



MEADOW RIDGE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024

In Attendance: Kezia Grams, Kristi Lundquist, Nicole Mulholland, Janenne Stewart, Shannon Gosse, Lara Pearce, Haley Wray, Crystal Kraus, Murillo de Souza Perrotti

Administration: Lisa Penzo (Trustee), Sharon Nichols (Trustee), Debbie Payne (Principal), Lauren Frandle (Vice Principal)

Meeting called to order: 6:31pm

Welcome and Introductions

Agenda

- Motion to adopt agenda: Shannon G.
- Seconded: Nicole M.

AGM Elections - Kristi

- Purpose of the School Council is to get together to support/enhance student learning and provide advice (not make decisions) to the administration on educational issues for our school/division. It is not a place for school governance, employment management, or airing complaints.
- Regular meetings will be held, 8 per year (none in December or June).
- All three positions will be voted on:
 - o Chair - runs meetings, liaison of parent body, council, and administration. Creates agenda, attends 2 Council of School Councils (COSC) meetings per year, ensures governance is met. Current chair is Kristi Lundquist.
 - o Vice Chair - assists the chair. Current Vice Chair is Nicole Best.
 - o Secretary - takes minutes. Current Secretary is Kezia Grams.
- Call for nominations for the role of Chair.
 - o Kristi Lundquist put her name forward to remain as Chair.
 - o Kristi voted in as Chair.
 - o Kristi accepted.
- Call for nominations for the role of Vice Chair.
 - o Haley put her name forward.
 - o Haley voted in as Vice Chair.
 - o Haley accepted.
- Call for nominations for the role of Secretary.
 - o Kezia Grams put her name forward to remain as Secretary.
 - o Kezia voted in as Secretary.
 - o Kezia accepted.

Trustee Update - Lisa Penzo and Sharon Nichols

- Summer updates



- July 23rd, Foothills School Division (FSD) received increased funding: 1.1% in base funding, 2% for targeted programming. \$738 K division wide. Meadow Ridge benefitted with a 1.5 Educational Assistant.
- Mental health funding extended Sep. to Jun. (rather than Dec.). \$123 K.
- Received mandate from Minister for Code of Conduct related to device use.
- Review of [September 2024](#) Footnotes Newsletter.
 - Focus on: Support “A Place for All”, Advocacy “Contributing to a Flourishing Society” - [nominate](#) individuals who have made a significant contribution.
- Universal Screening (K-3)
- FSD App - Download for access to current/relevant information
- Next COSC Meeting - date not yet set, chair & co-chair may attend
- DMG initiative - Grant Writing (learning opportunity) - Received grant for “Trickster”
- Summer School - 525 students, 700 courses
- Work experience program - trades/apprenticeships, 90 partners throughout region
- Parent question on status of boundary review
 - Will know more by next month. No decision to be made until numbers are set.
 - Parent raised concern about commentary on social media about capacity at Meadow Ridge. Debbie responded that the claims are unfounded.
- Parent question - If the problem exists in elementary/jr. high (high school concerns will be addressed with build of the new high school) then why are we waiting on the high school?
 - Trustees can add this concern to the next agenda
 - [Policy 12 - School Configurations](#), exists to advocate

Meadow Ridge Administration Update - Debbie Payne and Lauren Frandle

- Alison Stewart, the other principal, is on leave until October
- [Policy 110 - School Councils](#), how the administration will interact with SC.
- [2024-2029 Education Plan](#) - Engagement, support, success
- Mission, vision, values - engaged many new staff to revisit and update
- 3B's Review - Belong, Better, Best
- Class sizes shared - 696 students enrolled - grades 1 and 6 have the highest numbers
- Learning sessions: Safety site inspections; Safety and regulatory compliance; Assessment, grading, reporting
- Mobile device use in schools - K-6 none, 7-12 breaks and before/after school - so far received well by students with no violations.
- Student Matters - Student voice with reps from various grades
- Quick glance at AP102 School Leadership
- Inclusive Education Update
 - Individual Learning Plans (ILP) due Oct. 11th
 - Transition documents built in Spring of previous year and shared with the new teacher - one parent indicated that this went very well this year.
 - An open house for new students, medical plans set.
 - Some delays from universal screeners (40 min 1:1 assessments)
 - There is a survey to capture parent voice
 - Two sensory spaces created at Meadow Ridge \$10K
 - New service dog arriving in a few weeks.



Other Business, Question and Answer:

- Defer AB School Council Engagement Grant to next week.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm