

Swanavon School Council Meeting

February 6th, 2024 3:00pm

Swanavon School

Call to Order: 3:15

Welcome & Introductions

- o Garth Paquette, Principal
- o Arlene Foley, Vice Principal
- o Stacy Wheeler, Teacher
- o Donna Koch, Trustee
- o Chelsie Norrie, Chair
- o Stephanie Bokkers, Vice Chair
- o Samantha Puckey
- o Leiyah Ortiguero

Sends Regrets

- o Juanita Jordan, Secretary
- o Kukai Hunter, Treasurer

Approval of Agenda

Approved by: Samantha Puckey

Seconded by: Stephanie Bokkers

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Approved by: Chelsie Norrie

Seconded by: Stephanie Bokkers

Principal Report: Garth Paquette

This past month a Native Storyteller came in to talk and the kids really enjoyed listening to the stories and getting involved. The Alberta Assurance Education Survey has also been sent out to parents of grade 4 and 6 students. Parent Council is asked to please share the post on Facebook reminding parents who received the email to follow the link and complete the survey. This survey is very important as it helps evaluate the education of our students in the school and across the province. Another email will be sent out later in the year for the School Division Survey to the parents of grade 4-6 students and staff. Parent Council is asked to please share that Facebook post as well. The new school website has also launched. It is very user friendly and keeps in mind that most users will be on their phone to view the website. There is also a new calendar that you can subscribe too! You can subscribe with the option to just add it as it is in its current state or a dynamic (live) option that will update as things are added or changed. Things coming up to keep an eye on include the Winter Walk on February 7th, the 100th Day of School on February 14th, & Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying) is February 29th. Finally, Kindergarten Registration starts soon on March 11th. You can start building your child's file on February 28th

and save it to be submitted for the 11th. Kinder Pal is based on numbers so the earlier those numbers are achieved the better prepared they will be.

Stacy Wheeler also talked briefly about Amber Cardinal and her Mental Health Building for the kids to help develop their Social & Emotional Learning every week. She also did a Demo of the Literacy Education Tools that were purchased with funds donated from Parent Council last year (\$1500 was donated last year from the parent council and the Literacy, Tech, and Science fund)

Trustee Report: Donna Koch

Donna is 1 of 6 trustees in the school division covering 18 schools. She attends as many council meetings across her area that she can and she loves volunteering when she can to help out in this school particular as it is her community school and her late husband build the rink in the playground. She wanted to stress that the trustee meetings are available to be attended or if you cant make it they are available as recordings on the school division trustee website. Currently 2300 bus passes have been given out to students for the 2023/4 year over 60 routes, all of which are 90% on time. The 2024/5 school draft calendar has been approved. She loved coming to the school during Literacy Week with her dog to read to the kids. She looks forward many more volunteering opportunities in the school and interacting with our council as we continue to grow and help the students and community.

Treasurer Report: Kukai Hunter (on hold until next meeting)

- o Payments Required
- o Income Recieved

Old Business:

- o Hot Lunch
 - Lindsay needs the donation letter copy so we can send it out for better deals with Costco.
 - Nissan donated a \$500 Costco gift card to Hot Lunch Program. \$250 of it was used for the Pizza & foil in January. The remaining \$250 will be used for the Hot Dogs in February.
 - February 29th will be Hot Lunch.
 - Need more social media activity
 - Chelsie will check with Lefties Catering, cozy perogy, and State & Main to get pricing as a possible alternate option. Most likely need donations for these options.
 - Motion by Samantha Puckey to do Hot dogs w/ Costco gift card and an additional budget of \$400 if needed. Motion 2nd by Stephanie Bokkers.
- o Professional Development

- Waiting for contact information from the School Division. Once information has been received we can set up a few dates for April/ May. There is a program at Maude Clifford coming up if anyone wants to attend.

New Business:

- o Spring Fundraiser
 - Many options are available including Mom's Pantry, Little Caesars, Make it Sow, and Growing Smiles. (only mom's pantry, make it sow and growing smiles had info packages). Still waiting on Shawn's Custom Meats info packet
 - Mom's Pantry is still missing orders, Chelsie will check with Morganne about the missing orders
 - Motion by Samantha Puckey to set up Spring Fundraiser with Growing Smiles and Make it Sow to raise money for hot lunch program. 2nd by Stephanie Bokkers.
 - Fundraiser will run starting on March 4th until March 28th.
 - All other fundraiser info packets will be stored in the Parent Council File Cabinet for future use.
- o EA Daycare & Safeway Gift Cards
 - Consenses is to use the Safeway gift card for hot lunch program or other events that will run in the year (example: end of year dance)
 - Motion by Chelsie Norrie to purchase 5 Superstore Gift Cards in the amount of \$25 to cover for the remainder of the year. 2nd by Stephanie Bokkers.

Roundtable Discussion/ Other Agenda Items

- o Book Fair: Courtney needs volunteers for March 22nd

Meeting Adjourned: 4:03

Next Meeting: March 5th @ 3:00pm