

Wes Hosford Parent Council – Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 15, 2022
Virtual Meeting

Virtual Attendees: Tawnia M, Tanya T, Trenna-Violet S, Loretta C, Lorelee R, Chantelle A, Courtney K, Kristi F, Heidi F, Tara V, Colleen S, Kerry H, Amy F, Kilby M, Larissa H,

WH Staff: Susan Freiheit, Ralph Arndt, Stacy Large

Regrets: EIPS Trustee Don Irwin

1. Call to order & welcome

- a. Tawnia M. called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

2. Adoption of minutes from May 19, 2022

- a. Loretta motioned to adopt minutes
- b. Courtney seconded.
- c. Motion carried, minutes adopted.

3. Election of Council Executive Members.

- a. Returning members:
 - i. Kya Martin is returning as Vice-Chair.
 - ii. Amy Power is returning as Secretary.
- b. We have a vacancy for the role of Chair.
 - i. Courtney nominates Tawnia McQueen for the role of Chair.
 - ii. Chantelle seconds the nomination.
 - iii. No other nominations.
 - iv. Attendees voted all in favour. Tawnia McQueen is elected to the role of Chair.

4. Trustee's Report – Don Irwin (sent by email)

- a. Welcome back to a regular school year (hopefully) and I hope you had a good summer and are enjoying good fall weather.
- b. Work for the school board began mid-August with planning the school year. Additional funds were added to the budget for student health projects. As well as funds to help students make up the learning gaps.
- c. I hope you have the Committee of School Council's first meeting on October 5 at 6pm on your schedule so that you can attend to get full updates from administration in Trustees. Free pizza will be served.
- d. This year the board has decided to do membership in the Alberta School Council Association by request. The board will still fund memberships but you need to let us know by September 30 if you wish to be a member this year. Send an email to Corrie Fletcher at corrie.fletcher@eips.ca. Also see the ASCA website at www.albertaschoolcouncil.ca for information.
- e. You can contact me directly by email - don.irwin@eips.ca or my cell phone 587-986-3900 with questions or suggestions.

Questions for Don:

- Administration staff seems to be shuffling among EIPS...how do they make the decisions to move administrators around the district? Tanya to contact Don directly to voice support for keeping our administration.

5. Principal's Report – Sue Freiheit

- a. Introductions – Mrs. Terry Snow is our Secretary, the vault of all the information. She can help with lots of items like PowerSchool passwords.
- b. Thank you to the Parent Council & Fundraising Committee – both super important roles. Building the profile of Wes Hosford in the community.
- c. Open door policy to discuss concerns with admin or teachers at the school. Note Parent Council meetings are not that forum.
- d. Picture Day went well. Purchase through Icon. Retakes on October 13th.
- e. Principal Retreat in the district – September 27-29 – Sue will be away at meetings.
- f. Down in budget this year due to declining enrollment. Lost a couple of teachers because of that, but budget is in good shape, getting some EA time allocations in.
 - i. 2020-21 – 412 students
 - ii. 2021-22 - 393 students
 - iii. 2022-23 - 345 students
- g. Milk program will not be returning.
- h. School calendar
 - i. Closed Sep 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
 - ii. Closed Oct 7 – PD Day
 - iii. Nov8-12 Fall Break
- i. Christmas Concert - will be LIVE and in person! For grades 1-3 only. Working through the logistics. Dates TBD.
- j. Spring Concert – grades 4-6. Details TBD.
- K. Spring Dance planned again this year. Looking at May 4th (May 5 is PD day).
Better option than Halloween.

Questions:

- Are we doing book fair or anything during parent teacher? Yes if possible. Tawnia and Sue will meet to see if we can have a committee come together to do it.

Reminder we have 3 reporting periods now:

1. November – parent teacher meeting one week after report cards.
2. February – parent teacher meetings.
3. March – report cards

- Is the school doing anything for a memorial for Queen Elizabeth's passing? District gave words to use during the morning announcements, then a moment of silence. Then individual classrooms may choose to add other activities.

6. Vice-Principal's Report – Ralph Arndt

- District is piloting a new program – PermissionClick for permission slips. .
- Indigenous Lead – Mr. Arndt. Starting off with Indigeneous Games unit during FitKids.
- Orange Shirt Day – September 29 with a service. No school on September 30.
- Reading Week – October 3.
- DARE for Grade 6's started Wednesday.
- September 28 – bus evacuation practice.
- Little Elk Island Adventures for Kinders – September 28-29.
- Nov 4 – Remembrance Day celebration.

Questions/Comments:

- Trena – offer to ask her community for assistance/participation in future Indigeneous programming.
- Question from Courtney – is the Learning Loss funding happening again this year? Yes, assessing grades 2-4 now to determine allocation. Hoping for more money to still come through from the government throughout the year.

7. Teacher's Report – Stacey Large

- District Assessments - STAR Reading & STAR Math – teachers doing assessments right now for all the students. Will be done by October 14.
- Numeracy Screen Assessments underway – for Government funding.
- Literacy Assessments are also underway for the government's learning loss funding for Grades 2-4. Grade 1 will do it in January.
- Staff wants to thank Parent Council for the \$250 per class allocated to the teachers. Makes a huge impact! Many teachers purchased art supplies as well as other supplies that the school can't provide – books, resources, special.
- Meet the Staff – great turnout! We appreciate the opportunity to meet the families.
- Terry Fox Run – September 23. Fundraising online. Running at 10am.
- Buddies – grade 4s with 1s. 5's with 2s. 6's with 3s. All grades are doing buddy time at the same time on the same day. Kids and teachers love it. Great energy.

8. Parent Council business

- Meetings to continue online? Yes. Helps with scheduling, gets more participation. Some would like to get back to in person. Will look into a hybrid option.

9. Meeting adjournment

- a. Tawnia adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm
- b. Next meeting – November 17, 2022