

**HSS School Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 15, 2022**  
**HSS learning Hub 7-8:15pm**

**2 Call to order and welcome 7:03 pm**

- Margie, made introductions

**1 Acceptance of minutes as circulated from October 19, 2022 meeting**

- Motion to accept minutes - Tracey Brown moves to accept the minutes

**1 Additions to the agenda/acceptance of the agenda**

- Additions to agenda - Margie added HHSEF to present their update
  - Cheryl Magic motioned to accept agenda
- Motion to accept agenda
- Mr Jesse to record education piece and put on the website for a few days, all accepted

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

- Recap of learning from Oct 19th by Margie
  - School council is our way to use our voice
  - Gather parents of diverse thoughts, skills, values, etc - come together to work with administration
  - We challenged parents to go to the website, to learn what we can become, share with a fellow parent, bring another parent to next meeting, and lastly, we changed our working mission statement - the new statement was passed

**New Learning.... shared by Margie**

- Effective School Councils: a checklist for school council effectiveness
- Encouraging parents to think about how you can help, advise, get involved, adding perspective
  - School education plan, program priorities, budget allocations, school policies, in-service for parents and council members, school board policies, curriculum changes, project, etc
  - How do we Facilitate Communication - various approaches
  - Evaluation - how are we doing?
  - Education is a Government Function - policies, procedures, checkpoints, meetings, re-evaluations, etc
  - It functions differently than the private sector
  - Education Minister (Education Act), School Division, School, School Board, Parent Council
  - School Board Trustees (lots of moving parts)
  - As parents, we need to learn to ask really good questions of a administration
  - We as parents need to be involved in this Big Picture. To do our part

- Recognize that School Councils can generate funds to fulfill dreams and visions
- but the function of an effective school council isn't just to raise money - schools can choose to have separate fundraising associations
- WE challenge you: where do you fit? what can you do? what dream do you have?
- Read through "checklist of an effective school council" - view training workshops
- Next meeting, revisit our mission statement

## 5 Student leadership report from middle school and high school

- no student representatives tonight (Margie shared some leadership highlights)

## 5 Trustee report

- Melissa could not make it tonight
- Shared Board Highlights (can be found on CESD website)
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## 2 Financial report

- HSS School Council Funds
- Pam to take this over (she is not here tonight)
- We have just over \$3000 (not earmarked for any particular purpose)
- More card boxes to sale (Pam is to work on this) - pure profit

## 2 HSSMA report

- function, needs
- Andrea Morton - new President
- Support the Band Director - non-profit, support the music department
- Instruments, clinicians, band trips
- Fundraising - some is individual (collect points towards band fees, etc)
- They need Parents! to participate in trips, camps, etc
- Trips up-coming: Dec 14th Winter Concert (need volunteers to coordinate students)
- Camp Harmattan in Spring Grade 7-8, Grade 9-12 Banff in May
- Looking for a pianist for the choir (small remuneration) - spread the word (Choir is Wednesdays afterschool)

HSSEF

Terralee Penner - new president

Every two years, casino in Red Deer

Was supposed to be Q4 of this year, but will be 2024

They will meet in October 2023 - then will need to get volunteers for casino (make roughly \$20k)

People can request money from the board - the board votes to where they want to allocate money

Under Alberta gaming and liquor

## 20 Administration report including changes/progress within HSS

### New Business

## 1. Welcome Parents!

## 2. We appreciate your support!

3. Staffing News: :-) - no news

## 4. Great things are happening!

- Breakfast and Lunch Programs - going great! Very busy
- Literacy and Book Clubs
- Drama Club - Renaissance
- Games Club - Dungeons and Dragons - Magic The Gathering - Pokemon ● GSA Club - begins tomorrow after school
- Choir, Jazz Band - Upcoming Concerts - Dec 14th
- Dual Credit - Rap - Work Experience - lots of kids (25-30) taking classes at the college - Receive credit for highschool and college at the same time. Mostly at Olds College
- Boots on the Ground Field Trip (U of C, SAIT, Mount Royal) - planning Edmonton trip in early spring
- Volleyball
- Basketball - tryouts began
- Grad Meetings
- MS and HS Leadership - Theme Days/Dance/Scare Away Hunger - Dec 16th formal dance, Opposite Day, Christmas activities
- RCMP Zoom Presentation
- Dwayne Peace - Synergy for Youth - Grade 9 and 10 (positive feedback)
- Remembrance Day Ceremony - very well attended, well done

## 5. Previous and Current Items?

6. School Goals: Academic Excellence, Social Emotional Learning, Career Connections 7. Focus on Attendance - a lot of sickness, two yellow days

10% absenteeism has a huge impact on learning (especially in high school)

Parents, reach out to teachers. Perhaps they can be uploading more on Google Classroom when child is sick

Staff is expected to be updating Google Classroom

8. Parent Teacher Interviews - second day was not in-person, switched to virtual (parents liked that there was a choice)

## 9. Unique Programming - CA - FLT SEW and Financial Literacy CTF and CTS Hub 10.

- School continues to look at feedback and evaluate. Students seem to like the FLT

## Some challenges - Subs - Hub - Easy Connect - Budget

- Short everyday, 1-4 teachers
- New accounting program: has not been going well

## **11. Dwayne Peace - Students/Staff/Parents**

## **12. Inclement Weather Policy - Red/Yellow Days**

- Yellow Days - learning does continue, attendance is encouraged
- Bus app

## **13. Final Exams - 20% Maximum - Diplomas - PAT's? - Final Exam Schedule 14. Looking**

## **Back... A data moment :-)**

Mr Thomson highlighted the high completion rates, school improvement,

## **15. Breah and Landon**

- Breah: Celebrate the milestones of success
- \$20 t-shirt campaign - Stacy Tomlinson
- Show support, purple shirts on her birthday (Nov 26)

Landon - his last chemo day this week (Grade Six pizza day)

- Surprise
- Do a whole school thing too (Nov 22)

## **15 Round table discussion**

- Revisiting success at HSS and reflecting on areas of continued growth moving forward; areas that may benefit from parent involvement (planting seeds of vision and dreams for growth); recorder in each group and a quick group recap presented to the room; create action points for parent groups and administration if required

- Improve options/Grade 7 orientation
- Improve coaching standards
- Many coaches were interested in being certified (but that is costly, \$300)
- Basketball clinic - to help teach coaches, to hopefully move into other sports
- set-up an athletic council?
- supports post-covid (kids struggling)
- playground issues
- ways parents can get involved
- Build Kodiak pride/culture

## **1 Next meeting - Thursday Feb 2**

Amber makes a motion, meeting Feb 2

**Adjournment 8:38 pm**