

MINUTES

Your School Council minutes

January 24th, 2023/6:00pm | *Meeting called to order by* Colleen Hardy

In Attendance

Aileen Wagner – School Trustee, Ward One

Cherie Lovsund – Principal

Scott Jaspers-Fayer – Assistant Principal

Sharon Shave - Secretary

Kerri Nesbitt – Teacher Representative

Colleen Hardy – President

Shelby Smigelski – Vice Chair

Jessie Lutz

Jodi Heiblinger

Tara Williams

Welcome & Introductions

Meeting commenced @ 6:04pm.

Review of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

Colleen reviewed the agenda and asked for approval for the October and November 2022 minutes. Colleen Hardy approved the Shelby Smigelski seconded.

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.

- **Survey**
 - Cherie shared she will be sending out the Parent and Student Engagement Survey for the community to participate in. We need a minimum of 7 people, however more voices, the more we learn from our community. The purpose of this survey is to gather data on such things as:
 - What you like and don't like about the school
 - Do you feel safe at school?
 - Literacy and Numeracy feedback.
 - Students from Grades 4-7 will have the opportunity to participate and provide feedback.
- **Literacy and Numeracy**

- Our Literacy and Numeracy Leads have been working with the teachers in the classroom vs pulling out students. This side by side approach will help to bridge the some of the gaps we are seeing.
- **Staff Update**
 - Mrs. Leavell announced her retirement earlier this month. While we will be sad to see her go, we wish her the best in her retirement. We will celebrate her years of service with the students as we approach the end of this school year.
 - We have a new counselor. Her name is Donna Granson-Heise. She will be at Duffield on Mondays and Thursdays. She has been doing more one on one session with some small group session.
- **Kindergarten Open House**
 - Our Kindergarten Open House will be on **Feb 16th @ 6:00 pm**. We are looking forward to welcoming back parents/new kinder students to this event as we have had to do this virtually for the past couple years due to covid.
- **Ski Trips**
 - We were trying to work on an evening event but due to the lack of bussing contractors we were not able to make it work. In it's place we will be doing a day trip to **Rabbit Hill**. Grades 5-9 will be going with 3 staff members. There is a potential for the Grades 3-4 to participate but will depend on their interest and additional supervision would be required.
 - **Marmot** day trip has been booked for March 17th. This will be a long day but students always look forward to this day. We will be sharing this day trip with Blueberry School and a bus has been book for this event.
- **Parent Teacher Interviews**
 - Are scheduled for Feb 6th and 7th. We will be doing a hybrid model based on parent feedback. **February 6th will be in person and February 7th will be virtual**. Bookings open January 30th.
- **Play Parkland**
 - Grades 3-5 are participating this year and the program is going well. Grade 6 opted out this year as there was less interest from this grade to participate in the program.
- **Purdy's Fundraiser**
 - All proceeds go towards the Grade 9 Farwell. This will help to offset any extra cost that may occur.
- **Volunteers**
 - We love seeing volunteers coming back into the school. There are a lot of opportunities like reading with students or helping out with classroom tasks. If you spend less than 10 hours in the classroom a criminal record check in not required but if you're over that threshold and or are taking students to the washroom on a field trip then its required. Criminal Record Checks are required yearly.
- **Cultural Event**
 - On February 24th we have booked a presentation from Canadian School Presenters. It is titled Three Hat Circus and we are looking forward to this event. We will look at booking another event later in the year that will include some indigenous dancing. An idea was presented by Shelby that we should look into a presentation of Ukrainian Dancing as a potential future event.

- New Business

- Music Update

- Ms. Nesbitt gave an update on the **Christmas Concert**. The show was fantastic and had a great turn out despite the very cold weather.
- We are excited to participate in the **Choral Celebration** this year. The show will be Monday, March 20th from 10am to 12 noon at the West Meadows Baptist Church.
- **Shrek the Musical**. Ms. Nesbitt gave an overview of this upcoming show. She is looking for volunteers and will require some help with some much-needed props. Kerri will provide a list of items required.

- 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 @ 6:27pm

Next Meeting: February 22nd , 2023