

MINUTES

Your School Council minutes

October 26th, 2022/6:00pm | *Meeting called to order by* Shelby Smigelski

In Attendance

Aileen Wagner – School Trustee, Ward One
Cherie Lovsund – Principal
Scott Jaspers-Fayer – Assistant Principal
Sharon Shave - Secretary
Collen Hardy – President (not in attendance)
Shelby Smigelski – Vice Chair
Michelle Squance-Slade
Jessie Lutz
Jodi Heiblinger
Ashley Tracy

Welcome & Introductions

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

Review of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

Shelby Smigelski reviewed the October 2022 agenda & asked for approval for the Sept 20th, 2022 minutes. Michelle Squance-Slade seconded both motions.

The meeting was then turned over to Aileen Wagner for a board update. Please [click here](#) for Aileen's report.

Principal's Report

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

- **Building Thinking Classrooms**
 - In the classroom we are using collaborative problem-solving skills using the whiteboard. All of the teachers are liking this approach and the students are actively engaged.
- **Fort Edmonton**
 - All of the Grade 5 students attended Fort Edmonton School Oct 18 through to October 20th. This was a great opportunity for the students to participate in an onsite classroom in a unique environment. We were fortunate enough to have been chosen and the cost was covered by the Fort Edmonton Foundation.

- **Choir**
 - We are very excited for choir. This year it will be from Grades 3 to 9. Mrs. Ranson will be looking after the choir while Ms. Nesbitt will be doing the Christmas Concert. Our Christmas Concert date is Dec 20th. 2022. There will be an afternoon (1:15pm) and evening (7:00pm) concert.
- **Parent/Teacher Interviews - Hybrid Style**
 - Cherie was looking for feedback. Most agreed they prefer face to face vs online as you get more of a feel for the classroom and the student's work.
- **Staff Updates**
 - We have hired a new EA (4 hours) as well as a new teacher to cover in Ms. Gyorgy's classroom. Ms. Enns will be teaching in the Grade 1 room starting Oct 1st, 3 days a week starting from 10:30am to 2:30pm. This will give Ms. Gyorgy the opportunity to add more students to her numeracy intervention blocks.
- **Student Leadership**
 - We have had some great school spirit activities this month including our pumpkin decorating contest and workout Wednesdays. Our Grade 9s have been helpful in hosting these events. On Oct 31st we will be having a Gr 7-9 dance and the K-6 will have a parade and classroom parties.
- **Literacy Survey**
 - We did not receive a big response to the survey that was sent out earlier in October. Specifically, 32 were a **no** and 28 **yes**. We may look at a mix of maybe afternoon or evening but will give it a try after the Christmas Break.

- **New Business**

There was no new business however a question was raised about the school logo. Specifically, are we getting a new logo? Cherie mentioned that there maybe a copyright issue with our existing but there are no immediate plans to change it. If we do at some time decide to change it we will engage the parent community for feedback.

- **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

Shelby Smigelski adjourned the meeting @ 6:24pm

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