

# Sherwood Heights School Council Meeting

## March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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The regular meeting of Sherwood Heights School Council was duly called and held on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 virtually via Google Meets.

### **In Attendance:**

**Executive:** Ashley Frayn (Chair)

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

**Parents & Staff:** 6 Parents, 4 Staff

**Community:** Trina Boymook (Board Chair, EIPS)

1. Welcome
  - a. Ashley Frayn calls to order at 6:31pm.
  - b. Addition to Agenda: Discussion on Discrimination (Administration Report)

2. Review & Approval of Minutes from February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

MOTION: Nasreen Banman motions to accept February minutes as is, Cristina Rathjen seconds.

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED

3. COSC Report – Ashley Frayn
  - a. Meeting on March 3<sup>th</sup>, 2021
    - i. Highlights from meeting sent out via email.
  - b. Looking for someone to attend COSC meetings. Ashley will continue to attach COSC meeting minutes until a volunteer is found.
4. Program Representative Reports
  - a. Logos – Paul Pallister
    - i. No update.
  - b. Band – Paul Pallister
    - i. Casino status unknown, plans to discuss fundraising options.
    - ii. Performance status unknown.
  - c. French Immersion – Katharina Staub

- i. French celebration tentatively moved to April 23 due to Grade 9 Covid isolation protocols.
  - d. IMPACT
    - i. No update.
- 5. Administration Report – Paul Pallister
  - a. Update from Administration
    - i. 80 students, 7 staff sent home to isolate on Covid protocols, increased AHS involvement on variant case.
    - ii. Grade 9 Farewell and Awards Ceremony to be determined, likely to be the same as last year.
    - iii. Accountability Pillar (for Grade 7 families) delayed until after Spring Break to allow development of questions on Covid response and online learning.
  - b. Discussion on Discrimination
    - i. Noted increase in racism, misogyny and intolerance in the school lately. Administration and staff are focusing on educating students on empathy and inclusion.
    - ii. Parents and staff shared personal experiences.
    - iii. Bree Claude, Director – Strathcona County Family & Community Services
      - 1. [Family Community Services](#), 780.464.4044
      - 2. Open Monday and Friday 8:30 - 4:30 and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 - 8:00pm
  - c. Fee schedule for 2021/22
    - i. No additional concerns or comments on school fees presented.

MOTION: Ashley Frayn motions to accept School Fee Schedule as circulated from on March 15, 2021, Nasreen Banman seconds.

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED

- d. Registration and option choices 2021/22
  - i. Students in Grade 7 & 8 can now choose options through Power School.
  - ii. Students in Grade 9 meeting with high schools now.
- e. Academic Excellence (Honours Program) application period open until March 22
- f. Parent Teacher Interviews
  - i. Occurred last week, feedback received:
    - 1. Meeting time (5 minutes) is not long enough for parents.
- g. Staffing Update

- i. Amit Mali, has been selected as incoming principal.
  - h. Staff Appreciation
    - i. Email received from parent to inquire on providing staff gestures of appreciation in June, pending Covid protocols. Anyone interested in participating can contact Ashley.
- 6. Trustee Report – Trina Boymook
  - a. The provincial budget was tabled on February 25, 2021. It is being viewed by school boards as a good news budget considering the financial climate in a pandemic. Board Chairs and Superintendents met with the Minister following the tabling of the budget to receive a high-level overview of the Education budget
    - i. The funding commitment to education is being maintained at \$8.2B
    - ii. Boards will be held harmless from their enrolment declines as result of COVID-19. This is something that the Board had advocated for.
    - iii. Student transportation funding will remain at the same level. We are expected to receive some details coming out of the taskforce that will have transportation running more efficiently and effectively.
    - iv. 14 new capital projects were announced March 10. Extremely disappointed that Sherwood Heights did not make the list of supported projects.
    - v. Increase support for modular program
    - vi. \$40M will be shifted from Plant, Operation and Maintenance (POM) to Specialized Learning Supports. The minister is working on finalizing the finer details of this and once completed Boards will receive their funding letters. Specialized Learning Supports include
      - 1. PUF – Boards have been advocating for additional supports in this area.
      - 2. First National Metis and Inuit
      - 3. English language Learners
      - 4. Social Economic
      - 5. Geographic
      - 6. School Nutrition
  - b. Boards will have their funding letter by March 31 at the latest. The Board will be approving allocations to school at its April 22, 2021 Board meeting. So please plan on having a school budget discuss as a school council. The Board will also be setting student transportation fees and other administrative fees at this meeting.

- c. The Board also approved the Three-Year Capital Plan. Number one request is a replacement school that combines Ecole Campbelltown and Sherwood Heights.
- d. February 19, 2021 Trustee Seutter and I met with MLA Glubish to talk about our new vision for Sherwood Heights and how we plan on addressing access spaces at Salisbury Composite. It was a very productive 40-minute meeting.
- e. The Board approved the support for a school council representative from a school to attend the upcoming Alberta School Councils Association Annual Conference and AGM. The Board will be supporting up to 15 registrations. Corrie will provide you with the information on how to access the support..
- f. Questions/comments
  - i. Looking for direction to guide advocacy and engagement for Sherwood Heights replacement school.
    - 1. Emails, letters to MLAs and Minister of Education.
      - a. [Nate Glubish](#), MLA Strathcona-Sherwood Park
      - b. [Jordan Walker](#), MLA Sherwood Park
      - c. [Adrian LaGrange](#), Minister of Education
    - 2. Discussions with community to rally communication with funders.
      - a. Sherwood Heights Area Neighborhood [Facebook page](#)

## 7. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

- a. April 20, 2021
- b. May 18, 2021

8. Ashley Frayn adjourns meeting at 8:21pm.

**The next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30pm, virtually via Google Meets.**

These minutes are submitted by Lorena Ellsworth, Secretary.

Adopted by Council in the meeting of April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Ashley Frayn, Chair