

Sherwood Heights School Council Meeting

November 17th, 2020

The regular meeting of Sherwood Heights School Council was duly called and held on November 17th, 2020 virtually via Google Meets.

In Attendance:

Executive: Ashley Frayn (Chair)

Administration: Paul Pallister (Principal), Kris Reid (Assistant Principal)

Parents & Staff: 18, 2 School Administrators

Community: Trina Boymook (Board Chair, EIPS)

1. Welcome
 - a. Ashley Frayn calls to order at 6:35pm.
2. Review & Approval of Minutes from October 20th, 2020

MOTION: Jackie Caldwell motions to accept amended October minutes, Dallas Well seconds.

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED

3. COSC Report – Paul Pallister provided an update of COSC information on behalf of Rammi Pander.
4. Program Representative Reports
 - a. Logos – Melanie Ryzuk: Paul Pallister provided update.
 - i. Logos parents provided cookie packages for staff in October.
 - ii. For Halloween Alternate activities occurred for Logos students with welcome to all students to involve.
 - iii. Operation Christmas Box. This year t about 12 boxes will be returned. Emails has been received by parents declaring their nonsupport for the Good Samaritan Christmas Box. One other province has decline involvement. Alternate options are being explored by other provinces and will be further discussed prior to next year’s involvement in this program.
 - b. Band – Dallas Will:

The Band Parents Society has been granted a Casino: parents are required for January 11 and 12, 3-11 pm: Posting for this help will occur in the Cougars Tracks and Facebook pages.

- c. French Immersion – Tashia Baker:
 - i. Presently 140 students in program: 55/ GR7, 43/GR8. 34/GR9 , 3 grade 7 students returned from online this quarter.
 - ii. The school is still in search of a French Learning Assistant. Ads are posted on the Elk Island Web, School News and via email to parents.

- d. IMPACT – Jackie Caldwell
 - i. 2 students have returned to in school learning this quarter. Program is at full capacity for grade 8. Grade 7 no students are online. Grade 9, 2 students remain online.

- e. Fundraising Committee – Tasha Baker, Jackie Caldwell, Charly Bennet, Tara Lamabe
 - i. No activity to report.

5. Administration Report – Paul Pallister

- a. Update on COVID-19: Covid is on everyone's mind. Sherwood Heights remains COVID-19 free as of this date. One of few schools left in Elk Island, without a COVID-19 reporting. Believe this to be the training and compliance of students and strong protocols in place. Facility staff/ support going over and above to keep staff and students safe within the building. Recent AHS/ Premier news release identifies that schools will be going to online for grade7-12 until following Christmas closure, due to high numbers in province.

Question: If there was a positive case in the school, does everyone get an email?

Answer: Only the classroom effective. 2 or more positives in considered an outbreak. SOS website provides ongoing and up to date information on school impacted . Other schools have provided all parents with an email if in the class or close contact. An email has been sent out regarding the Covid protocols of Elk Island. Every time there is a positive case, EPIS is audited by AHS and to date, everything has been reported as excellent handling by AHS.

If all of the class goes out with an outbreak, the teacher would continue to teach the class via Bright space online.

Question: Are the Christmas break dates being changes to align with the new online Provincial Order

Answer: At this time, dates are remaining the same.

Presently there are children missing from the school and school system. The school and Elk Island are following up on this in conjunction with community agencies.

- b. Discussion of Bully Awareness Week: Federal Funding has been received to support more support services/ counseling. Katarina Staub has taken on this role in addition to teaching duties and in conjunction with Ms. Harry Everyday staff and students will be involved in activities. On Monday there were affirmation cards with positive slogans available for distribution. Grade 9 Leadership students will do a presentation on "What is a Bully". On Thursday, an Education presentation will be provided. On Friday staff and students can nominate a student that is especially kind.
- c. Take your child to work day: Occurred virtually for the Grade 9's this year and was a big success.
- d. Hot Lunch: Has been approved for November 23 and December 1. Staff to undertake both with strict protocols in place.
Question: Can parents help?
Answer: No at this time only staff allowed within the building, delivery pizza is met at the door.
- e. School Fees: 2nd Quarter fees are due in two weeks and will continue to be issues and to be paid quarterly.
- f. Parent/Teacher Interviews
 - i. This term interviews will be held virtually via Microsoft teams on November 24 and 26 from 3:30-5:30. A virtual Scholastic Book fair will be occurring in conjunction with this.
- g. Online / in-school learning updates
 - i. Discussion of Bright Space. Parents should log in and be familiar with use.
- h. School Education Plan Results Review

- i. The school Education Results review has occurred. 50 people (students, parents and staff) returned results via survey. A highlighted area for Sherwood Heights was the program offerings.

Teacher results satisfaction results were less than prior, and this was reviewed with staff in 1-1 meetings. The outcome of this discussion appears to be focused on the prior year's grade 9 cohort, and the challenges this presents, the timetable, (experimental last year with more teaching time and classes per day), and profound disappointment by staff in the stall on moving forward with the building of the new school. Teachers voiced overall that they were not pleased.

It was noted that when survey respondent provided an "I don't know answer" it is recorded as a negative response. Parent's satisfaction has remained the same as prior year's survey results.

Discussion on the Elk Island Parent Engagement Plan and Sherwood Heights ability to reach parents via multiple venues and communication formats. Most parents felt that the school was providing ample information in a variety of formats and information was easily obtained and available.

Suggestion: teaching sending out updates that are more frequent to their classroom students and parents.

- i. Value Scope sessions have occurred with Elk Island with regards to school planning for multiple schools including Sherwood Heights. These recommendation will now move forward to the boards for discussion and approval.
- j. Review and discussion of School dress code/ policy.

There is inconsistent from school to school on this and grade to grade and it is more about the community standard of dress code than a policy that can be enforced. . Overall, there is not a formal policy and it comes down to the principals and staff to determine if clothing is appropriate to be worn within the school environment. For Sherwood Heights this means clothing that sports a symbol or wording which could be representative of a gang , foul language

or controlled substance, and or /is offensive to a person , group or cultures will not be accepted in the school.

6. Trustee Report – Trina Boymook

- French Immersion resources for out of school learning are starting to come in from Edmonton Public. We have noted that there is inconsistency in what we received and are working through those before being uploaded. We need to accumulate 5 weeks before uploading.
- In preparation for the 2021 Municipal election the Board approved amendments to our Establishment of Wards and Electoral Subdivisions Bylaw. Amendments included our name change and other references to the Education Act. There are no changes to the electoral wards.
- The Board sent a letter to the minister with a request to hold this year harmless due to COVID. The move to a weighted moving average will negatively impacted by the decline in the number of students than was projected for the next 2-3 years.
- The Board reviewed the survey results for the Junior High Honours Division Program at our October 30 caucus meeting. We received 1410 surveys. The information we received guide Administration recommendation that the Board will consider at our December Board meeting. Parents expressed their interest in continuing with the program that was developed and piloted last year, strongly support that there should be a standardized rigorous entry requirement and would like to see the programs to be offered through multiple school site instead of being congregated at one school.
- The Board received a rough draft of the Value Scope Session. The Board reviewed the details of the report at our Caucus October 30 meeting, a final report and recommendation will come to the November 26 Board meeting for consideration. The recommendation coming forward suggests combining Sherwood Heights and École Campbelltown as a new K-9 on Sherwood Heights site and offering Campbelltown to Francophone Board, reallocate surplus Sherwood Park modulars to other schools outside of Sherwood Park or other schools within the province. Modernization of Pine Street and Sal.
- School Results Review will start Thursday and will end November 24.
- The Board is continuing to monitor our COVID costs and projections as we prepare for the fall budget.

- a. Questions/comments
 - i. None.

7. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

- a. January 19, 2021
- b. February 16, 2021
- c. March 16, 2021
- d. April 20, 2021
- e. May 18, 2021

8. Ashley Frayn adjourns meeting at 7:44pm.

The next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 19th, 2021 at 6:30pm, virtually via Google Meets.

These minutes are submitted by:

on behalf of Lorena Ellsworth, Secretary

Adopted by Council in the meeting of January 19th, 2021.

Ashley Frayn
Chair