



HSS School Council Meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2025 Learning Commons 7-8:15pm

In attendance: Tracy Brown Ewert, Margie Steingart, Dean Nielsen, Teri Sadek, Tilly Heenan, Sarah Gil, Mike Hernden, Kerri Hoogers, Amber Nielsen

1 min **Call to order at 7:02pm and welcome** – Tracy Brown Ewert *School Council Chair*

1 min **Acceptance of minutes as circulated from March 12, 2024** acceptance by Margie.

1 min **Additions to the agenda/acceptance of the agenda:**

- Tracy added a discussion about the School Council June AGM

5 min **HSS school council reports:**

- **Vacant Vice Chair position**
 - Call for nominations or volunteers with no names put forward tonight.
- **Financial report** – \$0.00; Rae Anne Wright was given the meeting minutes and was having the funds transferred as per motion made at March 12 meeting
- **June 16 AGM**
 - Reminder to look over the School Council Plan for any needed changes
 - Encouragement to consider open board positions
- **Current playground removed summer 2025** - update from Dean
 - Teri spoke on behalf of Dean; a survey will be sent to HSS community seeking feedback on what outdoor infrastructure is desired
- **ASCA 2025 Spring Symposium to be hosted at HSS**
 - Confirmation from one CES person to join
 - Reminder to all that participants are welcome to come for any portion of the event and that Jo Phillips is the keynote speaker

10 min **Parent engagement opportunities to enhance school community:**

- **HSSMA (music association)** – Andrea Morton hssma.pts@gmail.com
- **Kodiak Booster Club (support school athletics)** – Lindsey Good gav2007@gmail.com
- **HSSEF (enhancement fund/fundraising)** – Jen Massop hssefs@gmail.com
- **HSS lunch and breakfast programs** – Shallan Holinaty sholinaty@cesd73.ca
 - Clarity given on misinformed social media post; the breakfast program is not personally funded by the concession employee
- **Teacher lunch supervision** - February 27th lunch had to be cancelled; next lunch dates are
- April 17 and May 15 [volunteer signup](#)
 - Two parent volunteers, HS Leadership and Administration will help with the supervision

5 min **School reports:**

- **Student leadership:** videos from MS and grade 9 Leadership and were viewed as well as a slide from HS Leadership, highlighting current and future initiatives to enhance the school community within HSS.

- 5 min **Trustee's Report:** Melissa Copley
- Focus on staffing transitions, specifically with the incoming superintendent.
 - Municipal election in fall which includes school board trustees
 - Transportation follows a cost recovery model; slight increase for 2025/26 school year
 - Conversation re wording on the Assurance Survey; difficult to interpret results; the concern has been raised with the province but no changes have been made.

20min **Principal's Report:** Dean Nielsen, Kristina Rentz, Teri Sadek

- Staffing changes
 - 3 temporary hires to be made for maternity leaves
 - 3 FT probationary hires to be made for Foods, Hub and grade 7
- Extra office support has been approved which will ease the workload of the current office staff
- Metis Residency has been changed to May 12-16
- Current student enrollment is 822, with a prediction of an increase to 850 for fall 2025
- Grade 10 internship went well; a lot of work and many thanks to the community members who offer placements; students responded positively to the opportunity
- Aligning with CES on student placement for the upcoming school year. Creating class lists is a complex process. Students will be asked to list three friends who they learn best with and if parents have a specific request, they will need to phone administration to discuss
- 3R Assembly for grades 5-8 to recognize students demonstrating Respect, Resilience and Responsibility

5 min **Roundtable discussion** – where parents have the opportunity to highlight their perspective

- Question regarding support for current Athletic Director
 - MS athletic director responsibilities will be removed and assumed by Shayla Osterman
 - TeamSnap and Social Media responsibilities will be assumed by current Career Practitioners
- Question regarding how the Ignite, Numeracy and Literacy for fall will be different than how they were done in previous years
 - Intentional about putting staff in those roles who have expertise and are able to focus on areas that need strengthening

Next meeting is AGM on Wednesday, June 11, 2025

60 min **Adjournment at 8:10pm (meeting over no later than 8:15pm)**