

MINUTES

Your School Council Minutes

Jan 21st,, 2025/ 6:00 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Shelby Smigelski

In Attendance

Aileen Wagner – School Trustee, Ward One

Cherie Lovsund – Principal

Lynn Lang - Vice Principal

Sharon Shave - Secretary

Shelby Smigelski

Bailey Fredette

Margo Gaudry

Tara Williams

Melissa Smith

Welcome and Introductions

Shelby Smigelski called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Approval of October Minutes and Agenda Review

Approval of Agenda - Melissa Smith, seconded by Jessica Lutz

Approval of November Minutes - Melissa Smith, seconded by Jessica Lutz

The meeting was then turned over to Aileen Wagner. Please click on the [link](#) for the update.

Principal Report

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

Registration for 2025 2026

- Registration opens Feb 10th and closes on March 28th, 2025 @ 4:30 pm. Click on the [link](#) for more information on the registration process.

Kinder Open House

- Our open house is February 12th, 2025. We are hoping for two classes of Kinder so please spread the word if you know of anyone with Kinder aged children. Please click on the [link](#) for more information on Kindergarten registration.

Out Of School Care

- Our out of school care program is starting February 1st, 2025 now that the renovations are complete. We are very excited to offer this to our community. The room looks great and it has also been sound proof. We will also utilize the room as a pull out room.

Report Cards

- Will be released to the portal on January 30th, 2025. Some schools in the division have moved to the model of using gradebook as a way to communicate with parents and guardians with regard to their child's progress rather than depending on just a report card. If we do move to a system of one or two report cards, without comments, what does that look like for our students/parents, and how are we making sure that we are reporting, so more of that live reporting. Every week you would get an update on your child's progress.

Sports/Basketball

- We are so thankful for the skills of our EAs. Tara Williams has been reffing Basketball and doing a fantastic job. We also have Missy Porter who is also very skilled in Basketball and is running a skills camp Mon-Thur in the gym during lunch. We are so grateful for these special talents.

Archery

- Mr. Kehler is now trained in Archery. He will be doing the club every Friday as well as an option for next term.

EA Appreciation Day

- We have here on display a gift for our EAs and we wanted you to take a look. Our EAs are so special to us so we got the kids to add little adjectives for how they feel about their EAs .

Award

- There is a special award that comes from the Alberta School Board Association honouring Indigenous Spirit. We have nominated one of our students. a student that exemplifies academic, social and athletics. We have submitted a submission. The award includes a scholarship, quilt and a plaque. If this student is the recipient of this award we will proudly let everyone know.

Student Safety

- Cherie has been in ongoing discussions with Parkland County. A engineer that works in infrastructure has been coming out to look at the safety of our crosswalk and the lighting. They have proposed to Parkland County and have had approval for some money for the road. They are thinking that they could possibly narrow the road to cut down on speeding. There was also discussion around lights, signage and a proper crosswalk. There will be an open house in February and it would be good to see support from the community by attending this meeting. Cherie will send out a communication as to the date and time of the open house.

Cherie then opened up the floor to any questions.

- Out of School Care
 - Subsidies for those that qualify
 - Fulltime and Partime
 - Hours are from 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM, 2:30 PM-6:00 PM
 - PD Days

- Christmas Break and Fall Break
 - Provides Hot Lunch
- Potential Strike
 - Communications will be sent out
 - Contingency plans in place
- Staffing
 - Mr. Owen is still on leave

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 @ 6:30PM

Next Meeting: February 18th, 2025