

MINUTES

Your School Council minutes

May 22nd, 2024/6:00 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Shelby Smigelski

In Attendance

Aileen Wagner – School Trustee	Lynn Lang – Asst Principal
Cherie Lovsund – Principal	Michelle Villadsen
Sharon Shave - Secretary	Melissa Smith
Shelby Smigelski - President	Andrea Barkhouse
Lynne How	

Welcome & Introductions

Shelby called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Review of Agenda and Approval of March Minutes, Michel Villadsen approved both and Andrea Barkhouse seconded them.

Shelby then turned it over to Aileen Wager for the latest trustee report. Please click on the [link](#) for more information.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Lovsund shared an update with regard to what is happening at Duffield School

- **Track and Field**
 - Cherie gave an update on our elementary track meet, although the day was cold all of the students persevered and we are all very proud of all of our participants. The Junior High kids are at Westview today so we are wishing them the best of luck.
- **Year End**
 - We are ramping up to a lot of year end activities, so you will start to see a lot of information going home with regards to events, field trips etc. We have had some pretty new and exciting field trips which the kids are really enjoying.
- **Write On Stationery**
 - Our uptake has been limited this year so we will be promoting this so that parents are aware that they have this option. Write -On is very flexible with regard to ordering and receiving your order so we look forward to partnering with them once again this year.
- **Fee Schedule 2024-2025**
 - Cherie reviewed the Duffield 2024-25 fee schedule with the council. There are no changes from last year. A question was raised about the cultural fee and what that is for. Cherie gave a detailed explanation as to how we spend that fee.

- **Classrooms/ Numeracy**
 - We have been doing such great things with numeracy. We had visitors come to the school from all over division observing what the kids are doing in the classroom. Also, the government give us what is called “Learning Loss Money” so we used that to invite a teacher from Grande Prairie, she worked with every teacher/student and even while the kids were out at recess, all the teachers worked with her. She gave them problems to solve which was connected to a story book and how we had to solve math problems connected to literature. All of our staff was very excited to work with her and learn with her.
- **Class Configurations**
 - Cherie reviewed the 24-25 class configurations and gave the rationale behind the numbers and the splits. We currently have 20 Kinder registrations so we are not sure yet if we will be able to split the two classes into Mon/Wed, Tues/Thur.
 - Gr 1
 - Gr 2
 - Gr 2/3
 - Gr 3/4
 - Gr 4
 - Gr 5
 - Gr 5/6
 - Gr 6/7
 - Gr 8
 - Gr 9
- **Building Update**
 - We have had air-conditioning installed in our portables and as well the Gr 9 classroom. As well, Cherie tucked away some funds so that we could refresh of the the classrooms, so floor to ceiling refresh, by lowering the ceilings, LED lighting, new cabinets/floors and painting. Our next goal will be new lockers.
- There was a conversation around the PCAA. Mrs. Hardy brought up some concerns regarding how some of the new rules will affect sports out west. I.e.: having to travel to Stony Plain could be problematic for some families that have to work or have other commitments and can’t drive their kids to these types of events. Cherie mentioned we could possibly look into hiring a bus but with that there are issues due to driver schedules.
- **September Meeting**
 - We will continue with the alternating Tues/Thur as most like that and will do the voting at that meeting. It was decided that we will go with the 3rd week in September 2024. Cherie then took the council on a tour of the new classroom refresh.
- **New Business**
 - none

• **AGM Executive Elections/Membership**

Elections took place for the 2023-2024 Duffield School Council

- President – Shelby Smigelski
- Vice President – Andrea Barkhouse
- Secretary – Sharon Shave

Adjournment & Next Meeting Date

Shelby Smigelski adjourned the meeting @ 6:50 pm

Next Meeting: April 25th, 2024 @ 6:00 pm