



MEADOWBROOK SCHOOL COUNCIL – ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

School Name: Meadowbrook Middle School
Principal: Denise Weaver
Trustee: Todd Brand
Chair: Erin Leggett
Vice-Chair: Ada Roberts
Secretary: Terri Hardy
Submitted: September 15, 2023

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL CHAIR

On behalf of the Meadowbrook School Council, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the entire school community including our students, parents/guardians, teachers, support staff, and administrators for a wonderful year of learning! This was our first official year back to school with no COVID restrictions. It was a “normal” year of learning, and it was very welcomed!

I would like to thank Principal Denise Weaver, Trustee Todd Brand and all the parents/guardians and teachers who are able to come to School Council meetings throughout the year. Our monthly meetings provided opportunities to hear firsthand what’s been happening at the school, and to positively enhance student learning through parent/guardian feedback and insights. In an advisory capacity, our School Council members gave feedback to the principal about a variety of topics including school policies, the education plan (known as the Playbook), and school fees, to name a few.

Our focus this year was on Advocacy for our students and for the Division. We also focused our efforts and discussions first and foremost around 1) getting a portable and more space for Meadowbrook students and 2) getting a basketball court built near the school on City of Airdrie land (using some casino funds from Partners of Meadowbrook Middle School Association.) During the 2022/2023 school year, **Meadowbrook School was over capacity at 115%** - the highest across the RVS division!! At School Council meetings we were always advocating to our school trustee for a portable to be added to the school and we also hosted a table during one of our parent teacher nights to engage with all parents on this matter. We were advised near the end of the school year that Meadowbrook is slated for a portable. It will be coming as a “hand-me-down” from another school in the division, so hopefully it doesn’t take too long to arrive. This is a much-needed infrastructure need for our school. Ideally, it would be helpful to have additional washrooms added to the school as well.

The second area of focus for our Council was advocating for a space for students for their recreational needs. School Council has been in contact with the City of Airdrie and in the summer of 2023, we met with various stakeholders by phone to discuss this project more fully. As it currently stands, the

City of Airdrie's Parks Department has agreed to support a basketball project through their budget with the assistance of some funds that have been earmarked by Meadowbrook School and Partners of Meadowbrook Middle School Association. A final budget has not been set, but the proposal will go to City Council in January 2024. We hope to see this project get approval with construction beginning in May/June 2024. It's been a long slow process, but one that will bring recreational opportunities for Meadowbrook students to enjoy for years to come.

It has been a pleasure serving as the School Council's Chair for the past three years. In closing I would like to recognize Terri Hardy, our School Council Secretary who is stepping down. I would also like to thank Linsey Jay who has organized the Healthy Hunger lunch program for two years and plans to do so for one more year. Finally, I would like to welcome Ada Roberts as the new Chair of School Council and Shawna Neis as the new School Principal for the 2023/2024 school year!

I wish everyone a wonderful year of learning in 2023/2024!

Kind regards,

Erin Leggett
Chair, Meadowbrook School Council

SCHOOL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS 2022/2023

- In September 2022, Council hosted the annual 'Welcome Back Breakfast' with muffins and juice for all the students. Mrs. Osborne planned a Bulldog Bonanza event, complete with rented games.
- School Council supported a Halloween dance in the Fall. Fun was had by all! Council paid for the DJ and the decorations. The leadership students did an amazing job organizing it all!
- In December, Council hosted a 'Teacher Appreciation Luncheon' before the holiday break. A lovely lunch was catered by a local restaurant, Flavours of Montreal. (see photo below)
- In February 2023, Council supported the Kindness Ambassadors project through the purchase of 40 t-shirts for students who had been nominated by their peers. Council also created a Kindness Ambassador certificate to recognize these students. (see photo below)
- With support received from the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant, and in conjunction with one other councils (Heloise Lorimer School – our feeder school), Meadowbrook School Council hosted an evening with "I Got Mind's" Bob Wilkie that was hosted in person in the school's learning commons. About 40 parents from Heloise Lorimer School and Meadowbrook school attended. Unfortunately, it landed on a night March 9, 2023 when the grade 8 parents were at the high school orientation so attendance was lower than expected.
- As the year came to a close, Council supported a number of school events in June;

- The grade 8 farewell was supported with event decor (balloon arch and props). School Council hired an external vendor to do the balloon arch.
- The year-end BBQ was a huge hit. Thanks to all the volunteers you came out to support by signing up through the Sign-Up Genius link. An extra big thanks to Linsey Jay for organizing and ordering hot dogs, chips and water from Rob's No Frills and for running the BBQ! We can't do events without the help and support of our parent volunteers!
- The year-end Bulldog Bonanza festival organized by Mrs. Osborne was funded through Council to cover the rental of carnival games.
- A HUGE special thank you to **Linsey Jay** who organized the Healthy Hunger fun lunch program throughout the school year. Thank you also to the parents/guardians for purchasing these lunches and helping the school to raise over \$5,600!! This is currently the only "fundraiser" that School Council participates in.

TEACHER APPRECIATION – HOLIDAY LUNCHEON – DECEMBER 2022 (left photo)



KINDNESS AMBASSADORS (AS VOTED BY THEIR PEERS) – FEBRUARY 2023 (right photo)



SCHOOL COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT

1. **Parent Engagement** – On behalf of Parent Council I would like to recognize the parents who participated in monthly meetings. School Council is one of the avenues that parents can engage and contribute to the overall success of our students. New parents are always welcome to join our meetings, even just to listen in. Our monthly attendance ranged from 5-18 attendees throughout the school year.
2. **Trustee Engagement** – Todd Brand, has been our school's assigned Trustee for a year sharing the divisional perspective each and every month. Todd shares a variety of updates with us about Board advocacy, RVS budgets, and portable updates, to name a few. We wish to extend a sincere thanks to Todd for his ongoing participation, insight, advocacy and service!
3. **Principal Engagement** – Principal Denise Weaver provides a welcoming space for parents and community members to gather, share ideas and feedback. We wish to acknowledge Denise for all of the wonderful changes she has made to the school in her second year as Principal. We are sad to see her go to a new school for the 2023/2024 school year. Denise did a wonderful job supporting teachers and students.
4. **Teacher Engagement** – We wish to acknowledge and thank the teachers who joined us to share highlights throughout the year.
5. **Council Engagement** – Our Chair, Erin Leggett attended the following meetings on behalf of Meadowbrook School Council:
 - Rockyview Schools, Joint Board Meeting on November 2022.
 - Rockyview Schools, Joint Board Meeting on March 2023.
 - Alberta School Council's Association (ASCA) Annual Conference, April 2023. The conference was held in person in Edmonton this year. It was the first return to an in-person conference since COVID.

MEADOWBROOK SCHOOL COUNCIL FINANCIALS 2022/2023 (closing account balance, as at June 30, 2023)**

Item	Date 2022/ 2023	Description	Deposit	Debit	Balance
Opening Balance	Sept	Sep-22			\$6,716.11
Welcome back, Bulldogs Breakfast	Sept	Costco muffins, juice etc		\$941.32	
Healthy Hunger	Oct	Mucho Burrito	\$270.21		
Halloween Dance	Oct	Big Deez DJ		\$630.00	
Halloween Décor	Oct	Amazon		\$164.76	
Halloween Décor	Oct	Amazon		\$33.95	
Healthy Hunger	Nov	Noodle Box / Mr. Sub	\$540.61		
Teacher Appreciation Catered Lunch	Dec	Catering costs Flavours of Montreal – Holiday Luncheon		\$730.58	
Healthy Hunger	Jan	Boston Pizza / Chopped Leaf	\$729.00		
Healthy Hunger	Jan	Arby's / Subway	\$761.49		
Healthy Hunger	Feb	KFC / Extreme Pita	\$482.40		
Pink T-shirt Day	Feb	Cost of 40 t-shirts		\$448.74	
"I Got Mind' Speaker Engagement	March	Refreshments Tim Hortons		\$80.95	
Healthy Hunger	March	Restaurant	\$707.09		
Healthy Hunger	April	OPA / State & Main	\$702.38		
Carnival Game Rentals Bulldog Bonanza	May	Carnival Games rental		\$1,088.07	
Healthy Hunger	May	Mucho Burrito / Fresh Slice	\$727.92		
Grade 8 Farewell	June	Balloon Arch by Confetis Corp		\$420.00	
Grade 8 Farewell	June	Pop for Grade 8 dance and misc décor		\$177.42	
Bulldog Bonanza, year-end festival	June	Rental of carnival games (remaining balance)		\$1,088.87	
Healthy Hunger	June	Subway / Mary Browns	\$764.82		
Year end BBQ	June	Hot dogs, chips and water from No Frills		\$1,859.39	
Year end BBQ	June	BBQ condiments		\$52.20	
Flowers for Outgoing Chair Erin Leggett	June	Vendor		\$84.00	
Cheque for New School Jerseys	June	Partners of Meadowbrook Middle School Association	\$3,780.00	\$3,780.00	
TOTALS			\$9,465.92	\$11,580.25	**\$4,601.78