a. Principal's Report - Shawna Neis

- Shawna: Update on PBIS - we went ahead with the pencils and they are a huge hit. The kids get tickets from staff and hand them in for a pencil and then their name gets put into a draw for a healthy hunger meal. The teacher circles either safe, respectful, responsible and we will use that for data to see what is being recognized etc.
- Linsey: I will see about getting a credit on their account for Healthy Hunger if that helps to make it easier.
- Teresa: They also have the week to cancel before. If you get ahold of them soon enough then they can cancel their order.
- Linsey: I will look to see if there is an easier way.
- Shawna: 553 tickets were handed out in 2 weeks! We will draw again for Healthy Hunger at the end of this week. We will share the data with the teachers and make sure it is for everyone. We have the tickets on our lanyards ready to be handed out. Next thing is now what the rules look like in specific spaces.
- Tara: Will a poster be made for those spaces?

- Shawna: Yes
- Linsey: This is so great! Such a great way to engage them.
- Shawna: Thank-you! We couldn't have done it without council's support. We have a new CDA Debbie Viveiros on Thursdays and Fridays. And Erin Diebolt Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Kelly: We only have 1?
- Shawna: Yes, that is based on the number of students and we are lucky to have a full time one some schools only have .8. Shout out to Alberta Education for the survey. Deadline is March 1 - we will be doing the kids survey in the coming weeks. We also have a service dog that comes into the school - Charlie. We have 8 students that see him so 4 one week and the other 4 the next week. We had a teachers Vs. Students basketball game last week. The boys won and I guess that is the first time they have ever beat the teachers. We had a lot of fun and most of the kids participated or watched. If they didn't watch there were other activities for them to participate in. Pink shirt day is coming up and Family Fued (March) Teachers Vs. Students. Kindness ambassadors on February 28 - Pink shirt day. Kids can nominate two students in their classroom and the teacher will be involved. The kids will get a Google form to fill out and it will be tallied up and recognized on pink shirt day. We have already ordered the pink shirts.
- Diana: Certificates were made last year.
- Tara: Do you need someone to make certificates?
- Diana: We will make them but would like the pink shirts funded if we can.
- Shawna: 21 homerooms so 42 shirts were ordered. 552.50 was the total for them.
- Linsey: Motion yes.
- Tara: I will second.
- Shawna: Financial piece for the basketball court. We will donate to the school board with the restriction that it is for the basketball court. I wasn't sure what AGL would need without a bill.
- Ada: I am sure it isn't the first time.
- Shawna: Meeting with City of Airdrie (Leanne Willard) to discuss timing etc. in March they are hoping to start it in the spring.
- Roberta: Is there a final price?
- Ada: We had a paper with an estimate of the last one that was installed, I will have to find it.

b. Trustee report - Melyssa Bowen

- Melyssa: We had a teacher from Crossfiels W.G. Murdoch come - She took her students on a virtual tour of the museum for human rights and then they made their own museum. Was very cool to see. Transportation shared some updates. An improved app will be coming to better track the buses. Changes in regulations for September will bring 2400 more

students for transportation. They are changing the regulations from 3.4 km as the crow flies to 1km not as the crow flies. We have one year to implement that so 2025.

- Tara: As the crow flies isn't logical because the kids will have to be driven on those really cold days.
- Melyssa: Currently regulation is 3.5 km but rockyviews is 2.4km
- Linsey: Bert Church didn't have enough students to make another bus stop so maybe this will help with that frustrating problem.
- Melyssa: In Calgary they would just use public transportation - we don't have that opportunity here in Airdrie. They have put cameras on the buses to help with the behavior problems they were having - just to remind students to be aware. We have wrapped up all the meetings for the moving of students. Through the open houses we hope others see what a hard decision this will be to make. Indigenous branch - they have had 131 requests for support.
- Tara: so if we are underfunded where does all that money come from?
- Melyssa: This is federal funding specifically for indigenous people.
- Shawna: Teaching quality standard - truth and reconciliations is where this came from (the funding). Teachers have been called to learn and be sensitive to these world views.
- Tara: It is frustrating seeing all this money go there when a lot of the students are struggling to read and write and they aren't getting any help.
- Melyssa: When we make budgets it is a big picture. We are underfunded by 5 million. We got an extra 2 million but we didn't grow as we anticipated so that cancelled 700,000.00. So we are still underfunded by 3 million. Financial update - 1.4% in reserves and we are hoping to maintain that. Inclement weather happened and we were closed on that Friday in January.
- Linsey: When is the announcement for the moving of students?
- Melyssa: April 25 is the day we will be sitting down to discuss and we may not have a decision after that.
- Tara: Why is Bert Church doing an open house for the grade 8 if we don't know if they are going there?
- Shawna: We are operating status quo because we don't know what is going to happen so we are just doing what we would normally until the decision is made.
- Tara: Why so much time between the survey closing and the sitting down to discuss it?
- Melyssa: 8 trustees and a lot of different ideas to go through. Online survey closes March 7 and delegation is March 12. So people can come in and say one last thing about it.
- Ada: Proposals are 2025-26 school year maybe sooner.
- Tara: So when do we start planning for the grade 8 farewell?
- Linsey - Usually they ask for funds in April and start planning in May.

c. School council report

- Linsey: Healthy hunger is going well. We have 5,481.58 after we paid for the pencils. We had 6,504.69 before and the pencils cost 1,023.11. Maybe in May we should have a PBIS donut reward day for the kids?
- Ada: question - February is Black History month, are we doing anything?
- Shawna: Oh, Yes! We highlight one person every morning in the announcements and we have bulletin boards as well highlighting them.
- Tara: How did the crush for your crush go?
- Shawna: going well they will be handed out Wednesday. They had the max of 2 to purchase.
- Diana: we bought 247 cans of crush. We have also limited how many they will drink on that day.
- Shawna: Leadership is doing it all.
- Roberta: Are you planning a celebration for Black History Month?
- Shawna: If we do it would be a leadership thing.
- Katherine: what would you suggest Roberta?
- Roberta: An assembly to recognize black scientists, comedians, athletes etc.
- Shawna: We are highlighting those people every morning on the announcements. Each day is a feature of a person and then it is displayed on the T.V. at the front.
- Diana: We also have a space across from the office that highlights them.
- Teresa: I know an African drummer we should get in.
- Ada: Next year we will try to be better about lining something up.

D. Next meeting date: Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:30pm

E. Adjournment - 7:52 pm