



Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School

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School Council MINUTES

December 5th, 2023 @ 6:30pm MMH Art Room

In Attendance: Megan Paul, Kaira Cale, Jodi Anderson, Megan Gemmill, Indie Fyfe, Lindsay Wehrwein, Kerry Taylor, Michelle Hood, Laura Keffer-Wilkes, Danica Forsyth, Sara Prete, Sheana Van Mill, Kaila Ulch, Kaleena Paulovich

Call to order – 6:59pm

Approval of Agenda: Motion: Megan Paul

Second: Megan Gemmill

Principal's Report: Kerry Taylor

Professional Learning

- Continuing to discuss ways to build School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports
- Grade 3 Literacy Residency with Jodie Babki – December 12, 13, 14
 - All teachers were given sub time to attend
- MathUp resource for Grades 2, 4, 5
 - Thirteen lifetime licenses have been purchased to align with the new curriculum. It was developed by a Canadian and will be piloted in those classrooms.

Information Updates

- BOOST Funding – MMH will be allocated a .45 BOOST teacher from January to June. This will continue to support students with growth in literacy.
- Sigmund Brouwer visit on December 5 for Grades 3, 4, 5 students
 - Local Alberta author who has published over 150 books. He gave a presentation on how writing is messy and hard and you just have to dig in. Students were very engaged, and it was a great opportunity.
- Alberta Education Results Report – available on the school website.
 - Still struggling with parent engagement. Only 11/100 families filled in the survey from last year regarding satisfaction.

Upcoming/Exciting Events

- Sock It To 'Em – collecting socks for families in need – extended until December 14th. It has been very successful so far
- Spirit Days include tinsel time, ugly sweater and socks day, and pajama day.
- Caroling everyday December 18 – 22 in the gym
- Winter Gala on December 13th from 5:30-7:00pm, messaging went out today.

Committee Reports:

- *Hot Lunch - Ashley Bourassa*
 - November was a success – we made just over \$300 with the pizza.
- *Special Events – Indie Fyfe*
 - Winter Gala Dec. 13 – Council providing Hot Chocolate, 1000 Cups and Candy Canes
 - Michelle Hood created brochures as informational handouts and a sign. We will have Megan, Indie, and Danica take shifts handing these out with the goal of increasing awareness and recruiting casino volunteers
 - All grade levels have set up something different as an activity for family members to check out. It should be an exciting and engaging night.
 - Messaging was sent out today from Kerry Taylor.
- *Staff Appreciation – Sara Prete & Danica Forsyth*
 - The appreciation token is ready to go for December and will be brought into the school next week.
- *Division School Council – Danica Forsyth*
 - Approval was given to increase reps to 3, so we can have one at each level of school
 - Discussion was had regarding what items need to be on the calendar for the year
 - Town hall is changing in format – questions will go out ahead of time and you can only attend at one level, regardless of if you have children in different schools - Although you will still be welcome to fill out the survey for each level. Feb. 6 @ Victoria Park is the next meeting.
 - ASCA was created to be a provincial advocate, membership was created so we can put together mission statements and have concerns pushed through to government. ASCA is paying for a member to attend the AGM. The question was asked, if the money is not spent on sending someone, could we allocate those funds to further our own education or use it in a different way at the school level.
 - Within the division, some school councils are really struggling. They will be hosting an information night in the New Year to try to bring more awareness to the community regarding the importance of these councils.
 - Policy advisory committee sent out a survey regarding healthy schools and are looking for feedback.
 - Bussing is a very hot topic and is an ongoing conversation with a lot changing next year. There is little information about what this means for bell times in the 2024-2025 school year.
 - Funding model has been changed by the government and we are not being paid per student, so we are about \$3 million short in budget because of our huge increase in enrolment.
- *Social Media – Ashley Bourassa*
 - Nothing new to report

Treasurer's Report: Laura Keffes-Wilkes

- Budget for Year To Date
- Little Caesars has been paid out

New Business: Indie Fyfe

- Nothing To Report

Discussion Items from Attendees:

- Kerry Taylor – if you have not watched the video or done the survey on the boundary changes, please do it because it will affect MMH a lot. [Boundary change video | Community Engagement \(schoolsites.ca\)](#)

Trustee Report: N/A

Board Meeting Highlights: Nov. 28th [Board Meetings | Lethbridge School Division \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](#)

Live Stream - [November 28 Board of Trustees Meeting - YouTube](#)

Next Meeting Date:

- January 9th @ 6:30pm in MMH Art Room

Adjournment: 7:53pm

Motion: Danica Forsyth

Second: Megan Gemmill