

Wes Hosford Parent Council Meeting  
November 19, 2020

Attending: Kya M., Caitlin H., Kerry H., Colleen S., Kim O., Lindsey A., Laura N.J  
Staff: Susan F., Hannah M., Pamela E.  
Trustee: Don I.

1. Welcome and call to order 6:40pm – Kim O.
  - a. Kim – Chair
  - b. Caitlyn – Vice Chair
  - c. Lindsey – Secretary
  
2. Motion to adopt minutes from last meeting
  - a. Motion from Kerry H
  - b. Second Laura NJ
  
3. Update from Trustee Don I
  - a. Alberta School Board Association Fall general meeting occurred as well as results review for central departments and all schools this month.
  - b. Government announced provincial achievement tests are optional, however at this point EIPS board has made them mandatory for in school students and optional for online learners.
  - c. EIPS board of trustees are petitioning the Alberta government to change the funding formula for next year due to the reduction in students this year (about 50 less). With less students EIPS would be scheduled to have reduced funding therefore the board is asking to keep our student numbers the same as last year so funding is not reduced (funding is based on a three-year rolling average).
  - d. Working on junior high honors program details which will be in place for next year
  - e. Value scoping for Sherwood Heights, Campbelltown, Pine Street, Clover bar, and Salisbury. Board is working to get funding for a new Sherwood Heights School.
  
4. Report from School - Susan F and Pamela E
  - a. Terry Fox run- classes went out and did walk, and celebrated in classes
  
  - b. Orange shirt day – recognized and many kids participated
    - i. These events are imperative because they help us teach empathy and foster a safe and caring environment within the school
    - ii. Principal and Vice Principal recorded stories that were shared in classes
  
  - c. Brightspace - online learning platform for in-school and online
    - i. staff have been in training and students are now using Brightspace
    - ii. Students currently working on adding to their portfolio's
    - iii. This platform allows students to access work when they are not in attendance

- iv. There is both parent and student access which can be retrieved through the EIPS website
  - v. Laura N.J – expressed experience of online learning with Brightspace. It is frustrating, complicated, and inconvenient to work to try to retrieve and submit assignments
- d. Picture day and retakes are done they can be ordered from ICON
- e. First round of immunizations for grade 6 were done
- f. Covid Safe School Events
- i. Halloween was a big success
  - ii. Mrs. Hill’s remembrance day video
  - iii. Mrs. Hill is creating a Christmas Video
- g. Students are practicing Emergency evacuation drill reviews in classrooms and walking to muster points
- h. Welcomed 11 at home learners back to the classroom as two shifted to online learning
- i. STAR reading assessments has been re-administered, there was a learning gap at the beginning of the year and now staff is seeing that students are closing the gap
- j. Bully Awareness week- Wes Hosford Weekly has been doing videos with Susan F. and presenting them in class
- k. Results review – Wes Hosford’s PAT results are
- i. Accountability results
    - 1. Safe and caring 90.7
    - 2. Education quality 95.2
    - 3. PAT Acceptable 87.4 (province 73.6)
    - 4. PAT Excellence 28.2 (province 19.6)
    - 5. Work Preparation 84.6
    - 6. Citizenship 90.1
    - 7. Parent involvement 79.1
  - ii. We are in the third year of our Five Year Education Plan
    - 1. School Goal 1: More students achieve growth and excellence in literacy and numeracy (EIPS Priority 1, Goal 2)
      - a. Division Outcome: more students achieve a minimum of one year’s growth in literacy and numeracy
    - 2. School Goal 2: Increase the number of students who are actively engaged in a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe school environment (EIPS Priority 2, Goal 1)

- a. Division Outcome: Our learning and working environments are welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe.
    3. School Goal 3: More Parents are actively engaged in student learning support and communication with the school (EIPS Priority 3, Goal 1)
      - a. Division Outcome: Student learning is supported and enhanced through parent engagement
  - l. Fall break- teachers were able to recharge and we welcomed back 11 students who studied from home for the first quarter
  - m. Progress reports available November 20 after 3:30
  - n. Parent Teacher Interviews: November 25 & 26 by telephone
  - o. Last day of classes December 23 and we return January 6 which is Wednesday (early dismissal)
5. No parent council events this year
  6. Meeting Adjourned at 7:23pm by Kim O.

Wes Hosford Fundraising Update  
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#### Ongoing Fundraising

1. Skip the depot
2. Browns Social House (dining room closed now, but we have raised almost \$300 through them)
3. Save On Foods Receipts
4. Queen of Hearts Fundraiser will not proceed due to district rules about fundraising
5. CFIB grant is back up and running
6. Lorelee and Laura are working on more grants