

Sherwood Heights School Council Meeting
January 25th, 2022

The regular meeting of Sherwood Heights School Council was duly called and held on January 25th, 2022, virtually via Microsoft Teams.

In Attendance:

Executive: Jacquie Surgenor (Chair), Lesley Bowman (Vice-Chair)

Administration: Amit Mali (Principal), Tandy Atchison (Assistant Principal), Jess Miskiw (Assistant Principal), Jessica Moen (Family-School Liaison Worker)

Parents & Staff: Lorena Ellsworth, Colleen Belohorec, Nasreen Banman, Trina Boymook, Debbie Klita, Fatou Moukoro, Nicole Towle, Razel Lumenario, Erin Malec, Sarah

Community: Trina Boymook (Board Chair, EIPS), Barclay Spady

i. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Jacquie Surgenor calls to order at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Treaty Six Acknowledgement.

ii. Review & Approval of Minutes from November 2021.

MOTION: Jacquie Surgenor motions to approve minutes from November.

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED

iii. Approve Agenda.

MOTION: Jacquie Surgenor motions to accept agenda as is.

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED

iv. New Business

- a. Career Pathways Presentation – Barclay Spady
 - i. High School Information night – high level overview of transition from junior high to high school. Recording available on the EIPS website.
 - ii. An overview of the programs offered for students to explore and expand their career interests.

1. EIPS Career Pathways: careerpathways@eips.ca
 2. Twitter: Posting career profiles daily
 3. Instagram: Targeted to students
- iii. Saved [here](#) on school website.
 - iv. Questions / comments
 1. What are dual credits: Can receive high school credits and external credentials at the same time. Can receive high school and post-secondary credits at the same time.
 2. Skills registration starts 8:30am on February 26.
 3. The schools are always willing to help with the transition, connect with administration.
- b. Student Mental Health – Jess Miskiw / Jessica Moen / Amit Mali
- i. Rough transition back to classes after Christmas break with many students and staff away due to illness.
 - ii. Staff across the District have noticed an increase in student anxiety and depression since Christmas break.
 - iii. Trauma Navigation session being offered to staff on PD day.
 - iv. Saffron Centre presentations, DARE program ongoing.
 - v. Lunchtime drop-ins will be starting to offer students opportunities to chat with staff supports.
 - vi. In early talks with AHS to provide additional mental health sessions. Grade 8's received an Intro to Anxiety session before Christmas.
 - vii. Student Voice meeting next week to gather opinions on which options students would like to see.
 - viii. Virtual parent night to be hosted on February 23 in conjunction with Family and Community Services and Saffron Centre, the session will focus on how to talk with teens about tough issues they may be facing. Looking into recording session to be posted to website for post-meeting access.
 - ix. Opportunities for parents to contribute to in-school supports from out of school? Donations towards food programs.
- c. School Fees – Amit Mali
- i. Under Board Policy and Administrative Procedure, school administration will engage parent discussion around school fees twice per year (once on current fees and once on projected fees for next year). This is an opportunity to engage conversation to gather parent input.
 - ii. No intent to increase fees for next year, likely to go forward as currently structured.

- iii. Will discuss with students and parents (via Google Forms survey) options for next year, may amend fees accordingly.
- iv. Questions / comments
 - 1. Requests for Culinary Tourism, Spanish as a Second Language.
 - a. Need both stakeholder and staff buy-in.
- d. EIPS Calendar – Jacquie Surgenor / Trina Boymook
 - i. Received 2,170 feedback responses from parents and staff. Intent was to request feedback on proposed calendars.
 - ii. Schedule development starts with Diploma exam schedules in January and June, work back from there.
 - iii. Board has been requested to review a move to a calendar with a shorter fall break, more PD days, elimination of early dismissal days. Status quo will continue to 2022/22, possibility of change with 2023/24.
 - iv. Trina: At the Board's January 20 Board meeting the Board approved a status quo calendar for the 2022-23 year. The Board will be continuing to use the information collected through survey as we consider the possible change to the calendar template for the 2023-24 calendar. Board received 2170 survey responses.
- e. Assurance Model Review – Lesley Bowman / Jacquie Surgenor
 - i. Great opportunity to hear other schools' perspective (done with FR Haythorne and Cloverbar) from administrators and parents.
- f. Save On Foods Fundraising – Lesley Bowman
 - i. Send your receipts in with your students to drop off at the office, Wye Road Save On will donate 5% of receipts collected back to the school.
 - ii. \$2800 raised so far!
 - iii. Brainstorm ideas to spend the funds:
 - 1. Basketball nets & backboards for yard
 - 2. Seating for yard (benches & picnic tables)
 - 3. Grade 9 Lego Robotics: significantly more students than kits available...school will be purchasing additional kits, could be an option to reimburse \$2500.
 - 4. Funding for school programs on supplying lunches for students in need.
 - 5. Would ideally like to do "the most good for the most kids".

BY CONSENSUS with no objections, School Council has agreed to allocate \$1250 to the school to split the cost of the Lego Robotics. Council will review allocation of the remaining funds later in the year, likely towards yard equipment (basketball, seating).

- g. SWH Replacement Project – Lesley Bowman / Jacquie Surgenor
 - i. www.ReplaceSherwoodHeights.ca
 - ii. Check out challenges listed on website.
- h. Staff Recognition – Jacquie Surgenor
 - i. www.RecognizeSWH.ca
 - ii. 25 Recognitions so far this year.
- i. School Council Engagement Grant – Jacquie Surgenor
 - i. Government has defunded Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) entirely, gave school councils \$500 grant with limited spending restrictions.
 - ii. Proposal from Committee of School Councils (COSC) for 3-part presentation series – do we want to participate?
 1. Likely more “bang for our buck” in pooling the funds.
 2. Any opportunities generated at COSC level would be open to all parents.

BY CONSENSUS with no objections, School Council has agreed to allocate \$500 to COSC for the 3-part presentation series.

v. Information Reports

- a. Committee of School Councils (COSC) Report – Jacquie Surgenor
 - i. Annual Education Results Review
 - ii. COSC Engagement Grant
 - iii. ASCA Update
- b. Program Information Updates
 - i. Logos Report – Melanie Ryzuk
 1. Logos Chapel – Joe Battison from Park Church came to each Logos class for chapel – kids enjoyed the singing, games and inspirational talk
 2. Joe Battison will be coming in early Feb (Covid willing) to do series of talks for our Crossroads group – topics TBD.
- c. Family-School Liaison Worker – Jess Miskiw / Jessica Moen
 - i. Covered in New Business.

d. Principal's Report – Amit Mali / Tandy Atchison

- i. Covered in New Business.
- ii. Thank you to Mme. Atchison as French Immersion Consultant and Honors Consultant, supporting SWH and other schools in the Division.
- iii. Construction almost complete, target finish end of January, some follow-up required.
- iv. Thank you to staff for flexibility on last minute room changes, great work with Mme. Atchison and all trades.
- v. Central Division and the Board have been supportive with expenses: flooring, gym sound system (\$10k), security cameras (\$46k).
- vi. General Covid update:
 1. Significant students not in the building due to illness, weather restrictions, precautionary reasons. Similar absentee ratios for staff, concerning to the substitute teacher budget.
 2. Looking for support from parents in notifying school on positive test results.
 3. Slow approach to reintroducing athletics and extracurricular.
- vii. Questions / comments
 1. Could parents help with future mask distribution? Yes, require full vaccinations, masks protocols, but are allowed in building.
 - a. Send email to administration if you are able to help. Will add to Cougar Tracks looking for help.

e. Trustee Report – Trina Boymook

- i. Revisions have been made to the return to school guidelines. This was emailed out to parents prior to the return on January 10. The most up to date version is available on our website, along with useful information for parents to access. Board Chairs met with the Minister three times as we prepared for January 10.
- ii. Board held a two-day retreat in early December. Part of the retreat was focused on establishing the direction for the new Board while the remainder focused on the work that lays ahead. A third day was added for January 13 to conclude discussions.
- iii. The Board is pleased to learn of the change in direction of the implementation of the K-6 Draft Curriculum. Development of junior high curriculum has been paused while further work takes

place on the K-6. The Board has sent a letter to the Minister on January 4, 2022, requesting that she move forward with a phased implementation approach for LA and Math with only Grades K and 1 and K-6 for Phys Ed and Wellness for Fall 2022. We restated our concerns with the draft and our expectations that it be dealt with in the final version that is to be released in the spring.

- iv. Reregistration will get underway February 1. Families are asked to complete their student's reregistration by Feb 28. Those seeking a boundary exemption will need to indicate their interest during the month of February. Late requests will not be considered after February 28. Ardrossan Jr/Sr, Davidson Creek, FR Haythorne and Sherwood Heights have close boundaries for the 2022-23 school year.
- v. High School Open Houses will be getting underway starting Feb 8 with Sal, Bev Facey is Feb 9, SCA Secondary is Feb 15 and Ardrossan Jr/Sr is Feb 16.
- vi. Also, at the January 20 Board meeting the Board approved the school fee parameters for the upcoming year, as well as considering reallocation of resources.
- vii. The provincial budget will be tabled on Feb 24. The Board is working with Finance to establish its budget work sessions schedule.
- viii. Questions / comments
 - 1. None

vi. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

- a. February 22, 2022 – Cancelled
- b. March 22, 2022
- c. April 26, 2022
- d. May 24, 2022

- vii. Jacquie Surgenor adjourns the meeting at 8:40pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22nd, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., virtually via Microsoft Teams.

These minutes are submitted by Lorena Ellsworth, Secretary.

Adopted by Council in the meeting of March 22nd, 2021.

Jacquie Surgenor, Chair