



HSS School Council Meeting Wednesday, November 27, 2024 Learning Commons 7-8:15pm

In Attendance: Terralee Penner, Margie Steingart, Tracey Ewert, Mel Lorek, Melissa Copley, Dean Nielson, Kristina Rentz, Jen Massop, Tracy Freiman, Ray Pollock, Kerri Hoogers, Tilly Heenan, Jay Philip, Tanya Sitter,

1 min **Call to order and welcome** – Margie Steingart *School Council Past Chair*

1 min **Acceptance of minutes as circulated from Oct 30th, 2024** by Terralee Penner

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

5 min **HSS school council reports:**

- **Vacant Chair and Vice Chair position**
 - Call for nominations or volunteers. Tracey Ewert has put her name forward for Chair and accepted. Will keep looking for a vice chair.
- **Financial report** – Margie. \$1342.31 remains in account and goal to use this amount and close the account by end of school year as HSSEF is taking over fundraising for the school.
- **Current playground removed summer 2025**
 - HSSEF requires parent support to start planning/fundraising process
 - Initial meetings started with HSSEF and Dean Nielson concerning the outdoor infrastructure.

10 min **Parent engagement opportunities to enhance school community:**

- **HSSMA (music association)** – Andrea Morton hssma.pts@gmail.com
 - Winter concerts, HS band at community Carol Fest Dec 1, plans well underway for spring trips/learning opportunities. Parent support needed from time to time and requests sent out.
- **Kodiak Booster Club (support school athletics)** – Lindsey Good gav2007@gmail.com
 - They have a board elected and officially a non profit society. Their next meeting is January 6th 2025.
- **HSSEF (enhancement fund/fundraising)** – Jen Massop hssefs@gmail.com
 - Jen Massop gave an update on 3 requests (Timing gates, backdrop curtains, and Greenhouse) approved. Current ongoing flipgive fundraiser. HSSEF is looking for a parent volunteer to start a master fundraising google calendar. Next meeting Monday Dec 8th
- **HSS lunch and breakfast programs** – Shalan Holinaty
- **Teacher lunch supervision** - Thursday, Dec 19th needs 10 volunteers as this is the special staff Christmas lunch- parent supervision needed and Sign up link sent by office for all dates for 2024/25 school year.

5 min **School reports:**

- Student leadership- student leadership role at HSS

5 min **Trustee's Report:** Melissa Copley

- CESD board of trustees priorities for 2024; search for new superintendent
- Superintendent has announced his retirement, so currently searching for a replacement for a transition May/June. Survey was sent out and board has received input.
- Alberta School Board Trustee meeting - trustees, ministers, MLA's for yearly meetings
- Preparation for Trustee Election in one year Oct 2025
- Auditing of financials of CESD

- Big focus on career preparation.

20min **Principal's Report:** Dean Nielsen, Kristina Rentz, Teri Sadek

- Key updates in policy, programing, communication, staffing
 - Dean updated Ms Cunninham is leaving and currently looking to replace her careers role.
 - Dean spoke to Flex time (FLT). Estimated 75% use effectively and 25% not using it effectively. Rethinking FLT for next semester to make it more productive. More information will be shared at that time.
- HSS results on Alberta Government and CESD surveys from early 2024
 - Dean summarized 100 page document with key points from survey: Strengths: a) relationships with parents, teachers, school b) academic growth specifically math c) career pathways d) student engagement To work on: a) student engagement b) mentorship c) attendance
 - Asked our thoughts on how perception of engagement is up but actual presence in the school is not. Why and how might we change that. Do we need to?

5 min **Roundtable discussion** – where parents have the opportunity to highlight their perspectives

- Discussion around how to increase and promote parent involvement and engagement.
- Thoughts and questions around subs and classroom supervisors were discussed.

Next meeting Wednesday, February 5, 2025

60 min **Adjournment at 810pm (meeting over no later than 8:15pm)**