

DDS School Council Meeting
Monday, February 26 at 3:45pm
In Person & Virtual Meeting

- Attendance: Online: Laurell Greene, Jenae Emond, Alicia Bourque. In person: Julie Milne, Crystal McGregor, Mike Oliver, Michelle Marti, Mandy Zeinstra, Danielle Ross.

- **Welcome & Call to Order: @ 3:55pm**

- **Agenda: Approved by Mandy**

- **Previous Minutes:** approved by Julie.

- **Business arising from previous minutes:**
 - Sign: Not a lot of feedback in regards to the sign. More feedback on where to put the sign (not on the building) than if it is necessary. Summary of feedback given is: Not sure how to decide without knowing cost. It would add an 'update' to the outside of the school. Could we do something else to update the school like an electronic sign in the gym or front entry, and spruce up the school website. We could advertise things like hot dog days, mini volleyball etc. to let the community know there is a lot happening at DDS.
 - Crystal talked to the neighbor residents and they didn't seem to have any issues with it.
 - Mike was going to bring it up at the Chamber of Commerce meeting but the Town brought up first that they are proposing putting up a similar sign to advertise community events. It would be an option to advertise things like school registration dates on the Towns sign if they proceed.

 - Engagement Grant – Guest speakers (list attached to email). Not a lot of feedback regarding speakers. Michelle will contact PBHS council and see what ideas they have for a speaker and look into doing something together with them.

 - Staff Wish list items:
 - 10 Woozoo Fans approx \$600
 - Grade 4 Classroom Library \$500
 - Breakfast Program Commercial Dishwasher approx \$2000
 - Pinnies approx \$210 for 30
 - All items have been approved. Mandy motioned to spend \$3500 of casino funds, seconded by Laurell. All in favor.

- **New Business:**
 - Gala committee : Looking for anyone who would like to join the committee for next years gala. It was brought up that the tentative date of October 26th conflicts with the royal rumble at PBHS again. Michelle will put out an e-mail asking opinions on moving the date to October 19th. In previous years the last weekend in October has been chosen due to the PD day on the Friday allowing us to go in a set up with out conflicting with school activities. Julie proposed she could assemble a team of Grade 6's to help with set up on the 18th if we choose to change the date. Please let Michelle know ASAP if you want to be on the committee.

- **Principal's Report (Crystal McGregor):**

Annual Education Results – [Link](#)

Crystal went over the results and where DDS is below average and where we are excelling as well as the goals of the school to improve on certain areas.

- **Trustee's Report (Mike Oliver): See attached**

- **Hot Lunch Report (Laurell Greene):** Next Hot Lunch is Thursday, beef stroganoff, have enough help. Sloppy Joes on the 14th, need one more person to help. Tacos on the 28th, need one or two more people to help. Please let Laurell know if you can help out on some hot lunch days.
 - New hot lunch specific e-mail dorothydalglieshhotlunch@gmail.com
 - There have been many problems with the milk order this year. It was taken over by a different company and has been nothing but problems. Laurell willing to give it another week and see how it goes. Thank you to the staff and Grade 6 students for giving up their chocolate milk every week so that the other students get theirs.

- **Treasurer's Report (Mandy Zeinstra):** Outstanding cheques to the milk man and Laurell. Account balance \$692.

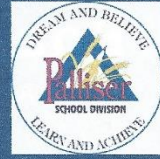
- **Betterment Report:** Casino account balance \$15, 808.95. General (gala) \$31,278.59. The above approved items with come out of the Casino account if appropriate.

Around the table : It was asked if the amount usually given for school field trips will be enough this year. Its hard to say until the time comes to book. Julie brought up the Grade 6 field trip. She will be proposing a 'local' field trip followed by a sleepover at the school for the Grade 6's.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:28, Next Meeting Monday March 18 at 3:45pm

Board Meeting Highlights:

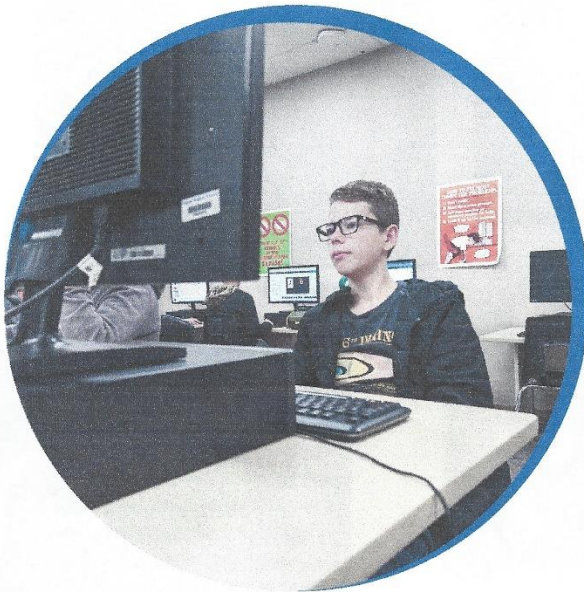
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School Counselling Report

Our Board received this update report highlighting the Division's efforts and achievements in supporting our students' mental well-being, one of our top priorities. In the face of post-pandemic challenges, we have strived to meet these needs through dedicated funding, creative solutions, and a caring, committed staff.

The Division has celebrated many successes thanks in part to a mental health grant received in 2022. These include staff training in social-emotional skills development, the implementation of programs that connect students with supportive communities, and providing expert-level assessment and care. Despite these achievements, the impending expiration of the grant presents a new challenge. The Board is now exploring various options to continue supporting our students' mental well-being effectively.



Technology Services Report

In the realm of technology, our Division continues to navigate a landscape of underfunding, particularly evident in our struggle to fund the Supernet bandwidth increase. Currently, we are incurring an additional \$11,000 per month beyond our allocated provincial grant funding. As software platforms increasingly move online, the necessity for robust infrastructure becomes more critical for our schools and students. Another pressing concern is cybersecurity, with the rise of more sophisticated threats demanding enhanced protective measures.

Despite these hurdles, our IT team has made significant strides this school year. The adoption of data analytics tools like "Google Looker Studio" is a notable advancement. These tools enable our learning services team to analyze big-picture trends and refine strategies to enhance student learning.

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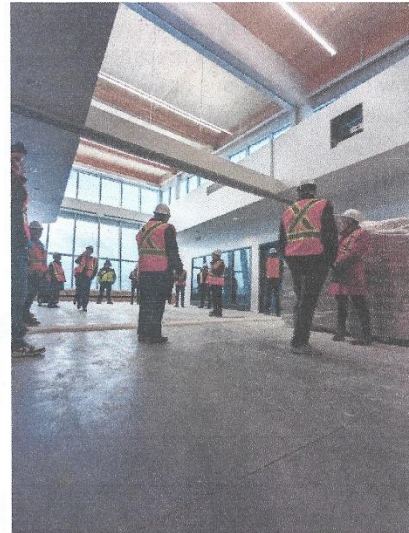
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Coaldale Prairie Winds Secondary

Recently, our Board had the opportunity to witness the transformation of Coaldale Prairie Winds Secondary firsthand. Members of the Board and representatives from the Town of Coaldale toured the school and adjacent recreation center.

This state-of-the-art facility will be a community hub and embody our commitment to providing exceptional learning environments. We are pleased that our students will have convenient access to the recreation centre. As we eagerly anticipate the opening of this facility for the 2024/2025 school year, we are proud to offer such a dynamic and engaging space for our students.



The next regular Board Meeting will be on March 12, 2024

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