

David Thompson School
School Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes for November 22 2023
6:00 to 7:45 pm (online)

Attendance:	Jeff H, Cassandra W, Elizabeth D, Tracy Evans, Chris Keuben, Lea W., Regan K, Sarah, Sheila H, Stephanie S, Tamaran
Chair:	Cassandra W
Start time:	6pm

Category	Notes	Action
Welcome introductions, and acknowledgment of the land		
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve: Sheila Second: Lea W	
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve: Jeff Second: Sheila	
Updates		
Report from school	<p>School development plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please refer to the school website for information. Both the school development plan and powerpoint presented at the School Council meeting are available on the website. ● Questions - how has the new school tech policy affected learning? Answer - fewer phones have created way fewer issues. ● Camp Kindle was very successful. ● Sailing trip will also be phone free ● Eastern Canada will not be phone free, but restricted. ● Parent involvement is waning, how can we engage more parents? Family capacity has changed compared to previous years. ● November 9th was the Schools Indigenous Education Professional Day. All schools and all teachers were involved in this. ● Question: How subscribed are parent teacher interviews, are 5 min interviews valuable? Answer - they are fully subscribed, many teachers meet outside of the timetable. Fundamentally there is simply not enough time to meet with all parents. ● Question: Are parents given the opportunity to book a longer appointment prior to opening to all students. Answer - yes, teachers were being proactive in booking appts in addition to vetting parent requests. ● Question: is there another approach to the 5min interview? Perhaps an open house. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Question: Is Powerschool the best tool for the job, does it communicate the information in an effective way to the right audience? Answer: it has its challenges, parent feedback will be shared with the Area Director 	
Chair updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Updated operating procedures will be posted on the school website shortly. ● Alberta School Council Engagement Grant is providing money for parent engagement activities \$500 for this year, \$500 can be carried over from past year. We have \$1000. Proposal from Chris <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ White Hatter - age group presentation for grade 5-7 cyberbullying and online protection - how to protect themselves online; grade 8-9 cyberbullying and sexting/sectortion/nudes/imtmate images and the associates laws. ★ Parent presentation (Jan 17) - supporting youth ★ Request for \$1600 from the School Council ★ Consensus to use parent engagement grant to support parent education portion ● Dates to be communicated to with parents in a more clear manner. <p>COSC update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Search for new Chief Superintendent ongoing ● 138,000 students in the CBE; 7,000 increase from previous year. ● Due to the moving average funding model each new enrollment is not fully funded. ● Larger class sizes are happening but class sizes are no longer being monitored by the government. ● Grade 6 curriculum update. <p>ASCA update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assistant Deputy Minister spoke about funding increases but not about the effectiveness of these increases. ● Soft launch of Walk Along Side 	Chris: Cost will be broken down between parent and student events with separate invoices being provided.
Close of meeting:	Move to adjourn: Shiela Second: Jeff Time: 7:45 pm	
Next meeting	January 25 2024	

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