

MINUTES

Your School Council minutes

6:00 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Shelby Smigelski

In Attendance

Aileen Wagner – School Trustee, Ward One- Absent

Paul McCann - School Trustee, Ward Four

Cherie Lovsund – Principal

Sharon Shave - Secretary

Shelby Smigelski

Melissa Smith

Bailey Fredette

Jessica Lutz

Michelle Villadsen

Welcome & Introductions

Shelby Smigelski called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. The meeting was then turned over to Paul McCann, Ward 4 standing in for Aileen Wagner. Please click for the [trustee report](#).

Review of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

Michelle Villadsen & Jessica Lutz seconded.

Principal's Report

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

Assessments

Teachers are busy with assessments, a lot of screening that is coming from the government for literacy and numeracy.

Cross Country Running

Duffield will be hosting at Grouse Nest golf course this year. This is an exciting event and most of our staff will be in attendance to help out. We are grateful to Mr. Madsen for opening up the golf course to us so that we are able to do this.

New Staff

Ms. Frick, who is our half time Kindergarten teacher and half time Indigenous Lead is moving onto a new career outside of Parkland. We have hired a new teacher and she will be taking over these roles effective Oct 1st.

Monthly Assemblies

Every month students will be honored in a specific area that we will be focusing on. September was Kindness, October will be Respect. We were very pleased to see all of the parents that showed up for our September assembly. Like last year we will continue to do our color teams but will change the format a little, so, before the breaks we will do an afternoon with their respective color teams and work on cooperative games.

Renovations

Most renovations have been completed, there is still one classroom that should be completed by Thanksgiving. We will use this as one of our intervention classrooms and eventually once our before and after school care programs gets established, she will be using this room as well.

Lockers have been paid for and are scheduled to be installed this year.

Newsletters

The format has changed for this year and we hope you like the new look. Feedback is always welcome.

Staff PD's

Duffield had the opportunity to collaborate with Copperhaven. There was a speaker from Regina who gave a Math presentation. Our EA's attended a workshop from Autism Edmonton. It was a great day of learning for all the staff.

Terry Fox

Our Terry Fox run was a huge success. We raised over \$1800.00 through online and cash donations. The students did such a great job and got the opportunity to "slime" the principal. It was a fun day all around.

Cell Phone Policy

Has been going very well. We purchased cell phone towers so that when students arrive to class their phones are locked up. Students do have the opportunity at lunch to check their phones quickly and then they are returned to the cell tower. Overall we have had very little push back as we have had a cell phone policy in place now for a number of years.

Enrollment

Is down from the previous year. Some families have moved into town and others have moved to other jurisdictions. Our current population is 272 as of Sept 24, 2024.

New Business

Class Configurations

A question was brought up and the current class configurations. Mrs. Lovsund gave a detailed explanation of the rationale behind the split classes.

Ski Club

A question was raised regarding if we were going to have a Rabbit Hill Ski Club for 2024-2025. Mrs. Lovsund explained that due to the current bus schedules it cannot be accommodated during school hours. We looked at hiring a coach bus but the cost was approximately \$1200.00 so that was not

doable due to the cost. We are looking into some alternatives and hope to come up with something different but at the moment we will continue with the Marmot Ski Trip.

AGM Executive Elections/Membership

Elections 2024-2025

Chair - Shelby Smigelski

Vice Chair - Andrea Barkhouse

Secretary - Sharon Shave

Communications - Vacant

Fundraising Liaison - Jessica Lutz

Adjournment & Next Meeting Date

Shelby Smigelski adjourned @ 6:36 PM

Next Meeting October 23, 2024