

MINUTES

Your School Council minutes

Sept 20th, 2022/6:00pm | *Meeting called to order by* Cherie Lovsund

In Attendance

Aileen Wagner – School Trustee, Ward One	Andrea Barkhouse
Cherie Lovsund – Principal	Jessie Lutz
Sharon Shave - Secretary	Jody Heiblinger
Shelby Smigelski – Vice Chair	Trevor Doerkson
Michelle Squance-Slade	Lynn How
Scott Jaspers-Fayer – Vice Principal	Colleen Hardy - Chair
Bernadette Vanderwell	Chantell Strowbridge
Tara Williams	
Carolina Cerda	

Welcome & Introductions

Colleen welcomed all and the meeting commenced @ 6:01pm.

Review of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

Colleen Hardy reviewed the agenda & asked for approval for the May, 24th, 2022 minutes & the September 20th, 2022 Agenda. Shelby Smigelski approved and Michelle Squance-Slade seconded. The meeting was then turned over to Aileen Wagner for a board update. Please [Ctrl-Click on this link](#) for Aileen's report.

Principal's Report

Cherie gave an overview of what's been happening at Duffield.

- **Renovations**
 - We still have some areas that are not complete, but anticipate that these items will be finished soon.
- **Enrollment**
 - Our numbers are up for 2022-23. We are currently sitting at 309 students. These are the largest enrollment numbers Duffield has had in quite a few years.
- **Literacy and Numeracy**
 - Duffield will be hosting Literacy and Numeracy evenings this year. We are looking forward to being able to make connections with our families. We have been working on different math strategies, i.e.: Estimation Jar in the office. Kids are guessing the number of items and giving their guesses to their teacher. At the end of the week Mrs. Lovsund announces the winner. This has been a big success as all of our grades have been actively participating.

- **Staff Updates**
 - Ms. Kulak is working with the Grade ¾ class on Literacy. While she is working with the students, Mrs. Laurin has been working with our FNMI students, greeting them in the morning and making connections with their families.
- **Counselor for 2022-2023**
 - Our counselor position will continue with Ms. Shabnam. She will now be at our school on Tuesdays and Fridays. She continues to work with students one and one and in group sessions and whole class lessons focusing on Mental Health and Wellness.
- **X Country**
 - Duffield is very pleased that we were able to host x-country this year. The Madsen family was gracious and allowed us to use their golf course. We had approximately 615 registered and it was a great success. Click on the [link](#) to view the video.
- **Announcements**
 - We thought we would try a different strategy this year so have decided to do our announcements digitally within the classroom. We have found that the kids are more engaged, vs them coming from the office over the PA system.
- **Nutrition Fridge**
 - We have had an increase in students needing a lunch or supplemental food in addition to the lunch they are bringing. We have been fortunate enough to receive donated lunches from the rotary club twice a week and a grant from Presidents Choice for \$8200.00.
- **My Path**
 - My Path has been very successful and the class is full. There is a waiting list for those families that want to join.
- **Indigenous Week**
 - We have a lot of planned activities, i.e. dancers, etc. leading up September 30th, The National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. There will be no school for staff or students that day.
- **New Curriculum**
 - K-3 Teachers are continuing to attend PD's for the new literacy, numeracy & wellness curriculums.

- **New Business**

- **Proposal to change meeting times**
 - It was discussed that in order for the council to get more buy in for others to join is that we try and to alternate between Tues, Wed & Thursday meetings. Our next meeting will be Wednesday October 26th and Thursday, November 24th.
- **Elections for 2022-23**

We had no new nominations for executive positions for the School Council.

Chair – Colleen Hardy

Vice-Chair – Shelby Smigelski

Secretary – Sharon Shave

- AGM Executive Elections/Membership

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

Adjournment & Next Meeting Date

Colleen Hardy adjourned the meeting @ 6:41pm

Next Meeting: October 24th, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.