

Muir Lake School Council

Meeting Minutes

September 17th, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 by Tori Pudde.

II. ATTENDANCE

In attendance was Andy Fune, Oriana Leithoff, Lorraine Stewart, Darcy Lindberg, Deanne Johnson, Tori Pudde, Shelley Irvine, Melissa Vasilcin, Aine O'Connor, Lindy Akins

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda Approved by Lindy and 2nd by Darcy.

No items added to the agenda.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tori read over the April meeting minutes. Darcy approved the minutes.

V. REPORTS

I. Trustee Report – Lorraine Stewart presented her report for September. It has been a smooth start to the year. Bus routes are fully staffed. We have a new resource officer, Gord. A copy of this report will be added to the minutes. New admin procedures are set for this year. These can all be found on the Parkland School Division website. Continuing to advocate for the new Spruce Grove High School. Flooring was replaced in 4 classrooms in Muir Lake School. All schools are moving towards no wax flooring.

[Trustee Report](#)

II. Principal Report – Andy - 536 students in the school with a total 558 students this year including Nature Kindergarten. New teachers to our school, Sara Feist,

Christin Blair, Mary St. Amand, Ryley Shandro, Stephanie Mellross, and a new EA Alisha Morgado for Jordan's Principle. Hoping to hire a couple more this year.

Muir Lake Foundation has almost completed fundraising and the playground is built and almost completed. Just waiting on more sand and the swings to be completed.

Oriana - Divisional Priorities

- Student and Workplace Wellness -ex. Breakfast Club, The Mural of hands that was created by the whole school on fun day is now on display outside the library.
- Equity, Diversity and Community - Successful Mustang Kickoff
- Indigenous Perspectives and Ways of Knowing - Mellross is bringing in her experience
- Programming and Pedagogy - lots of opportunities to take the curriculum outside with this nice weather.

We don't normally meet with the Foundation but we wanted to take this chance to meet up with everyone.

Breakfast Club - will be welcoming our new volunteers and students this week

III. School Council - Tori presented her School Council Report.

IV. Community Hall - Deanne presented hall updates. The Halloween Dance is coming up. It will be held on the 25th and 26th of October this year. Tickets can be purchased on the Muir Lake Community Hall Facebook Page. Muir Lake will share the Poster on our Facebook page.

The Playschool Playground time 11:30 - 12:00 time. On Playschool days the supervisors at the school clear the kids off of playground equipment when the preschool comes out to play.

Kids have been picking at the rubber flooring at the playground. The holes will be fixed soon.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- I. School Council Meetings** - Tori brought up discussion for meeting times for the future. No one is opposed to the current times so they will stay as is. Christine will check the website to make sure everything related to the Council is updated. There are currently 2 vacant positions, Secretary and for the Vice-Chair. Oriana suggested using Microsoft Teams so that it will take meeting minutes for us.

Oriana will look into it and the security of this. This might replace the need for a Secretary. If we use this we must cite that we used it.

Tori brought up discussion that she does not think we have bylaws for the School Council. Andy will look into the bylaws.

The School Council received a grant and we did not spend the money. This year it could be used for registration for the ASCA conference.

We need to vote in November for the open positions.

- II. A question about the usage of the kiln that is in storage came up. Andy stated that we do not have a room that is setup for this at this time. Andy will talk to Serge from facilities and see what it would involve to get the Kiln set up. New regulations have come up over the past years and he believes that it will be a lot more complicated. There is also not a good location. Tori stated that maybe we could fundraise for the installation.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Tori called the meeting adjourned at 7:28.

Minutes submitted by: Christine Ellert