



George McDougall High School
School Council Minutes

October 11th, 2023

6:30 pm

Attending: Kelli E, Darcy M, Erin Q, Scott B, Shauna R, Marijke S, Jennifer P., Lisa F, Diane L, Sophia L., Charlotte R

Via Zoom: Todd B, Joceylyn, Jonah, Shera-Lee L,

1. Call Meeting to Order- Kelli called the meeting to order at 6:30pm
2. Land Acknowledgement - Keli read the RVS Land Acknowledgement statement.
3. Approval of Agenda- Darcy motioned to approve, Erin seconded.
4. Approval of September 13th, 2023 meeting minutes- Erin motioned to approve, Darcy seconded.
5. Leadership Students Presentation - Sophia L.
 - RIDE OF THE MUSTANGS!
 - There has been a general consensus that students wish to have the Ride once again be an overnight event.
 - Requesting parent volunteers to assist with overnight supervision.
 - This year the even will be held March 27 & 28th.
 - Please send any questions or comments regarding this subject to council that will be directed to Leadership.
 - Official decision regarding the overnight request tabled for now.

6. Community Member Presentation - Charlotte Russell (Gladstone Village Condo President)

- concerns brought forward regarding ongoing damage to property of Gladstone- in particular the fence that borders the alley in between the high school and the condos.
- Seems to be escalating as recently there were burn marks found in the fence.
- Discussion over the need for more involvement from the administration and school community to assist in stopping the destructive behaviour.
- Perhaps need for a more direct security camera and also more garbage disposal bins (on the city portion of the property) to assist with litter collection
- Municipal Enforcement & RCMP are aware of problem. Some bylaw tickets have been issued.
- Concerns raised will be taken to school board to have issue heard.

7. Administration Report - Scott Bloxham

- School Education Plan was shared - it is not yet published, but still a working document.
- Key pieces to "Focus on the Future" are :Advancing, Creating & Building. Within the document is an outline stating the goals of each of these goals.
- Many improvements are being seen at our school especially when it comes to attendance.
- Two main goals to focus on are Numeracy & Literacy.
- Grade 9 Math teachers have taken on engagement to assist with citizenship and showing kids what it means to be a Mustang.
- Another initiative is to build future ready students with the implementation of High School 101 and also lunch & learns where students can learn about how to get through high school.
- A question was asked about the RAP Program (Registered Apprenticeship Program) - it is still ongoing.
- Lastly, October 25th is the 1st pep rally of the year!. Go Mustangs!

8. Trustee Report - Todd Brand

- Please see attached for official report from recent meetings in September/October.
- Most recent board meetings were organizational in nature.
- Working hard at balancing school spaces as all high schools in the school district are over 100% utilized.
- Some ideas to create new space are:
 - Possibly create new high school
 - Try new school structures (ie. group grades 10-12 together instead of 9-12s)
 - Boundary shifts
- All of these options could affect all schools in Airdrie.
- Earliest a new school would be built (if approved) would be in 3-4 years from now. No approvals at the moment, but hopefully more details can be provided soon.
- Questions or comments pertaining to trustee report can be directed to Todd at tbrand@rockyview.ab.ca

9. New Business

- Kelli asked which days/times work best for council meetings and it was general consensus to keep them on 2nd Wednesday of the month in the evenings.
- Parents are asking school administration to put more pictures into school newsletters and for more engagement on social media.
- Kelli and the group commended Scott on the school newsletter, which has been very well received by parents in the school community.
- Parent -teacher interviews to be held Nov 1st & 2nd, thus staff appreciation will be held Nov 1st with the theme of TACO NIGHT!
- Kelli to create a sign-up genius for this.

10. Open floor for questions:

- Can we have a pizza day- Yes to a possible pizza day that student leadership may facilitate!
- Can we have a school dance ? It is a possibility in the future.
- Do we have a school nurse? - YES! Not located at the school, but a nurse is responsible for our students and inoculations, etc.

- Where can kids go to eat their lunches? Classrooms , the rotunda, hallways, 1/2 of the cafeteria and the courtyard are all open to students for lunches.

11. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm. The next meeting will be held November 8th at 6:30pm in the school learning commons.