

MINUTES

Your School Council minutes

January 18th, 2022/6:00pm | *Meeting called to order by* Cherie Lovsund

In Attendance

Aileen Wagner – School Trustee, Ward One

Cherie Lovsund - Principal

Sharon Shave - Secretary

Shauna Fleming - School representative

Colleen Hardy - Chair

Michelle Squance-Slade

Shelby Smigelski – Vice Chair

Chantell Strowbridge – Fundraising Liaison

Welcome & Introductions

Cherie Lovsund welcomed all and did introductions.

Review of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

Colleen Hardy reviewed the agenda & asked for approval of the minutes from November 30th, 2021.

Shelby Smigelski approved and Michelle Squance-Slade seconded the minutes.

Principal's Report

Principal Cherie Lovsund turned over the discussion to Aileen Wagner for the trustee report.

- Aileen gave an overview of the following:
 - [Literacy Report](#)
 - [Student & Staff Wellness Report](#)
 - [Attendance Area Review](#)
 - [Programs of Choice Report](#)

Aileen shared some insight into the communication they have been receiving regarding COVID-19 protocols in schools. PSD is reporting by school confirmed [COVID-19 cases](#) for staff and student. Duffield had an overwhelming response to the survey that was sent out via messenger regarding test and mask distribution. The vast majority wants these items. Once received, they will be distributed to those families and staff.

- Cherie gave an overview of what has been happening at Duffield School since starting back up after the winter break.
 - Virtual Christmas Concert was a huge success

- New COVID-19 Protocols
 - [Stay at Home Guide](#)
 - [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#)
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- Kindergarten Virtual Open House
 - February 16th, 2022. Information will be sent out via Messenger/Facebook and the Duffield School website.
- Staff Update
 - Our new councilor is Ms. Shabnam. She will be here Thursdays and Fridays as her time is split between Muir Lake and Duffield. She will provide supports to both small groups as well as individual sessions.
 - Ms. Lande will be with us for the Gr ½ class till the end of the year
 - Ms. Hughes will be with us for the Gr 7-9 till the end on the year.
- Literacy Update
 - We are at our midpoint review for our Gr 2&3 and are very happy with the progress so far. Grade 1 will start this week. Ms. Gygory will be our main lead with Ms Nesbitt leading Grade 1 Literacy and Ms. Spencer leading Gr 2&3 in Numeracy.
- Classroom Library
 - Cherie Lovsund has now finished purchasing all of the books for all grades. Each classroom has their own bin. A lot of these items were chosen from student suggestions. A big thank you to DPAC for funding this reading initiative.
- Basketball
 - We will continue with our Jr & Sr Basketball teams. We are following AHS extracurricular guidelines when it comes to sport activities, i.e.: no spectators allowed.
- Play Parkland
 - Unfortunately, we have had to put this field trip on hold. We must follow transportation rules that kids cannot be transported to events outside of their cohort. We are hoping that we can resume these fieldtrips in February.
- Professional Development Days
 - Upcoming PD days are January 31st and February 18th. Staff will be doing a Literacy and Numeracy focus PD session.
- Grade 9 Farewell
 - A google invite was sent to all parents/guardians of our Grade 9 students. A virtual meeting will be held January 25th @ 7:00 pm to gather information about ways to celebrate their time here at Duffield with a year-end activity.
- School Calendar
 - Cherie presented two different options for consideration.
 - Version 1 places the Fall Break after Remembrance Day (Nov 14-18) and students attend school until December 23.
 - Version 2 places the Fall Break prior to Remembrance Day (Nov 7-10). Students attend until December 22 prior to the Winter Break.
 - Collen Hardy chose V1, like the full week
 - Michelle Squance-Slade likes V2 but also like the full week version. Chantelle Strowbridge agreed.
 - Shelby Smigelski voted for V2 because of families that like to travel at that time of year.
 - Cherie will share feedback with Scott Jasper-Fayers as he is the lead on calendars.
- Mrs. Lovsund then opened the floor for questions. There were none.

- AGM Executive Elections/Membership

- Chair – Colleen Hardy
- Vice Chair – Shelby Smigelski
- Secretary – Sharon Shave
- Communications Director – Nicole Beutler
- Fundraising Liaison – Chantell Strowbridge

New Business

Colleen Hardy had no new business

Adjournment & Next Meeting Date

Colleen Hardy adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm

Next Meeting: February 15th, 2022