

## **MEADOWBROOK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

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

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

Meeting held in the school's Learning Commons.

### **In attendance:**

- Christine
- Megan
- Teresa
- Katherine
- Shannon
- Ada (Chair)
- Linsey (Vice Chair)
- Tara (Secretary)
- Fred (Trustee)
- Jennifer
- Shauna (Principal)

## **AGENDA**

### **A. Call to order at**

Land Acknowledgment -

### **B. Approval of Agenda**

Ada motions to approve the meeting minutes as written. Everyone seconds the motion.  
Approved.

### **C. Approval of minutes from June 12, 2023 combined school council and AGM**

Approved.

### **D. Education Partners:**

#### 1. Principal's report (Shauna Neis)

- First week of school was good. It went smoothly - we got the kids in their classrooms in 15 minutes. Having the Grade sixes go to the gym helped. We will repeat that next year.
- We had some get to know you, team building and classroom protocols the week before school started.
- Each teacher has a teaching partner.
- Enrollment is 592 students.
  - Grade 6 - 190 students - mid to high 20s in the classrooms
  - Grade 7 - 182 students
  - Grade 8 - 220 students - high 30s in the classroom
  - Christian program - 6 - 31, 7 - 21, 8 - 31
- Bulldog Bonanza on Thursday - lots of fun and laughter.

- Paul Davis has 2 presentations tomorrow. Two for the students and one in the evening for parents.
- Basketball court meeting with the city this summer. Hoping to have the leadership kids serve the neighbours. They will make a survey/ feedback package that will be sent out to the neighbours. There was a basketball court that was taken down due to the problems and location. Hoping the new location and fencing will help.
- Friends bought jerseys - the coaches want sizes and then they will order before basketball starts. Jenn: Thought the jerseys were meant to stay at the school - why are we sizing them? Is it for all sports? Ada: will check with Nadine. Shauna: May need to clarify with phys-ed teachers. They will be kept here.
- Staff was working on the new education plan during the organizational days. 4 year plan and we are in year 1. Had a look at plans and goals for our school. Parent opinions in spring surveys were considered. We made tremendous gains in literacy based on standardized tests. Ada: was the test a book? Shauna: yes. Linsey: bring back honour roll! Shauna: will look into it. Ada: Look into Grade 6 camp again. Shauna: By Sundre? Outdoor school (Camp Evergreen).
- Looking back now we look forward. ABC (Pie) Alberta Education Competencies meant to be woven into all learning. Make sure they are successful in the grade they are in. Ada: why are there no zeros? They can hand it in when they want. Shauna: there are no grading consequences. Jen: When they do marking it is uploaded very inconsistently. Tara: More consistency with assignment due dates in e-mails. Teresa: If the child is struggling let the parents know before Power School grades are uploaded. (due to them being inconsistent) Christine: they have to input them every 2 weeks. Teresa: kids e-mailed their parents. My son didn't show anything at the 3 way conferences. Shauna: we want them to be able to speak about their learning even if it is just a little. (Please see slideshow that was presented to us)
- Ada: did you see the post on the Airdrie Christian Parents Facebook page? Question about the postcards being a breach in privacy. Shauna: What kind of information? Because the message is exposed? That is a good question. We could exclude the students name. Maybe we shouldn't spend money on the postcards. E-mail would maybe be more successful. (Everyone got them after school started)
- Tara: School supply list needs to be adjusted.
- Linsey: Options in June works awesome - I know a school that is just choosing options now. Jen: Map was missing in e-mail. Classroom map is missing online. Shauna: is there a policy that we cannot send that out?

## 2. Trustee Report (Fred Burley)

- Early enrollment 1,052 - still expecting around 100 more so around 4% increase. 28,664 students.
- No timeline on the portables coming from Cochrane. Hoping for October but no promises. Shauna: talking to operations manager they don't know what is in the ground. ACP and Ms. Wong's classes will go in them.
- 804 students are underfunded by the government. The way they fund works for a slow growing school district but it doesn't work for a fast growing one - which we are. They seem amiable to change the way they determine the funding.
- New roof, floor, landscape, windows at Powell street school in Cochrane.
- We have been nominated for community engagement award.
- Next big meeting is September 21 which is our organizational meeting. Linsey: in 22 years they have built one high school. Fred: 2017 was the last school that was approved. Ada: If we had the 5.6 million we are missing from those students would it help? Fred: It would help us get more aids and teachers in the schools. Portables are no solutions they are band-aids - they put stress on bathrooms and gyms.
- Your school website is the most up to date so kudos!

## **E. School Council Reports**

### A. Overview of 2023-24 school council members:

- Chair: Ada Roberts
- Vice Chair/ Treasurer: Linsey Jay
- Secretary: Tara Olson
- Volunteer Coordinator: Roberta Quansah
- Communications representative: Katherine Pickett

### B. Financial Update:

- MARSH insurance went out in June.
- Same as June - nothing has changed.

### C. Healthy hunger update:

- We did 5,685.00 last year with healthy hunger. Megan: can we get a cafeteria here? Shauna: No - not here. Megan: Is there a reason we only do Healthy Hunger every other week? Linsey: Because we pull leadership kids and to do it every week is too much for them.

### D. Basketball Court Update:

- Ada: would like leadership to go to a City Council Meeting and ask questions.

### E. Bulldog Bonanza:

- Tara: The kids loved it. Linsey: I won't rent a BBQ from the school board again we will just get it from Ford for now on. Worked well and Megan cooked hotdogs. Shauna: It was amazing.

### F. Paul Davis, September 12, 2023

- Students: 15:53 and 1:52
- Parents: 6:30

### G. Back to School breakfast update:

- Sorry that the muffins didn't happen. When can we do it? Shauna: We have Terry Fox and reconciliation week coming up and we don't want to do it in there. Ada: The kids loved the surprise when they came into their classroom with the muffin on their desk. We have 1,000.00 earmarked - maybe we can e-mail to pick a date. May be we can do it in October? We will touch base.

H. Other business:

- Jen: When does term 2 & 3 begin? Shauna: Will look into it. We put a hold on switching options. Jen: Is there badminton? Shauna: I want to get all that information put online.

**F. Next meeting date: Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:30pm**

**G. Adjournment - 8:05pm**