

Wes Hosford Parent Council Meeting
Thursday, January 20, 2022
Virtual Meeting

Virtual Attendees: Courtney K, Caitlin H, Kristine P, Kya M, Tanya T, Colleen S, Lorelee R, Amy F

WH Staff: Shannon Pasma, Ralph Arndt, Sue Freiheit

EIPS Trustee: Don Irwin

1. **Welcome and Call to Order-** Caitlin Havens called meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

2. **Adoption of minutes from last meeting**
 - a. Motion to adopt minutes by Colleen
 - b. Motion seconded by Kya M.
 - c. Motion carried, minutes adopted.

3. **Trustee's Report- Don Irwin (EIPS Trustee)**
 - a. we look forward to a return to more normal this term.
 - b. The board of trustees head has been busy in November with the assurance reviews for all the schools which went very well.
 - c. We are in the midst of our annual Elk Island Public School parent survey which takes place from January 6-18. Please take time to complete this as it is used for planning purposes.
 - d. January is also the month where we start to talk about student fees for next year. An initial discussion will take place in January and a proposal of fees will be recommended back to Parent Council either in February or March before being passed on to be included in the next year's budget.
 - e. Student re-registration takes place in February, please watch for notice of this from the school.
 - f. The honours program for grades eight and nine we will continue at Sherwood Heights and Haythorne in Sherwood Park.
 - g. Don toured all of the schools in his scope on Thursday, November 4, 2021 to meet staff and see the facilities.
 - h. Committee of School Councils (COSC) - meets first Wednesday of every month - please consider having someone from Wes Hosford Parent Council attend the meetings.

Question - Kerry H asked about an update on the new curriculum. Don advised that a major report is being done in the spring, some teachers will be working in the summer for a week and they will file the report. Don advised that there are some indications that there might be some flexibility from the ASDA and this is the top priority of discussion on the ASDA meetings for September 2022.

Question – Kerry H asked about in-school speech therapy delivery-how long it takes to access? Don will get back to her.

4. Principal's report - Sue Freiheit

- a. Fees have been emailed in 2 newsletters. No changes for next year.
 - a. ECS school activities and field trips all up to a max of \$60 provided we can get back into field trips.
 - b. ECS noon supervision – less because only in half of the days. Grades 1-6 staying at \$100.
 - c. 3 years in a row no changes. If every family paid the \$100 it still wouldn't break even but it helps. May see an increase in coming years but don't want to put burden on families at this time.
- b. Thank you to WH amazing families for outpouring support in dealing with the outbreak status before the Christmas break.
- c. Kindergarten registration starts February 1st.
- d. ALL parents have to re-register children for the upcoming school year – February 1-28.

5. Vice Principal's report - Ralph Arndt

- a. **Christmas** concert again done via virtual recording – hope everyone had a chance to see it. Thanks to Vomcast Media from Sherwood Park.
- b. Masks and rapid test kits arrived and were sent home
- c. Numeracy screening assessment complete. Hoping to receive funding for grade 1 support in numeracy and reading.
- d. Upcoming events:
 - i. Jan 31 – PD day
 - ii. Feb10-11 teacher convention
 - iii. Kindness week – Feb14-18
 - iv. Valentine's Day – wear pink or red and bring treats
 - v. Feb21 - Family Day, no school
 - vi. Pink shirt day – Feb23
 - vii. PD day – Mar4
 - viii. Parent Council Meeting - Mar17
 - ix. Report cards going home Mar18 and Mar23-24 is parent teacher conferences
 - x. Spring break – Mar28-Apr1, returning Apr4

6. Teacher's Report - Shannon Pasma

- a. Hope you enjoyed the virtual Christmas concert – the kids practiced really hard and the teachers are very proud of them.
- b. Thank you to the parent council and fundraising committee for the teacher's lunch from shack-a-patate.
- c. Thanks to parents for sending warm clothes and changes of clothes as it starts to get wet.
- d. Tobogganing – Wes Hosford is fortunate to have Dinosaur Hill nearby and the school has purchased a full class set of toboggans. Will need helmets for tobogganing day.
- e. Its great to be back in person with the kids. They are thriving being back in the classroom.

7. New Business

- a. A grade one family in our community had an accident before the break – young child did not survive and father is in hospital. Anyone can donate through Caitlin Havens.
- b. Council of Student Councils meetings – Caitlin cannot attend – looking for a parent volunteer.
- c. No other events due to Covid.

Question – Is Scholastic still going ahead? Answer – parents were sent out codes for each class that is participating.

Question – could we do virtual book fairs? Not yet but if covid drags on, we can look into it.

7. Closing

- a. Caitlin adjourn meeting- at 6:55pm.
- b. Next Meeting Thursday, March 17th at 6:30pm