



Meadow Ridge School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020

In attendance: Bryce Godenir, Connie Drake, Kristi Lundquist, Kristi Nutter, Leslie Navratil, Anthony Ryder, Sarah Lynch, Carol, Carina Chen

Administration: Sharon Nichols, Brad Skeet, Rebecca Forchuk, Jaime Bolen

Meeting called to order: 6:12.

Welcome and Introductions

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

Agenda Review

Kristi Lundquist wants to add parking lot discussion to the agenda.
- instead, the question will be addressed in the Parent Questions portion of the meeting

Kristi Nutter motions to accept the agenda and Anthony Ryder seconds the motion

Review of Minutes from the Sept 17, 2020 School Council Meeting

Bryce Godenir motions to accept the minutes from the Sept 17, 2020 School Council meeting and Connie Drake seconds the motion

Updates - Sharon Nichols, Board Trustee for the Foothills School Division

Relaunch has been successful. Thanks to everyone for their help.

Administrative work started March 16 for all the COVID-19 measures. The FSD model has been picked up and used across the province for the relaunches

Highlights

New study on the governance core is ongoing. Spent time on reviewing the policies for FSD. The policies can be located here:



<https://www.fsd38.ab.ca/PoliciesAdmin%20Procedures.php>

Talked about the Parent Engagement Opportunity

<https://engagefsd.com/school-relaunch-public-engagement>

- Trustee Handbook – A Guide to Good Governance
- Role of the Board Policy
- Role of the Trustee Policy
- Trustee Code of Conduct Policy

Funding

- Federal government provided provinces 2B for safe school relaunch
- Foothills school div received 2.864 million dollars. Given in two payments. One received already, 1.474 million dollars.
- Using money to prioritize keeping class sizes small enough for educators to be able to handle diversity with confidence. Increase educational assistance support. And an Increase in staff for Hub at Home. 10% of population moved to H@H.

Rebecca: Added they hired 2.5 education assistants with the funding received.

Sharon:

Budgeting, Calculations for enrollment projections are down 2.6% and under the new government funding rules, our funding would be down as a result. They are advocating to the government that FSD be held harmless because of COVID-19 and want to be funded based on last year's projections.

The board is focused on budget and that we get what we need to maintain the quality of programs we have.

Continued to get lots of presentations at board meetings, Rebecca and Brad presented. The Board also has a presentation from two teachers, Ryan Lempers and Graham Campbell. They have been working on nature-based learning. Proposed to the board to complete a feasibility study for an alternative nature-based study course. If accepted, it would be housed at Percy Pegler. The project would impact all schools in FSD and available for all students. No bussing would be available.

The other presentation from Marilyn Boake, who was hired to work on grant proposals for the division. Decided to setup an arm's length Charitable foundation separates from school division, for programs that would benefit all schools in the division. The motion was passed to move forward with the application to the CRA. This will aim to attract community support for the School division.



Principal's Update- Rebecca Forchuk

Connecting Meadow Ridge School Community

- Our Goal for the school
 - o Success for ALL Learners
- Support Success Engage
 - o Teacher Voice
 - o Student Voice
 - o Parent Voice

Focus on the Meadow Ridge Compass

- Are we helping others feel like they BELONG?
- Are you doing your BEST?
- Are you leaving things BETTER than the way you found them?
- If the answer is no to any of them, what are you going to do differently? What are you going to do to make it right?

Four leadership teams from

Positive Behavior support

Student Mentorship

Traditions

Learning Celebrations and Awards

Grades 6-9 - Student Voice meeting monthly starting in November

- Meeting with students to find out what is important to them.
- What are clubs they would like to see for recess.
- Feedback and Questions on the vending machine.
- Student surveys for them to input and provide information.
- Grizzly gathering every Friday afternoon. They are going to brainstorm about what spirit days would they like to see at Meadow Ridge.

Parent Voice

- Parent Engagement Group but did not happen before school shut down in March.
- Would like feedback about communication, how often, what is helpful, and how much info.
- Would like to share the APORI Data (grade 4 and grade 7 parents).

Parent survey will be going out in October, February, and May.



Parent Questions

Kristi: Can anything be done about the kids drop off in the Parking lot and the number of cars because more parents are driving their kids this year. Not enough parking is part of the problem and the amount of time it takes to pick up kids after school.

A: Rebecca will investigate the issues and report back to the council.

Sarah: Kids appreciating the clubs that are happening, especially the D&D Club.

Kristi N: Comment on the parking lot. A lot of people cannot make that corner. Multiple lanes are causing some of the confusion and backlog.

Leslie: Comment to administration, son had surgery and school has been exceptional in helping in his healing. Thanks to everyone.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 PM