

Wes Hosford School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2020

Attending:

Parents: Kim O., Sandy B., Lindsey A., Tanya T., Shawna K., Krysta S., Kaitlyn H.

Trustee: Don Irwin

School Staff: Jodi E., Pam E., Darlene G., Susan F., Patti B.

1. Call to order & Welcome
 - a. 9:22am by Kim O.
2. Introduction of Council Members
 - a. Kim O. (Chair)
 - b. Kaitlyn H. (Vice Council Chair)
 - c. Lindsey A. (Secretary)
3. Adoption of minutes from May 21, 2020
 - a. Motion to accept minutes by Sandy B. → accepted
4. Report from Trustee Don I.
 - a. The website is to be used for reference of current status of re-entry plans
 - b. Board has been working on revising re-entry plan on an ongoing basis
 - c. School numbers 87.33% of students have returned to in class learning, 11% in out of school learning
 - d. Online learning platform is Bright Space
 - e. Official opening of Heritage Hills School September 18 2:30pm
 - f. Staggered start worked well and is likely to be used in future years
 - g. Committee of School Councils (COSC) meeting will be held first Wednesday of each month, first is being held virtually October 7, at 7pm. Further details will come from district
 - h. School board meets the last Thursday of the month for public meetings and the agenda for that meeting can be found on the district website the Monday before the meeting. Don invites those with input to contact him during the week before the meeting don.irwin@eips.ca
5. Principal's Report – Patti B.
 - a. Thank you to Parent Council and Fundraising Society for the flowers
 - b. Thank you Kerri A. and Pam E. for filling shoes while away
 - c. Welcome Susan F. as our new Assistant Principal and School Counsellor
 - d. Thank you to parents for ensuring children have clean masks and appropriate lunches
 - e. Enrollment
 - i. down from 441 (June) to 410 (current)
 - ii. 10% (39 students total) of our school population are online
 - iii. We were unable to maintain 3 classes per grade due to budget cuts and reduction in budget
 1. Kindergarten: two classes with 18 & 16 students
 2. Grade 1: two classes with 20 & 23 students
 3. Grade 2: three classes with 18, 17, & 21 students
 4. Grade 3: three classes with 20, 17, & 16 students
 5. Grade 4: two classes with 27, & 26 students
 6. Grade 5: three classes with 24, 23, & 23 students
 7. Grade 6: two classes with 32 & 33 students

- f. To address the large class sizes for grade 6 we have submitted a request to use the federal funding to hire another teacher
 - g. We thank all parents and are doing our best to ensure a safe environment. We are looking forward to a great year together.
6. Assistant Principal Report—Sue F.
- a. Thank you for the warm welcome
 - b. Because of covid we cannot have gathering and assemblies, so we are brainstorming ways to incorporate things like the Terry Fox Run so we can continue to create memorable moments for the students
 - c. Terry Fox Event September 25: kids will have classroom activities (should the teachers decide to do this), no toonies for Terry but you can donate through the website
 - d. Orange Shirt Day September 30: in honor of Every Child Matters for Indigenous recognition and reconciliation
 - e. Remembrance Day Celebration November 6: Mrs. Hill is gathering students and having students do little performances on video and will compile them for classroom teachers to use in class
7. Parent Council events:
- a. Teacher’s Appreciation lunch (cancelled)
 - b. Book Fair - Fall 2020, Spring 2021(cancelled)
 - c. Seniors Tea (Cancelled)
 - d. Saffron Presentations (hoping for online – Kim O is inquiring)
8. Elections for 2020/21 Parent Council: no quorum so we can not vote
- a. Council Chair- Open
 - b. Vice Chair - Open
 - c. Secretary – Open
9. Comments with Q & A
- a. Darlene G →Elder W is no longer the elder at our school, we now have Cheryl D. and Jeremy A. from the district who will provide guidance for our Indigenous studies programming
 - b. Question from Tanya: What are the grade 6 students doing now with the covid changes?
 - i. Answer from Patti B → they will participate in Wes Hosford weekly as well as we are brainstorming other activities for events such as Halloween. There will be no milk, no lunch supervision, and no Halloween carnival.
 - c. Question from Kim: With the size of grade 6 classes, with inclement weather what will happen for recesses?
 - i. Answer from Patti B. →Possibly break little groups off in empty classrooms
9. Meeting adjournment at 9:50 am by Kim O

Next meeting – Thursday November 19 6:30pm