



MINUTES

District Council of School Councils

DATE: Thursday, Jan 17, 2019

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Grant Henderson Learning Centre @ Central Office: 601 – 1 Avenue S.W.
Medicine Hat, Alberta

In attendance: Mark Davidson; Wes King-hunter; Nathan Gale; Rebeca Rothfus; Heather Emerson; Karen Johnson; Tanya Buckshaw; Corey Sadlemyer; Bob Burgess; Elizabeth Gebhardt; Ashley Williams; Jeremy Williamson; Lee Krasilowez; Taneill Selinger; Katie Albers; Aaron Myradon; Carolyn Freeman

1. Chair, Bob Burgess called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m.
2. Introductions
3. Appointment of a Coordinating Committee Representative
Aaron Myradon (Elm Street School) volunteered for the position.
4. Parent Volunteer for Alberta School Councils Conference and Annual General Meeting
Tanya Buckshaw (Herald School) and Jeremy Williamson (MH Christian School) volunteered. Other volunteers may go as well. Certain School Councils may sponsor a member to go. Anyone not being sponsored by their School Council can email Mark Davidson for possible sponsorship by MHPSD (1 person only). May review this if the need arises.
5. Trustee Comments - Carolyn Freeman
The Board has been reviewing the Mission and Vision Statements to bring them up to date. They are also examining policies to be sure they are in-line with each other and with the law. Budget is being looked at for now as well as what may be coming with the provincial election.

Question for the District Council was how can the Board be best connected with the District Council along with individual School Councils? What would those bodies like or need from the Board? How can the Board be more of a community with the schools and councils?

Above questions to be brought forth at School Councils and feedback can be sent directly to Carolyn Freeman. Some feedback at the District Council was for School Councils to invite their assigned Trustee to appropriate meetings and school administration to invite Trustees to school events.

6. Superintendent's Report - Mark Davidson

a. Teacher's Voice

MHPSD invited Board members to monthly meetings to keep communication open and has created "Teacher's Voice" where a representative from each school can submit questions electronically. The MHPSD executive then answers the questions. The answers are gone over in a meeting to see if they are sufficient and/or action items are recommended. Teachers get an email with the questions, answers, and any actions that are being taken.

MHPSD is now creating a "Student Voice" with students helping to shape it.

b. Crestwood Transportation

The transportation to Crestwood for out of area students utilizing the Learner Assistance Program (LAP) has been historically subsidized at great cost. With the number of students needing transportation greatly reduced, the transportation will be cancelled. Notifications have been sent out. Parents are still able to provide their own transportation if they wish.

c. Mentorship

Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) will work with MHPSD at Mark Davidson's request to support professional learning for mentors and protegee teachers. They are hoping to grow this in the future and it is aimed at aiding 1st - 3rd year teachers.

d. YMCA Before & After School Care

YMCA is losing money on the program so they will be putting out a revised fee schedule which outlines increased fees. The schedule will be shared 18 Jan 2019 and come into effect 01 Feb 2019. Aaron Myradon (Elm Street School) expressed concern that there is no After School Care program at Elm Street although there is a need for it. Mark Davidson to connect YMCA and Elm Street School to sort it out.

7. Policy Updates and Revisions - 530 P 009 Social Media Direction: Staff, Volunteers and Contracted employees.

This policy should be brought forward at School Council meetings at the beginning of each year to outline the expectations regarding social media. Any feedback can be sent to Bob Burgess directly.

8. Annual Education Results Report and 3 Year Plan - Corey Sadlemyer

This is a living document and, as such, they are continually seeking feedback on it. District Council attendees were split into 5 groups to discuss each of the 5 outcomes and provide feedback for their assigned outcome. All feedback given to Corey Sadlemyer. Report to be brought forward at School Councils and feedback to be sent to Corey Sadlemyer directly.

9. Motion to Adjourn accepted at 9:08pm.

10. Future Meeting Date

Thursday, May 9, 2019