

Muir Lake School Council
Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

The meeting was called to order by Murray Marran at 7:01 pm

II. ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance; Murray Marran, Heather Brownlee, Amber Dory, Misty Flynn, Melissa Vasilcin, Tara Filliol, Jen Strauss, Lorraine Stewart, Wendy Tiemer, and Jodi Marcineu

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda. All in favor.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tara Filliol made a motion to approve minutes from September meeting.

V. REPORTS

a) **Trustee Report** – Misty Flynn read the treasurers report on behalf of Lorraine Stewart. A copy of this report will be attached to November minutes.

b) **Principal Report** –

A) School Council Positions - Murray asked if there was any interest from others to take over Presidency role.

A motion was made by Melissa Vasilcin and 2nd by Amber Dory to have Misty Flynn continue as President. All in favor.

B) Weekly Memo – Murray briefly discussed the items in the weekly memo and advised that primary concern is keeping students safe through Covid. Murray also advised that the grade 5 have started to mix cohorts. Students must wear masks at all times when they are outside mixing cohorts.

C) CAT 4 assessments– Heather reported that they are heading into the end of CAT 4 assessments which were just mailed off this week. Students have been meeting expectation guidelines.

D) Speech – we are still struggling to figure out what this will look like for Muir Lake students. All schools were placed on a time line and ML program will start in February. There are limited spots available and we are seeking ways of how we can

support better. It was asked if Lorraine would be able to speak to this with division office if possible. Grateful for any support that is available.

E) Sports – waiting on guideline release for league play. Wabuman, Blueberry, Duffield, and Muir Lake will possibly enter into league together. We have been running afterschool volleyball with cohorts and is very complicated so navigate further if playing other schools will be as challenging.

Murray opened up questions/comments from the floor – Tara Filliol advised that foundation is currently not doing any fundraising but may possibly have online raffle but not confirmed.

Amber Dory asked if there would be skiing this year? Murray and Heather advised it was not something that they have looked at yet but would try to have answer for upcoming meeting.

Wendy Tiemer asked what was happening for assessments with virtual learners. Murray advised that would need to have that conversation with Virtual teacher Lindsay Imeson first as she would be the one to choose method of testing.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was called to order by Murray 7:01p.m. A motion from Misty Flynn was made to adjourn meeting at 7:37 p.m. with next meeting scheduled for November 24, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m. seconded by Melissa Vasilcin. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Jodi Marcinew

Minutes approved by: Tara Filliol

Board Meeting Updates:

October 6, 2020

- Check the Board Highlights that are posted on the PSD Website:
<https://www.psd70.ab.ca/view.php?action=object&id=23557&stream=Homepage%20News>
- The Board voted unanimously to reduce our remuneration by 10% for the 2020-2021 school year.
- We enjoyed a remote Student Delegation of grade 10 students who are in the Connections for Learning: Building Futures Program in partnership with Coventry Homes in Spruce Grove - building a home.
- We received an Enrolment Report based on the September 30 count: 11,517 students in the division is a decrease of 60 students or 0.5% over the 2019-2020 year
 - Muir Lake: decrease of 57 students
- We received a Class Size Report:

Students in class	Muir Lake 21 classes
<15 kids in class	29% (6 classes)
16-20 kids in class	48% (10 classes)
21-25 kids in class	23% (5 classes)
26-30 kids in class	0%
30+ kids in class	0%

Governance Assurance Element Reporting:

Advocacy:

- The Board met with MLAs on October 6, 2020 to discuss topics of mutual interest. We meet every 2-3 months.
- Some trustees attended the Town Hall meetings hosted by MLA Getson.

Fiscal Responsibility:

- We continue to monitor the COVID-related expenses as the year progresses.

Communication and Community Relations:

- We have been encouraged to 'tell our compelling story'. What is the compelling story from Muir Lake School that you would like me to share?

Respectfully submitted
Lorraine Stewart, Trustee