

Wes Hosford Parent Council – Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Virtual Meeting

Virtual Attendees: Courtney K, Caitlin H, Kya M, Colleen S, Loretta C, Kilby M, Lorelee R, Tanya T, Amy F

WH Staff: Dianne Parker, Ralph Arndt, Sue Freiheit

EIPS Trustee: Don Irwin

1. Call to order & welcome
 - a. Caitlin called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

2. Adoption of minutes from March 17, 2022
 - a. Coleen motioned to adopt minutes
 - b. Sue seconded.
 - c. Motion carried, minutes adopted.

3. Trustee's report – Don Irwin
 - a. Just over a month to the end of school and hopefully a very restful summer for families and staff.
 - b. The Student Forum was very successful with 87 students from grade 9 and 12 participating and some very good ideas and suggestions were made by the students on mental health and career preparation. A summary of these will be circulated shortly.
 - c. A lot of work continues on budget this month and with a slightly increased budget but less students. We have used some of our reserves to address learning gaps, mental health issues, curriculum preparation, Covid precautions, standard exams, hiring three family service workers for the district, purchasing tablets for our buses which will improve communication between buses and families, funding small schools, and renovations to Pine Street School for new programs.
 - d. Last week was Bus Driver Appreciation week and we appreciate all the bus drivers are doing and have done. The Trustees presented each driver with a gift bag to commemorate the event.

- e. The annual long service and retirement dinner was held early May. For the first time in three years we were able to celebrate in person at the Agora Room in County Hall.
- f. In May and June the board will be visiting schools in Sherwood Park.
- g. If you have questions my report or other issues please ask them at our School Council meetings or contact me by email at donirwin@eips.ca or call me on my cell at 587-986-3900.
- h. Thank you to all School Councils as May is the last meeting of the year and we appreciate all that you've done for the parents and the schools.

4. Principal's report – Sue Freiheit

- a. Draft budget has been submitted – note this is not the actual budget, it's a planning budget based on the estimate that the school will receive. Submitted and reviewed. Funding can be adjusted up to September when student registration cut off.
- b. Goals
 - i. Previously high-level goals were set and strategies for achieving the goals were left up to the teacher. Now moving to more specific goals so everyone in the school is committing to the same thing.
 - ii. 2022-23 Goals:
 - 1. At Wes Hosford School we foster passionate math learners by providing a minimum of 10 minutes of daily number sense instruction, resulting in growth in foundational math skills.
 - 2. At Wes Hosford School we foster passionate readers and writers by providing rich learning environments through intense weekly teaching of Reader's and Writer's Workshops and daily Word Studies.
 - 3. At Wes Hosford School we build strong relationships, daily, within the school and the community, fostering student social and emotional well-being.
- c. Grade 6 writing PAT was this morning and went really well.
- d. Parent / Teacher Interviews – teachers discussed what to do for next year and decided to spread it out a bit more. In November, Report Card goes out and following week are Interviews. But then there's a long time until the reporting period at end of March. In February, we'll do interviews. Share their progress verbally so if something needs to be addressed, we have time to work with them at school and at home before the end of the

year. So, it will be more like 4 reporting periods – November, February, end of March and June.

5. Vice-Principal's report – Ralph Arndt

- a. Learning Disruption Funding – Funds received from government for grades 1-3 students who were identified as needing extra help due to disruption from Covid-19. Students receiving assessments now to be uploaded to the Government and hoping to get more funding next year.

Question from Lorelee – will the funding follow the grade 1-3 students? Ralph noted that is still uncertain. Don noted each fall and spring assessments are done and that's how they will assess the students requiring extra assistance.

- b. Spring concert – thanks to the students and teachers for their hard work. And to Mr. Caruthers for filming. Should be ready by end of next week.
- c. Sports Day and Family Picnic – planned for Monday, June 27 over lunch. Committee is working hard on planning.
- d. Band visit from Bev Facey – performed for Grades 4-6.
- e. FA Haythorne did a presentation for Grade 6's followed by a parent info night on what to expect in Junior High.

6. Teacher's report – Dianne Parker

- a. Students were so excited for the school dance. Did artwork to decorate the gym and so glad to be back in person for events. Looking forward to even more normalcy and in-person events next year.
- b. Field trips are in planning – Ukranian Village, John Jansen and Wilderness Centre to name a few.
- c. This time of year – we spend our whole year building a family and this time of year we start the process of saying goodbye to this batch of kids.

7. Parent Council business

- a. No events scheduled due to ongoing Covid-19 pandemic

8. General questions

- a. Question from Kya – is there going to be a Grade 6 Farewell? Sue says yes! She’s going to get the invitation out by next week. They’re going to do class by class to keep it smaller.
- b. Question – in previous years on the last day of school there was a tradition of going to the movies. Has that been discussed to bring back? Sue will discuss with the teachers but might not be suitable as there needs to be an educational component to field trips.
- c. Question from Colleen – are we having a seniors tea? No, just the Spring concert that is virtual only.

9. Meeting adjournment

- a. Caitlin adjourned the meeting at 7:04pm

Next meeting – September 15, 2022 (AGM)