



MEADOW RIDGE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024

In Attendance: Kezia Grams, Kristi Lundquist, Haley Wray, Crystal Kraus, Nicole Brockhoff, Shannon Speidel, Nicole Mulholland, Janenne Stewart

Administration: Lisa Penzo (Trustee), Debbie Payne (Principal), Lauren Frandle (Vice Principal), Allison Stewart (Vice Principal)

Meeting called to order: 6:34pm

Welcome and Introductions

Agenda

- Deletion of "election of secretary"
- Motion to adopt agenda: Crystal, Seconded: Nicole B.

Minutes

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Friends of Foothills Message to School Councils - Kristy

- Kristy asked if anyone would like to receive emails she receives as chair - Haley responded yes.
- Friends of Foothills is a foundation with funding to supplement school initiatives.
- Golf tournament raised \$4,600, 3 K available for schools to apply for a grant until Oct. 25th.
- There is a rubric of requirements to be met (mental health, technology, emergency relief for families, innovative projects etc.). Not to be used for Human Resources.
- Administration has a wish list that the council can use for ideas.

Alberta School Council Engagement Grant - Kristy

- MRS has never used the \$500 per year grant to be used for parent engagement/education.
- Ideas from the past: mental health, technology, drugs and alcohol awareness. Great to leverage opportunities where both parents and students are engaged.
- Can combine funds with another school or would have to supplement if greater than \$500.
- **Kristy requests parents bring ideas forward at the next council meeting.**

Trustee Update - Lisa Penzo

- Review of [October 2024](#) Footnotes Newsletter.
 - o Focus on: Wellness & Wellbeing for all learners, Student Orientation to Schools Questionnaire (SOS-Q), where to find information / submit complaints and concerns.
- Student Matters
 - o Held 2 weeks ago - a lot of engagement from students representing all schools.
- Confirmation that mental health grant covers:
 - o 2 learning coaches, individual/school based plans, and a school psychologist across the division.



- High school site has been secured.
 - o Out for tender with architects. Hoping for an announcement in February. Packaged with Calgary and Airdrie. Advocacy letters are available on the FSD website.
- New “door to door” bussing walk limit
 - o Will be in effect September 2025. Would mean 1.5 million just to purchase 10 buses (exclusive of operational costs). Advocacy letters currently being drafted.
- School Website / Social Media Alignment
 - o Currently under review. Consideration for security/monitoring. Will impact school councils. Still sorting through the details.
- Boundary Review Engagement Survey
 - o Should the review be conducted now or later? Recommendation will be discussed at the next board meeting in a few weeks.
 - o Results of the survey can be accessed on the FSD website ([FSD](#)→Our Division→Board of Trustees→Board Meetings→Minutes and Agenda→Meetings→Oct 16, 2024→Okotoks Boundary Review Engagement Results→[2024-Space For All- Okotoks K-9 Engagement Report October 15](#)). Lisa will bring more information to the next council meeting.
 - o Parent question about how the decision will be made - Lisa responded there are many factors to be taken into consideration including the survey.
- Parent question on how to express concerns about budgeting - answer is write advocacy letters and book 1:1 meetings with the MLA.

Meadow Ridge Administration Update - Debbie Payne, Lauren Frandle, Allison Stewart

- [Policy 110 - School Councils](#), how the administration will interact with SC.
- [2024-2029 Education Plan](#) - available on [MRS website](#) (Our School→Education Plan)
 - o Drew attention to the [Key Insights from 2023 AERR](#)
 - o Administration is working alongside trustees and the board on wellness/wellbeing initiatives. Identified areas for growth including:
 - Best place to start is with each individual student in the classroom
 - Focus on continuous support: Shared pyramid of universal, targeted and 1:1.
 - Parent question if support is initiated by teacher or parent - answer is teacher.
- PD Day Sep 27th - Class profile / review. Engaged teachers from all classes to provide feedback on areas of strength and growth opportunities.
 - o Identified:
 - What is going well for each student? What are their stretches?
 - What is currently in place to support?
 - What are the goals moving forward?
 - o Common areas for growth: Social emotional learning, self-regulation, building empathy, communication, numeracy, literacy
 - o Parent question if teachers are buying in - answer is that all of these strategies are only just starting to be introduced universally. Great engagement so far from teachers.
- Upcoming Schedule: Oct. 23 lockdown drill, Oct. 24 SOSQ Survey (gr. 4-9), Oct. 31 Halloween parade, Nov. 1 PD Day, Nov. 8 Remembrance Day Service, Nov. 8-9 hosting Jr. A Boys Volleyball zones, Nov. 11-15 No school

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53pm