

**Sherwood Heights Junior High School Council  
DRAFT Meeting Minutes for May 30, 2023**

**In Attendance**

Executive: Jacquie Surgenor (Chair)

Administration: Amit Mali (Principal), Aaron Tuckwood (Assistant Principal), Malori Sparrow (Acting Assistant Principal)

Parents & Staff: Debbie Klita, Jana

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Jacquie Surgenor called the Sherwood Heights Junior High (SWH) School Council meeting to order at 6:35pm and provided the Treaty 6 Acknowledgement.

**2. Approval of April 25, 2023 Minutes**

By consensus.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

By consensus.

**4. New Business**

**a. SWH Replacement Project Update**

Amit Mali shared that there will be 2 drop-in information sessions being held in the school gym on Wednesday, May 31 and Tuesday, June 6 from 5:30-7:30pm. These will be hosted by the project architectural firm who will be showing preliminary site plans and a virtual tour of the proposed school.

*When will construction begin?*

At this point in time, construction is proposed to start summer 2024 for a completion date of 2025-26 with students to be in the new building September 2026.

**b. Student/Family Mental Health**

Amit shared the following information:

- With Taylor Burton on maternity leave, Malori Sparrow is now our Acting Assistant Principal. She is potentially in this position full-time until Jessica Miskiw returns from her maternity leave this fall.
- The student supports team has been working with students who will be transitioning – grade 6 into grade 7 and grade 9 into grade 10.
- Save on Foods funds have been used to purchase a list of library books suggested by our students.
- Jessica Moen shares her kudos for their practicum student, Tyra, for all her assistance with student supports during her time in our school.

**c. Staff Recognition Program [[www.RecognizeSWH.ca](http://www.RecognizeSWH.ca)]**

A standing agenda item promoting the web form for submitting kudos to staff which can be utilized by either parents or students.

A tab has been created on the school website to facilitate submissions of appreciation to our hard working staff [[www.sherwoodheights.org/http-www-recognizeswh-ca](http://www.sherwoodheights.org/http-www-recognizeswh-ca)].

Thank you to our wonderful families for their support of our May informal potluck event! A sign-up list for food and drink has again been created on [Perfect Potluck](#) and shared on our Sherwood Heights Junior High Parents Connect Facebook page for the last event on Wednesday, June 7.

**d. Save On Foods Fundraiser [[www.sherwoodheights.org/home/news/post/save-on-foods-school-fundraiser](http://www.sherwoodheights.org/home/news/post/save-on-foods-school-fundraiser)]**

A standing agenda item promoting the grocery shop fundraiser with Save on Foods Wye Road location only. Families can continue to submit receipts to the school office until the last day of school.

**e. French Immersion**

Amit shared the proposed changes to the French Immersion program have been postponed until 2024-25. Another consultation session is being planned to occur before the end of this school year. Decisions about any changes to the program will be made during 2023-24.

**5. Information Reports**

**a. COSC Report**

[www.eips.ca/parents/committee-of-school-councils-cosc](http://www.eips.ca/parents/committee-of-school-councils-cosc)

No report this month.

**b. Principal's Report**

Amit shared the following information.

- Enrollment for next year is down about 25-30 students which means some cost cuts such as not being able to keep 2 Educational Assistants (EA) and a reduction in hours for office staff.
- Mrs. Dach is retiring. Our librarian is moving to another school. The current EA working in the Reset Room will provide some library support.
- Some options will not be offered next year due to low interest. These include French as a Second Language 7/8/9, Management and Marketing 7/8/9, Creative Writing 8/9.
- Band 7/8/9 numbers are strong once again.

- Amit discussed the struggle our school faces each year with budgeting and timetabling. We have many special programs but no extra budget to offer them so continue to be in a position of having to do more with less.
- Athletic Awards are on Wednesday, June 7.
- Grade 9 Farewell is on Friday, June 9.

**c. Trustee's Report**

No report this month.

**6. Adjournment**

Jacque adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm.