

HSS School Council Meeting
October 19, 2022
HSS learning Hub 7-8:15pm

1 Call to order – 7:03 pm

- introductions: Admin (Mr Thomson, Mrs Hrabok, Mr Jesse) & Teacher Rep (Tilly Heenan)
From Division (Mr Sacher, Mr Drent)

3 Welcome and introduction of elected board

- Margie Steingart - chair
- Pam Barker - co chair
- Chelsie Meyers – secretary

1 Acceptance of minutes as circulated from September 21, 2022 meeting

- Motion to accept minutes – initiated by Kerry Meyers, second by Terralee Penner- Adopted

1 Additions to the agenda/acceptance of the agenda

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- Motion to accept agenda – initiated by Candace Repka, second by Tracy Brown - Accepted

10 Education/discussion on goal, mission statement and vision for HSS School Council

- Discussion and motion to adopt working mission statement
 - Margie went through slides (Purpose of school council, to bring ideas from all spectrums, to advise and support admin. Our way to advocate for growth)
 - To become a group of various, broad perspectives. To collaborate. To do this, it takes people.
 - We need to facilitate conversation, to dream and grow

How do we get there? – commit to learning what we are actually intended to be

Action Item #1 – All commit to going to AB School Council Assc webpage

- check out the link: Effective School Councils & Past Award Winners

Action Item #2 – Continue monthly meetings, go over action points & then have round table discussions

- Tell one person about what you've learned from this group and bring them to the next meeting

Action Item #3 – Create a new mission statement. The board has created a place to start

All Action Items were Adopted. Tracy Brown proposes that we adopt the new mission statement till February and then re-evaluate. New mission statement can be found on the HSS website under School Council

5 Principal's report – 7:23 pm

- George spoke about the great things happening at HSS
- Breakfast/Lunch programs – going great
- GSA Club – looking to start in November (this is mandated by the province)
- Upcoming field trip (28th) to UofC, SAIT, Mt Royal – 48 kids going and more on waitlist
- planning an additional trip to NAIT, UofA in November
- HS Awards was a great event – they've recognized the need to celebrate athletics and everything else. Want to expand it next year, maybe scholarships/gift cards. May push it

back a week to the 1st week in Oct 2023 (better for families)

- There was a recent Grad meeting – great attendance
- Dwayne Peace is coming next week. Kids sessions and a parent session. Highly anticipated event. – Hoping for a great parent turnout
- Focus on attendance – there has been a conscious effort this year to improve this.
- attendance has trended upwards
- P/T Interviews – will have the option to be in-person, virtual or by phone
- Change in reporting this year – only 2 report cards for all grades (Jan/June)
 - need parents to dig into Powerschool – the desktop version is better
 - maybe need to share a Powerschool tutorial with parents
- Issue: not enough substitute teachers – at times they have been 3 or 4 short
- School has made plans to improve the start of the basketball season (some issues with v-ball)

Discussion about FLT & SEW – 7:43pm

- SEW is a pilot project from Division
- some feedback from students/teachers/parents: redundant, too similar to CALM
- admin is happy to hear all feedback
- they are trying to focus on the most engaging parts of SEW
- SEW & CALM will be in conjunction next year to better compliment each other
- CALM is required curriculum, SEW was developed by Chinook's Edge as one of their Divisional Goals
- Numeracy & Literacy Prep (6 weeks) – to help make up the gap from covid. Main focus on Grade 10
- They may find it is not needed next year and they will be measuring that
- To be sure that it is making a difference for students

5 Student leadership report

- Middle School Rep – Ben Meyers
 - Leadership has been done Orange Shirt Day assembly & bulletin boards
 - Food Drive Oct 24-31 – Looking for boxes to collect donations
 - Halloween – Grade 5/6 Costume Parade
 - Grade 7/8 Dance
- Each trimester there are different leadership teachers, right now is Keara Miller
- They are looking for ideas for community outreach & connection
- Ideas or projects? Please share
- Their Purpose: make HSS, Carstairs and the world a better place

- High School Reps: Lorelei, Julia & Alex
- Aiming for a stronger sense of community
- Teacher is Mrs. Rodburn
- They do fundraisers, theme days, competitions, school dances
- They'd love for parents to encourage their kids to get involved and participate in activities they plan
- Potential leadership conference

2 Financial report

- HSS School Council Funds - currently \$3003.68
- 60 boxes of cards that are paid for that can be sold
- Need parents to volunteer to take this on

2 HSSEF report

- function, needs and resources available; AGM Oct 24, 2022
- this is fundraising through liquor and gaming
- they need a new board, next casino opportunity is 2024
- is a great way to make a big sum of money (often \$20k)
- we need volunteers to keep this going

2 HSSMA report

- function, needs; AGM Oct 20th 7 pm band room
- they also need a new board and volunteers to run successfully and support of Band kids

5 Old business

- revisiting the changes/progress on playground play from both parent and administration view
- Mrs. Hrabok spoke: the middle school staff has been working to communicate better to kids, to teach them what is a safety rule and expectations. All teachers have talked to their classes. They are open to feedback

10 New Business

Parent feedback:

- Unique High School Programs (these were discussed during the Principal's report)
- Middle School options
- Athletic extracurricular programming – aiming to improve expectations and communicating for the basketball season. Learned from what went well and what didn't in volleyball

15 Round table discussion – 8:15 pm

- Revisiting success so far at HSS and reflecting on areas of continued growth moving forward; recorder in each group and a quick group recap; create action points for parent groups and administration.
- groups felt that communication has been better
- the Award's night was a success, Mr Jesse is looking to add to it and make it even better next year
- playground issues have improved – example of successful accident reporting and an example where no communication was provided home
- looking for more consistency around the celebration of athletic success
- admin has been listening and acting

5 Trustee report

- bussing had a great start to the year, very few hiccups
- board has \$ that can be applied for
- Board is in Edmonton soon for a conference

1 Next meeting – Tuesday November 15th (trying a new day of the week to see if that works better for more parents)

Adjournment – 8:37 pm