



Meadow Ridge School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, Feb 17, 2022

In attendance: Bryce Godenir, Shannon Gosse, Nicole Brockhoff, Sarah Larsen, Anthony Rider; JoAnna O'Neill, Connie Drake, Kristi Lundquist,

Administration: Lisa Penzo, Chris Fuzessy, Brad Skeet, Breagh Vollman, Doug Stevens

Meeting called to order: 7:01.

Welcome and Introductions

Still looking for parents to fill the roles of Vice Chair and Secretary

Approval of agenda

Motion to approve minutes by Bryce. Second by Connie.

Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Motion to approve Jan 22 minutes by Connie. Second by Bryce.

Doug Stevens, Director of Student Learning

Concept of Innovation and Design - teaching hands on creativity

Innovation and design - helping students invent, create and design thinking

Developing competencies that transfer to the student's future while making personal connection to career possibilities.

Helping students get a sense of what it is like to "create".

Innovation and Design is the framework that aligns student experiences in:

Maker centered learning (MCL) Grades 1-4

Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) Grades 5-9

Career and Technology Studies (CTS) Grades 10-12



Chris Fuzessy, Superintendent

Discussed priority work taking place in the division

Gaps in learning; hired people for Grades 1-3 to help with "unfinished" learning. Looking at potential assistance for higher grades.

The Foothills Mental Health Task Force has been created to help students and staff get the support needed through to post-pandemic normalcy

Moving forward with open engagements requesting feedback from parents on how can we realize further efficiencies

Class Sizes are still a concern, and the Division is aware.

Members posed the question of lack of class space and "overcrowding" in the school and class segments being conducted in common areas of the school (The River Valley is used daily for teaching, but some students find it disruptive as traffic flows between where the students sit and the teacher instructing the class).

Mr. Fuzessy explained that MRS is at a sweet spot for capacity. (84-85% capacity) according to Alberta Education.

There is an engagement happening in March to discuss capacity at the school and the "perceived" lack of space. It was further explained that Alberta Education sees the River Valley and Meadows as "acceptable" classrooms as this was the intentional design of the school and stakeholders were aware from the onset.

Mr. Fuzessy further explained that because the school is only considered to be at 84-85% capacity, a boundary review will likely not be a huge priority for Alberta Education and the FSD.

FSD needs time to come up with different options for boundaries, and rezoning cannot take place in 2-3 months; will be considered in the next 6-8 month review.

JoAnna - frustrating as a parent to watch a similar situation as what happened with Westmount and the boundaries not being honoured and overcrowding. It was asked if FSD gathers information from developers to gauge and project the increase in student population once build out is complete. FSD does meet with the town to discuss potential new development population.



There are currently students in the school living outside of current boundaries - FSD will allow students to attend the school if it is deemed in the best interest of the student. Due consideration is taken prior to allowing students to stay at MRS when they have moved out of boundary.

Lisa Penzo will include her presentation as most items were discussed by Superintendent Fuzessy.

Updates - Principal / Vice-Principal Report

Brad - first week of no masks - everyone is quite happy. Still many students wearing masks. Learner profiles coming out after break.

MRS awarded \$5000 grant for MicroSociety, Breagh Vollman took the lead on writing the grant and presenting the concept.

Program out of US; MRS would be the 5th school in Canada. Aspen Heights in Red Deer is an amazing school to see MicroSociety in action.

Program is student led - form a "government" in September; students develop a business proposal; government will approve proposal or not. Once businesses are approved, students will fill out applications and hand out at job fair. Tuesdays and Thursdays. School turns into a mini-society.

5L teacher is on leave (maternity) and there has been a request to re-hire a permanent teacher for the class. Hope to have someone hired by the Monday after the break and will be permanently in place till end of year.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 PM