

# MINUTES

## Your School Council Minutes

Nov 21st,, 2024/ 6:08 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Shelby Smigelski

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### In Attendance

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Aileen Wagner – School Trustee, Ward One

Cherie Lovsund – Principal

Tara Williams

Sharon Shave - Secretary

Laurel Cromarty

Shelby Smigelski

Lynne How

Bailey Fredette

Michelle Villadsen

Margo Gaudry

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### Welcome and Introductions

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Shelby Smigelski called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

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### Approval of October Minutes and Agenda

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Michelle Villadsen approved and Lynne How seconded. Shelby then turned the meeting over to Aileen Wagner. Aileen had no official report as they have not yet had their November meeting. Aileen will forward the report when they have their meeting next week. There was mention of the upcoming stakeholder meeting on November 27th. If you have children in Grades 4-6 you should have received an invite and a survey. Mrs. Lovsund will attend while Lynne How will be representing the parent role.

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### Principal Report

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

#### **Colour Houses**

- There has been a lot of great work going on throughout the school. We did notice that just before Fall Break the energy level was going down but on the Thursday, before the break, we did our 7 colour houses. All the kids broke into their respective groups and had a great time with such things as minute to win it type activities. Our next colour house will be on December 20th, and it will be Christmas-themed.

#### **Intramurals & other Lunchtime Activities**

- Our intramurals are going well. We have a lot of students participating. They have their teams and whether or not they win or lose there is a tiered system in place to eventually have the winner. The kids are really enjoying this.

Mrs. Baron is also hosting a Gr 5-6 Book Club in the library. We also talked about trying to bring in some community members from the last meeting. Mrs. Lovsund was able to find a MasterBeader. She's a jewelry maker and will work with the students. We will do these in sessions or will have to divide into groups as we had such a huge response from interested students.

### **SOS Q Survey**

- An email was sent out to all Gr 4-9 families. Duffield will be participating in this survey. The survey is about kids' mental health. While we know this isn't just limited to Gr 4-9, kids overall are struggling with mental health issues that affect their learning. The survey will help us to learn about what the kids are thinking about, what may be blocking their learning or what they need for supports. It's around 20 minutes long. We will have them do the survey in groups so we don't overwhelm our Wi-Fi. This survey is able to utilize our Powerschool System and it will be able to break down the data so that we can identify areas that students are struggling in. When the results are in, we will meet with Division Office Dec 4th and go through the data. The result of this is that they will be able to provide us with the resources that are needed to help support our students.

### **Duffield Results Report**

- Over the break Mrs. Lovsund wrote this report. It will be posted on our website however Mrs. Lovsund provided a quick overview as the report is long. The report includes graphs and data collected from last year showing our Literacy and Numeracy growth. Sept 2023 our Literacy number was at 39% reading at grade level and in June of 2024 we ended the year 61% of our students were reading at grade level. Our writing results improved as well which is a testament to how hard our teachers are working with their students.
- Another metric that we have made some improvements in is our attendance. A goal that Mrs. Lovsund and Mrs. Lang will be working on this year is to find out why we struggle with attendance in some areas and how we can improve upon it. Our approach will be to make a phone call the day that they do come and thank them for bringing their child to school. We've noticed since doing this that our October 2024 to November 2024 results have improved by 18% so we will continue with this approach.

### **Student Safety**

- Mrs. Lovsund has been in discussions with Parkland County. Our goal is to have a lighted crosswalk for students at the south end of the parking lot as no one uses the north end. We are not sure how Parkland will be able to accommodate this request but it is important that not only Mrs. Lovsund keeps this on their radar but that they hear from the community as well. In the meantime we have added more staff at the front with really bright vests to help and ensure that our students are getting into the building safely. Mrs. Lovsund will share the phone number with those that would like to help support this important safety issue.

### **Other Field Trip Ideas**

- It was brought to our attention that it might be nice to try some different locations for Field Trips. The Royal Alberta Museum was suggested instead of TWO as we have been there many times.

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AGM Executive Elections/Membership

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**Elections 2024-2025**

**Chair - Shelby Smigelski**

**Vice Chair - Andrea Barkhouse**

**Secretary - Sharon Shave**

**Communications - Vacant**

**Fundraising Liaison - Jessica Lutz**

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Adjournment & Next Meeting Date

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Shelby Smigelski adjourned @ 6:34 PM

Next Meeting: January 21, 2025