



Big Rock School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 21, 2022 @ 6:30 pm

Call to order 6:32pm

In Attendance: Scott Carey, Sharon Nichols, Tammi Andrew, Leah Powell, Nadine Williams, Alesha Manning, Charlotte Miller, Jessica Karran, Laura Fraser, Mandy Krochak

Introductions, approval of agenda and minutes from the last meeting. Welcome to our new Vice Chair Charlotte Miller. She will be filling the role after Lorraine Harley stepped down in June.

One addition was noted for the Sunshine Fund.

Sharon Nichols~FSD board of trustees Representatives: There is a community engagement section on the website, The division is looking for input. The board is continuing to look at policies. There were lots of back to school celebrations throughout the division, nice to see some normalcy and 350 students were enrolled in summer school this past summer.

Concerns with budget cuts, one teacher or equivalent from each school was lost for this school year.

Parents are encouraged to reach out to our MLA and voice concerns.

Principal's Report~Scott Carey: Some exciting improvements at Big Rock, new library carpet and boiler were installed. Pea Gravel coming soon for the playground.

We are welcoming back parent volunteers and setting goal sto get things going again like concerts, assemblies and performers.

We are switching to a new format with learner profiles, with 2 reports going out each year, one in January and one in June. Forest round of PT interviews will happen in November.

Teacher Representative Report~ Teachers have asked for a field trip allowance once again, this was incorporated into their classroom allocations after covid, raising their allocation allowance from \$100 to \$200. A motion was made to alot \$100 per year per classroom in addition to the \$200 they currently receive for classroom supplies to help pay for student trips, motion passed all in favor.

Teachers asked the board for financial help with the sunshine Fund, this program is used to help bring cheer to our teachers throughout the year with snacks, drinks and fun treats during report card time, etc.

A motion was made to give \$250, approved, all in favor.

Treasurer Report- With \$10,038.19 in our bank account, A Proposed budget for 2022/2023 was presented, with the addition of a field trip allowance for \$1500 and the Sunshine Fund of \$250.

Motion to approve proposed budget of \$9365.00, passed, all in favor.

Council Activities~It's time for fundraising, once again we decided what we would like to offer to our families. Many ideas were shared and it was decided by parents and council to do Poinsettias, Badger Merchandise, Phil's Fudge/Jerky and an online 50/50.

Funds raised help us provide things like teacher allocations, new equipment etc in our school.

Parent Engagement Night, we have a grant to use, looking for ideas on speakers that would come in and offer parents an information session.

Hot Lunch Program/Update~ We have a new hot lunch coordinator, Welcome to Jodi Prosser and a huge thank you to Mandy Krochak for all of her work the past few years keeping our program running smooth, we always need more volunteers for hot lunch days, if you can spare an hour or so on tuesdays or thursdays please reach out to our hot lunch team at bigrockschoolhotlunch@gmail.com

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.