



MEADOW RIDGE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024

In Attendance: Kezia Grams, Kristi Lundquist, Lara Pearce, Nicole Best, Nicole Mulholland, Nicole Brockhoff Larry Albrecht (Friends of Foothills Foundation)

Administration: Lisa Penzo (Trustee), Rebecca Forchuk (Principal)

Meeting called to order: 6:31pm

Welcome and Introductions

Agenda

- No additions or deletions.
- Motion to adopt agenda: Kezia Grams
- Seconded: Nicole Best

Last Meeting Minutes

- March minutes reviewed.
- No amendments, additions, or deletions.
- Motion to adopt minutes: Nicole Mulholland
- Seconded: Nicole Best

Friends of Foothills Foundation - Larry Albrecht

- Newly formed, CRA registered, Alberta society.
- 6 community members serving on the board.
- A separate body that works in collaboration with the Foothills School Division (FSD).
- Vision: to remove financial barriers that impede academic success
- Mission: to build a community that empowers the students of FSD.
- 3 Pillars: 1. Enhanced learning and support, 2. Emergency relief for families, 3. Empower flourishing communities.
- Goal: Raise money to approve projects through fund development vs. fundraising.
- Long term goal: fully sustainable within 5 years. Received 10K from FSD to get started and a funded AD role until August.
- Kick off golf tournament in High River on August 20th. Invitation to participate/volunteer.
- Will not fund human resources (not sustainable).
- Seeking input from school councils with some key questions that will be distributed. [Survey](#) available on website (account required).

Trustee Update - Lisa Penzo

- Review of [April 2024](#) Footnotes Newsletter.
 - o Focus on budgets and how they are determined
 - o Government funding profiles have changed
 - o Government grants must be used toward what they are earmarked for.



- Advocacy page will be updated
 - o Critic will be added (opposition party)
 - o Complex needs in classroom letter will be added
 - Based on codes. Funding given to FSD then distributed on an as needed basis.
- Parent question if there have been any good ideas submitted?
 - o Solar panels (restricted due to high upfront cost)
 - o Fees for bussing (money raised would have to be spent on transportation)
- Parent question about new high school status
 - o In the design stage. 3-5 year process.

Meadow Ridge Administration Update - Rebecca Forchuk

- Portable is now open and it is home to the 4Y class.
 - o The old 4Y class is now the "Grizzly Den", a zen space for students
- Intervention and Supports
 - o Mentorship: 32 K-6 students identified, junior high students will receive training.
- PD Day last Monday/Tuesday
 - o Trauma informed practices
 - o Idea to use "Fam Jam" structure with K-9 groups under one teacher for next year
- Staffing
 - o Debbie Payne from Turner Valley School will be the new principal at MRS. Was in school today and will have some more visits throughout the year.
- FSD assurance survey
 - o Student engagement, citizenship, education quality and parental involvement all saw decrease while safety, caring welcoming and access to supports saw an increase.
 - o Similar response rate to last year.
- SOSQ - Grades 4-9 Student Survey
 - o Overall very positive responses
 - o Safe & caring, external/internal resilience, peer relations, self-confidence.
- Parent question "is it normal for administration turnover to be so frequent?".
 - o There have been a number of recent retirements.
 - o This is more normal in larger schools like MRS.

Other Business, Question and Answer:

- Treasurer is needed for both the school council and fundraising committee.
- Elections are set for May

Meeting Adjourned: 7:46pm

Motion: Nicole Brockhoff

Second: Nicole Best