

Muir Lake School Council

Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Amber Dory called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

II. ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance; Andy Fune, Tracey Gilmour, Amber Dory, Deanne Fabrick, Melissa Vasilcin and Jodi Marcinew

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Nothing added to agenda

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deanne Fabrick motioned to approve minutes from October 2022. Melissa Vasilcin seconded the approval.

V. REPORTS

- a) **Trustee Report** – Lorraine Stewart was unable to attend meeting. Amber Dory read Trustee report on behalf of Lorraine.
- b) **Principal Report** – Tracey Gilmour shared the monthly summary of the four pillars. Tracey advised that Elder Phillip had attended the school to instruct approx. 10 students on smudge protocol. We are now in a better position to hold smudge ceremonies for students whom wish to participate at Muir Lake. Tracey spoke about the nutrient nook fruit bowls that were introduced this month for students to eat and gain some knowledge on. Our grade five students have been participating in play

VI. NEW BUSINESS

ML Hall Report – Deanne gave the hall report.

Amber Dory – Amber mentioned that she was going to the steak holders meeting on November 29th from 7:00p.m to 8:30 p.m. and wondering if anyone else was interested. Tracey mentioned that she may be attending as well. Happy holidays to all and we will meet again in new year.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Amber Dory called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for January 17, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Jodi Marcinew

Minutes approved by: Melissa Vasilcin approved minutes and Deanne Fabrick seconded

Muir Lake School Council Meeting, November 19, 2019

Submitted by Lorraine Stewart, Trustee

Bus Accident: There is a process in place in the division when accidents occur. Thanks for the comments on the process/protocol that Lorraine will take back to the Superintendent.

Budget 2019-2020: Provincial Budget resulted in government funding to our division being reduced by over \$4.2M or -3.35%. Think about the combination of this decrease with our increase of 293 students or +2.6%. Once overall expenses are factored with overall revenue for 2019-2020, the budget shortfall is \$3.7 million.

The Board approved a scenario where administration will address the shortfall by reducing expenses by \$800,000 and using operating reserves to cover the remaining \$2.9 million for just the 2019-2020 fiscal year but that will deplete reserves to 1.71 % and that strategy to address the annual shortfall will not be available in subsequent years.

The Board sent a letter to the Minister of Education outlining our concerns regarding the impact of Budget 2019-2020, and we are meeting with the Minister next week.

Insurance rates spike have had a significant impact on our division. Our division is a member of the Alberta School Boards Insurance Exchange (ASBIE), and have been hit with a 274% increase in property insurance and an overall annual insurance increase of 150% or just over \$1.3 million. This is not a Ministry of Education problem; however, we appreciate that the Minister is aware of these costs and is talking to her colleagues in Alberta Treasury.

School Fees - our Board has been discussing, and will continue discussing, school fees for 2020-2021. There will be more information.

Delegation of two students speaking about the Summer Shikaoi Exchange in July 2019. Two students explained how this was a life-changing event for both of them - wanting to extend their experiences after high school. Our division is exploring how we might extend and enhance learning opportunities with Shikaoi students.

Engagement Evening, November 27/19 - at Copperhaven School at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted

Lorraine Stewart, Trustee