



MEADOW RIDGE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023

In Attendance: Kezia Grams, Lara Pearce, Nicole Best, Lesley MacOdrum, Sarah Larsen, Nicole Mulholland, Janenne Stewart, Nicole Brockhoff, Heidi Okada, Rhiannan Harris, Kristi Lundquist

Administration: Lisa Penzo (Trustee), Chris Fuzessy (Superintendent), Rebecca Forchuk (Principal)

Meeting called to order: 6:32pm

Welcome and Introductions

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

Agenda

- No additions or deletions

Last Meeting Minutes

- September minutes distributed
- No additions or deletions
- Motion to adopt minutes: Sarah Larsen
- Seconded: Nicole Brockhoff

Elections

- Call for nominations for the role of Chair.
 - o Kristi Lundquist put her name forward.
 - o Kristi voted in as Chair.
 - o Kristi accepted.
- Call for nominations for the role of Vice Chair.
 - o Nicole Best put her name forward.
 - o Nicole voted in as Vice Chair.
 - o Nicole accepted.
- Call for nominations for the role of Secretary.
 - o Kezia Grams put her name forward.
 - o Kezia voted in as Secretary.
 - o Kezia accepted.

Trustee Update - Lisa Penzo and Chris Fuzessy

- Review of [October 2023 Footnotes Newsletter](#)
 - o Advocating for FSD Students Priorities: New high school, change school capacity calculation, full time funded kindergarten across the province, increased transportation funding, equity of opportunity and school based services for rural communities.

- Advocacy letter templates available on foothillsschooldivision.ca. Parents are encouraged to use and customize them.
 - Parent involvement in education - the more, the better.
- Top Priority - Staff wellness, wellbeing, resilience, and mental health.
- Transportation
 - Granted permission to apply for further funding to add 13-16 busses, responding to the Alberta government lowering the distance requirement for students to be able to access transportation to 1 km.
 - Discussion and questions on the topic of transportation.
 - Parents expressed concerns about funding, larger class sizes, vacant seats, increased traffic on the roads, and the location of existing bus stops.
 - Parents offered suggestions such as boundary review, charging a fee for services, partnering with other school divisions. Friends of Foothills School also suggested.
 - Suggestion for an advocacy letter template to be developed.

Administration Report - Rebecca Forchuk

- Review of distributed October 2023 Admin Report.
- Students: Participation in “Student Matters” to analyze data and provide recommendations.
- Individual Learn Plan (ILP)’s Parent Perspective Survey sent out.
- Safety for All Parent Survey under development.
 - Current concerns: after hours safety, animals in the playground, loitering, storm pond with no fence.
 - Superintendent shared best practices utilized by the Foothills Composite: Parking passes, gated parking lot, increased lighting, 360 degree cameras.
- Slow start to reintroduce community presence since the pandemic.
 - Highlights: Calgary Centre for Sexual Health, Rowan House.
- Learning
 - Foothills School Division (FSD) student Mental Health 5-part series, Nov. 16th topic is vaping.
 - Heroes program for educators,
 - Non-violent crisis intervention (NVC) for educational assistants
 - Digital citizenship grades 1-9.
 - New K-6 science curriculum
- 2 new learning coaches.
- ILP’s due Oct. 20 (tomorrow), focusing on 2-3 streamlined goals.
- Positive Behaviour Matrix - student voice used to set clear and consistent expectations.
- Culture Club beginning next month and new EAL (ELL) supports

Open Discussion

- Nicole Mulholland volunteered to head up potluck for Teacher Interviews Nov. 8-9
- Candy apples for teacher appreciation day was a big success.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:42pm