

# Sherwood Heights School Council Meeting

## November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

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The regular meeting of Sherwood Heights School Council was duly called and held on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 virtually via Microsoft Teams.

### **In Attendance:**

**Executive:** Jacquie Surgenor (Chair), Lesley Bowman (Vice-Chair)

**Administration:** Amit Mali (Principal), Tandy Atchison (Assistant Principal), Jess Miskiw (Assistant Principal), Jessica Moen (Family-School Liaison Worker), Constable Hani Sawan (School Resource Officer)

**Parents & Staff:** Nasreen Banman, Lorena Ellsworth, Debbie Klita, Erin Malec, Johanna Ryan, Sadie Schmidt, Sheena Singleton, Sarah Witholt

**Community:** Trina Boymook (Board Chair, EIPS)

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

- a. Jacquie Surgenor calls to order at 6:32 p.m.
- b. Treaty Six Acknowledgement.

### **2. Review & Approval of Minutes** from September and October 2021.

MOTION: Debbie Klita motions to approve minutes from September and October, seconds.

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED

### **3. Approve Agenda.**

- a. Add introduction of Constable Hani Sawan.

MOTION: Lesley Bowman motions to accept agenda as amended, Debbie Klita seconds.

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED

### **4. New Business**

- a. Introduce School Resource Officer, Constable Hani Sawan

- i. One of five officers in Strathcona County, responsible for Salisbury Composite, Sherwood Heights and Lakeland School.
  - ii. Also coordinates with community organizations, specifically Strathcona County Crimewatch.
  - iii. Role is to provide consistent presence for questions or concerns, provide insight and perspective on collaboration, focus is on community
  
- b. Student Mental Health – Amit Mali
  - i. Parent Night in January: Social Media/Media Literacy
  - ii. This very challenging time has encouraged staff to think outside the box, especially with students dealing with anxiety (high rates of truancy).
  
- c. Assurance Model Discussion – Jacquie Surgenor
  - i. Review of current goals/potential changes for next year
  - ii. Top Successes & Challenges of 2020-2021
    - 1. Parent affirmation that SWH students are engaged, active, positive citizens.
    - 2. Challenge for students coming into the school not feeling confident (friend circles, school comfort, etc.) – opportunity to build on culture improvement.
    - 3. Inappropriate language in the hallways is a concern for parents and staff, have been working on this throughout this school year.
  - iii. Review of Parent Engagement contributions.
  - iv. Working with staff on Early Out days (staff meetings) to provide Professional Learning time to deliver information on dealing with high anxiety and high needs students.
  - v. Questions / comments
    - 1. Are only Council Chairs invited to attend COSC meetings?
      - a. No, all parents are welcome to attend. Mr. Mali can provide the link to the Zoom meetings for anyone interested.
  
- d. Save On Foods Fundraising – Lesley Bowman
  - i. Send your receipts in with your students to drop off at the office, Wye Road Save On will donate a percentage of receipts collected back to the school.
  - ii. Almost \$200 raised so far.
  - iii. Questions / comments

1. Please update the school website with this information as well as what exceptions cannot be included on receipts, will also post to Facebook.
- e. "Paws"itive Referral Program Update – Amit Mali
- i. Many thanks to all the businesses for making donations to support the program. Prize examples are Oil Kings Loge seating tickets, Starbucks swag, cash donations for gift cards, fidget toys, SWH swag.
  - ii. Suggestion to anyone purchasing gift cards around Christmas time...often there are bonus gift cards thrown in, which could be a donation potential.
  - iii. Very positive response for students, will be starting a similar program to acknowledge staff.
  - iv. Questions / comments
    1. Could we interview students who have received prizes to understand the level of excitement the program provides?
- f. SWH Replacement Project – Lesley Bowman / Jacquie Surgenor
- i. [www.ReplaceSherwoodHeights.ca](http://www.ReplaceSherwoodHeights.ca)
  - ii. Need to continue getting parents engaged, gathering community support (4 ideas on the website)
    1. Start writing letters, information on the website. The feedback will be to merge into Salisbury...this is not a viable option. Help put pressure on our MLAs in preparation of the spring budget.
    2. If you send a letter or received a response, please contact [ReplaceSherwoodHeights@gmail.com](mailto:ReplaceSherwoodHeights@gmail.com).
  - iii. Questions / comments
    1. How many students at SWH right now? 650. The school is "apparently" built for 750, but crowded hallways and change rooms are proof that the school is physically undersized.
    2. We are appreciative of the funding received to improved HVAC system, but construction is a huge disruption to the school. If the intent is just to constantly upgrade the school through renovations, we are not providing a safe, caring, warm environment the students need.
- g. Staff Recognition Idea – Jacquie Surgenor
- i. [www.RecognizeSWH.ca](http://www.RecognizeSWH.ca)
  - ii. Parents are invited to submit recognitions for staff.

- h. School Council Engagement Task Force – Lesley Bowman
  - i. Attached to minutes.
  - ii. Feedback to ASCA (Alberta School Councils Association) would be that the questions are great for an in-person discussion, but not conducive to a virtual setting.
  - iii. Can do a survey to see if anyone wants to discuss further.

## 5. Information Reports

- a. Committee of School Councils (COSC) Report – Sheena Singleton
  - i. November 3 meeting well attended.
  - ii. SWH Replacement plan was discussed with great feedback to share with their Councils and communities.
  - iii. Presentation from RCMP on building focus on public trust and engagement with parents. Discussion on SROs (School Resource Officers).
  - iv. Discussion on grant money for School Councils, suggested to combine to offer a better use for all schools.
    - 1. Would we consider splitting our \$500 grant to pool approximately half with other schools to facilitate a larger event?
  - v. ATA President, Deneen Zielke shared concerns on Draft K-6 Curriculum.
- b. Program Information Updates
  - i. Logos Report – Melanie Ryzuk
    - 1. Operation Christmas child – as a school, we sent 23 filled boxes to Samaritan's purse – not just from the Logos classes.
    - 2. Christmas Chapel – in person chapel in CLASSES (not as a large group) on December 21 – Joe Battison from the park church will lead us.
    - 3. Celebration church – November 4: we had celebration church lead us in a LARGE chapel. Lots of games, singing and testimony. Thankful that Celebration church could lead us in the afternoon.
    - 4. EVERY Tuesday Joe Battison is leading interested kids through Alpha – we are having over 20 students attend – not just Logos students.

- c. Family-School Liaison Worker – Jessica Moen
  - i. Throughout November have had lots of guest speakers:
    - 1. SWH community member, local author working with the government came in to facilitate talks on racism and inclusive language.
    - 2. Healthy relationships discussion with Grade 7 students, working on information and resources for parents. Plan to set up links on the website.
  
- d. Principal's Report – Amit Mali / Tandy Atchison
  - i. Covered in New Business.
  - ii. Construction update
    - 1. Starting next phase on Friday, new class displacements for 2 days each (in any available classroom or in converted staff room). Will cover millwork and mechanical (heating).
    - 2. Schedule will continue through Christmas and will hopefully wrap up early January.
  
- e. Trustee Report – Trina Boymook
  - i. The new Board has been sworn in on October 28. The Board elected the Chair and Vice Chair at the Organizational meeting.
  - ii. At the Board's October 28 meeting, we approved our annual modular requests. We are asking for funds to cover the expense of demolition of aging modulars located at Uncas, as well as to cover the expense to move 3 modulars from Fultonvale to SouthPointe.
  - iii. The Board has been approved for \$792K as part of the Learning Disruption Funding that the Minister recently announced. The funds that we received will provide 12 to 16 weeks of targeted programming for 1616 identified students in Grades 2 and 3 to deal with literacy and numeracy learning loss due to the disruption to learning as result of the pandemic. We will be making an application to access funds from this program for identified Grade 1 students. Approval of the funds are expected in the new year.
  - iv. The Board is entering Assurance Reviews this month. We have already met with the Departments on November 1 and 2. School Assurance Reviews will start on November 24, Davidson Creek will be held at 9am, Monday, November 29. School Council parents are invited to participate. Assurance Reviews

will be conducted via Zoom. Please coordinate with Kaye to participate

- v. On November 14, Superintendent Liguori and I attended a meeting of Board Chairs to discuss the K-6 draft Curriculum. Conversations focused implementation scenarios and resources and supports needed for a successful implementation.
- vi. Members of the Board attended the Alberta School Boards Association Fall General Meeting on November 15 and 16. Trustees from across the province came together to discuss educational issues and listen to political analyst and Jesse Wente who spoke on diversity, inclusivity and equity.
- vii. A Board Retreat is being planned for December 6 and 7. The Retreat will focus on setting the priorities for Board's work.
- viii. The Board will be considering the 2022-23 division calendar in the new year. If there is substantial changes to the current template, stakeholder engagement will take place.
- ix. Questions / comments
  1. None.

#### **6. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings**

- a. January 25, 2022
- b. February 22, 2022
- c. March 22, 2022
- d. April 26, 2022
- e. May 24, 2022

7. Jacquie Surgenor adjourns the meeting at 8:23pm.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30pm, virtually via Microsoft Teams.**

These minutes are submitted by Lorena Ellsworth, Secretary.

Adopted by Council in the meeting of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Jacquie Surgenor, Chair