MEADOWBROOK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Monday, November 13, 2023 @ 6:30pm

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

Meeting held in the school's Learning Commons.

In attendance:

- Tara Olson
- Teresa Sonnenberg
- Sandra Tyliszczak
- Linsey Jay
- Melyssa Bowen
- Jennifer Lowes
- Shawna Neis
- Laura Himmelspeck

AGENDA

A. Call to order at 6:35 P.M.

Land Acknowledgment - Shawna Neis

B. Approval of minutes from October 16, 2023 combined school council and AGM Approved - Linsey Jay and Shawna Neis.

C. Education Partners:

- a. Principal's Report Shawna Neis
 - Thank you for the funds to go to leadership conference at Bert Church.
 They engaged with speakers and loved it. One made a very big impact he was an amputee and was still a leader even with his disability.
 - Tara: I heard the leadership group is large and possibly going to be paired down?
 - Shawna: They are looking at doing sub groups. It is a great problem to have. Mr. Anderson and Ms. Kennedy have a group for options and they have a group for after school. Update on basketball court We have talked to the grounds people and the City of Airdrie have decided if we put our name on it then it is our problem if there are problems. So, instead of the school going out to talk to the public the city is going to. The problems will be theirs. We are waiting on the city budget being approved before we submit our proposal.
 - Jennifer: Are there final numbers for cost?
 - Shawna: I think we said 40,000 but no more would be our portion. Proposal elements are done so we just have to submit it in a more formal setting sometime in January.
 - Jennifer: If it is is declined then we have to spend it on other things?

- Linsey: yes, so maybe we should get something as a back up? We have 3 years to spend the casino money and we did it in 2022. We have time to spend it.
- Shawna: I did mention we could use technology. 2031 our technology will have aged out so we should look into replenishing slowly. Something like 111 will need replacing then. I asked our tech guy how much is a Chromebook - \$415.00 per chromebook. We need 40 to bring each cart to 25 which totals \$16,600.00. I want to share in the newsletter I posted about PBIS and brought an example for what the poster will look like in all the classrooms. We are adding citizenship or highlighting this in November. (Poster says "Practice active citizenship, be open minded and community-minded. Show care and concern. Interact positively. Voice your ideas. Value everyone. Lead with empathy and respect.) We would love a bridge between school and work. I had a guy come in today and told me about being a bricklayer. It would get parents in the school and talking to the kids. Now is the time for students to explore that world a bit and thinking about what they want to do. First we want to find curricular connections and then send something out to ask for people to come in and do that.

b. Trustee report - Melyssa Bowen

- October 19 meeting was short. We had a teacher from R.O.A.M.S Rivers, Oceans and Mountain School. Motivated to get kids outside to learn. Langdon school that is being built they talked about names. Board chair went to meeting with Education Minister and invited him to come see Croxford and how full it is. We set aside a whole day for delegations about Airdrie being full and what to do. We acknowledged and celebrated kids that got 100% 4 kids from June 2023. Joint board school council meeting happened and they shared about PBIS. ASCE grant 500.00 and how to spend it. We have requested 22 new modulars 12 to be moved and 1 bathroom to be moved.
- Jennifer: where are they moving it?
- Melyssa: Not sure. Asking for 8 units alone for Croxford. With langdons new school we can move some of the portables from there.
- Shawna: we got our budget late by about a month. We have until tomorrow to submit it.
- Melyssa: Huge changes in budget. We are done 1.5 million. Carry forward got cut in half and if you didn't get your projections for students your budget also lowered.
- Shawna: 95% of our budget is staffing and we can't cut back enough to make up a position.
- Melyssa: 1.5 million we don't have so caretaking took that hit. We have no reserve.

- (Heloise Lorimer was discussed as they are struggling to keep school clean)
- Shawna: ASCE grant hoping to team up with Heloise Lorimer
- Melyssa: They mentioned Nutrition.
- Shawna: Maybe something about making an impact in our communities.
- Melyssa: Weighing class sizes vs. caretaking. The government doesn't keep track of class sizes anymore; that is now an RVS thing.
- Jennifer: When are options coming out?
- Shawna: We are in the talks now
- c. School council report
 - Linsey: Christmas lunch for teachers. Flavours of Montreal is what we did last year. Shawna if you can pick a date? We spent about 700.00. Can we approve 700.00 for this year? Sandra second.
 - Shawna: Does December 13 work?
 - Linsey: Sounds good! What about stickers?
 - Jennifer: What about computers?
 - Shawna: I was just getting a price
 - Linsey: Honour Roll?
 - Shawna: We have not looked at that as a school yet.
 - Linsey: What about the grade 6 camp?
 - Shawna: They were looking at other things like skiing.
 - Linsey: the week before school ends for christmas maybe we can do
 Crumble cookies or something. Let's do healthy hunger every week in
 December. Let's bring Christmas snacks for the next council meeting. Hot
 Chocolate day for the kids because we missed the muffins at the
 beginning of the year. Let's look into that.
- D. Next meeting date: Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:30pm
- E. Adjournment 8:17 pm

Friday November 24, 2023

Linsey and Katherine met with the leadership students and made a plan for hot chocolate next week. Tara seconds the motion. Please see attached e-mail below.



To: You; Shawna Neis; adakroberts@gmail.com; rquansah@hotmail.com; +1 other Cc: Diana Stapor

Fri 24-Nov-23 12:14 PM

Good Morning

Katherine and I met with Shawna and the leadership students this morning regarding there fun hot Chocolate day! I would like to go ahead and approve \$200 for our hot chocolate day for the students and was wondering if someone could please second me. We did not do Muffin day at the beginning of the year, so we do have the budget to make this happen. The Leadership students are so excited. We are doing the planning for next week Tuesday morning grade 6's Wednesday morning grade 7's and Thursday morning grade 8's. We have the breakdown in pricing below . Thank you, Katherine. If anyone would like to help us out next please let me know!

Regards Linsey Jay

Nestle hot chocolate 1.7kg (68 portions apparently) \$13.99 or 0.82/100g (\$6 off right now)

NN hot chocolate 1.7kg (68 portions) \$12.99 or 0.72/100g

NN mini marshmallows 400g \$2.00



