

School Council Monthly Meeting

Monday, September 21st, 2020

Video Conference

Attendees: Shelly Wiebe, Suzanne Williams, Krystal Alston, Janelle Adamson, Leticia Webster, Kerri Williams, Angela Ruiter, Candace Craddock, Jennifer Cherrington, Yvonne Germscheid, Charlene Anderson, Kyla Tuttle, Kathleen Hull, Sheri Duchene, Ron Heinrichs – PSD Trustee

1. Call to order – 3:54 pm Krystal
2. Additions to the Agenda –N/A
3. Approval of Agenda – Angela, 2nd Suzanne
4. Reading of last months minutes – N/A
5. Trustee's Report – Ron Heinrichs
 - If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call or email, contact information is on the PSD website
 - Division: 3 options for parents and families
 - 1) Full time in school – 87.5% of families decided to have in person learning
 - 2) Blended option (Virtual learning with possibility to return to class setting) – 11.2%
 - 3) Undecided – 1.3%, families who are undecided will have to decide by Sept 30 which is the funding date deadline.
 - 160 home school students within PSD
 - There was a bus shortage, up until the day before school was to start, all but one position has been filled. This position is being shared among other drivers, still looking to fill this position.
 - Seba Beach School closure – A few students transferred to Entwistle School, majority went to Wabamun School, and the remainder went to Tomahawk and Duffield.
 - For supplies, classroom furniture and equipment, etc – PSD looked to see what other schools within the division needed what and divvied it out as seen fit.
 - Welcome Shelly to Entwistle school, wish us all the best for the upcoming year.
 - COVID-19, as of now, has not been a problem so far. Brookwood School has been in isolation but other than that we have been doing a great job with cleaning and following the social distancing rules. We are keeping hopeful with what is being done can stay strong and helpful.
 - A lot of extra work and precautions were done over the summer months by staff, we appreciate all that has been done and the extra work everyone has been willing to do.
 - Ron has attended 3 other virtual meetings so far, all have had great feedback.
 - Board Meetings are going to continue virtually for the time being, they are listed on the PSD website. Oct 6th at 9:30 am is the next meeting followed by one on Nov 24th. These meetings are a great way to have your voice heard and answer any questions or concerns you may have. You can submit questions early so they can be answered on the call. Ron will keep us informed.
 - Question for Ron: If it is safe for our children to return to school, why are we still having virtual meetings for adults? A: Meetings are a choice of how you want to attend, you can have in person meetings if you choose but it is a personal choice.

- Question for Ron: How is the funding for kindergarten per student looking for Entwistle? A: When student is in full time they will be fully funded, part time is partially funded. Shelly has a meeting coming up which will discuss the budget, she will be able to answer more on that at a later date.
6. Principal Report – Ms. Wiebe
- Shelly went over her experience with PSD, previous positions within the school division (all can be found on our school website), originally resided in Wildwood – home town, her mom lives in Evansburg so she feels right at home in Entwistle and plans to stay with us for some time.
 - Currently 122 students are registered with Entwistle School
 - 105 in school
 - 17 option 2 (virtual with plan of returning to school)
 - we had 6 students join us from Seba Beach, 1 student from Tomahawk and a few other students from other school divisions. We welcome you all!
 - we have 14 that chose CFL (homeschooling) which we would welcome back to the school with open arms!
 - Budget – as said earlier Shelly has a meeting on that coming up, it is due before our next council meeting so she will be able to update us more next month.
 - Within PSD they are finding more and more parents realizing that virtual learning/homeschooling is quite different from what we had from MAR-June last year so we could see a trickle in affect of having more students return to the class setting.
 - Thank you to the cleaning staff for all you have done, are doing and continue to do to make our school a safer place. There has been a lot of extra work put into keeping our school safer and clean and we appreciate all that you do!
 - We also have a great appreciation for the teaching and support staff as it has not been easy for them to make the adjustments and what has been thrown at them, the extra stress has been managed well and we thank them for this!
 - Ms. Shelly Wiebe can be contacted through email or calling the school, she does teach Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri afternoons so mornings are best if you would like to talk via phone.
Email: swiebe@psd70.ab.ca
7. Old Business: No old business
8. New Business:
- a) Executive Elections 2020-21
 - President: Krystal Alston, previous and re-nominated, all approved
 - Vice President: Suzanne Williams stepped down, Candace Craddock nominated, all approved
 - Treasurer: Janelle Adamson, previous and re-nominated, all approved
 - Secretary: Sheri Duchene, previous and re-nominated, all approved
 - b) Halloween – What is Halloween going to look like in school? Shelly to gather more information on guidelines and will be in touch with us as well as post on the school fb page.
 - c) Registration – last year we had 126 enrolled, this year is a bit lower but close
9. Meeting Adjourned – 4:19 pm – Krystal