

Wes Hosford School Council – Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
Thursday, January 19, 2023
Hybrid Meeting - School Library & Google Meet

In-person Attendees: Tawnia M, Kya, Trenna, Colleen, Kerry, Amy, Kilby, Courtney, Loretta, Aubrey G

Virtual Attendees: Larissa Henderson, Kelly Fraser

WH Staff: Susan Freiheit, Ralph Arndt, Nicole Niles

Trustee: Don Irwin

1. Call to order & Welcome

- a. Tawnia called the meeting to order at 6:31pm
- b. Online attendees please post questions in the Chat.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2022

- a. Kilby motioned to approve minutes from November 17, 2022
- b. Trenna seconded the motion.
- c. All in favour. Minutes adopted.

3. Trustee's Report - Don Irwin

- a. Welcome back to school – I hope you had a great Christmas break with family and friends.
- b. Thank you for the invitation to the great Christmas concert
- c. December was a busy month with the final meetings of a number of planning projects. The cleanup of the boundaries for junior high was completed with no boundary changes, it was decided to pilot a draw for James Mowat available spaces and the Logos decision was delayed until student re- registration is complete. Logos decision is scheduled for March 16 School Board and French Immersion for March (or February?) 7.
- d. The board had a two day retreat in December to finalize the 2022/2023 work plan.
- e. The mental health pilot project continues and the trustees will be meeting with a number of municipalities (Bruderheim, Fort Saskatchewan) as well as the local Alberta Teachers Association executive to update all these groups on the plans for this year.
- f. Sherwood Heights / Campbelltown replacement school was decided not to go with a P3 model which is good news. Alberta infrastructure is working on the design and we hope that they will turn the project over to the school district for construction supervision.
- g. Operational funds were approved for the water drainage system for Salisbury High.
- h. We are advertising for a new superintendent as Mr. Liguori is retiring at the end of June 2023. The advertisement closes in January and hopefully we'll have someone in place by the spring.

- i. Student re-registration takes place in February so watch your emails from the school for the process and timing for your school. The deadline for all re-registrations is February 28, 2023.
- j. If you have questions or suggestions, please ask me at School Council meetings or phone / text / email me at 587 986 3900 or don.irwin@eips.ca.

4. Parent Council Chair Report - Tawnia McQueen

- a. Council of School Councils (COSC) Update
 - i. EIPS Mental Health and Attendance Initiative - staff in place to reach out to families with kids missing more than 10% students missing 2 days a month = missing a month of school.
 - ii. Funding for mental health supports for junior highs
- b. Book Fair - March 9-15...in person 3:15-6:15pm on March 15th.
- c. Teacher Appreciation Pot Luck - Feb16. Kya to lead.
 - i. Feedback was to have it here at lunchtime.
- d. May Meeting Date Change - move to May 11, 2023
- e. Family Dance now on May 18th

6. Principal's Report

- a. Parent Engagement Sessions
 - i. FCS family resource facilitator Bethany Hoffman giving us lots of good info on the family support network. Materials free for parents to take. Will be posted on bulletin board. Let's also share in newsletter and facebook.
 - ii. 2 parent engagements to host through FCS (free) and Saffron has two sessions as well (Internet safety and communicating with youth - \$200 each). Join forces with Glen Allen and share the hosting.
 - iii. Would School Council cover the \$200 cost?
- b. Current Year Fees - fees have not increased in 10+ year, but we are looking for a nominal increase this year.
 - i. Field trip costs staying the same \$60/grade
 - ii. Noon supervision - increase from \$100 - \$110 (kinders \$50 - \$55)
 - iii. Young authors conference \$30 per student - grade 6 this year
 - iv. WISEST \$40
 - v. Farewell ceremony grade 6
 - vi. Extracurricular sports
 - vii. Note - grade specific fees would only apply for those students
- c. Discussion and Feedback of Anticipated Changes in Fees
 - i. Should field trip fees increase to ensure kids get the experiences? \$2?
 - ii. Noon supervision costs on par with other schools in division. This doesn't cover the cost and we run at a deficit, taking funds out of school budget.

- iii. Survey on Fees to be sent out after meeting. Last year no changes and no feedback received.
- d. Ralph has created "Jobs" within the school and older students sign up for their roles (tech crew, facilities, supervisors)

7. Vice Principal's Report

- a. Christmas concert was a great success
- b. Assurance review - met with school board to review the results
 - i. Assurance surveys - for grade 4, 7, 10 - students are surveyed as well as parents. Closes Feb24.
- c. Government assessments - got funding for grades 2-4.
 - i. Grade 1s are doing 3 extra government exams so hopefully we'll get more funding
- d. Indigenous teachings -
 - i. Smudge with mindfulness club, will continue with other groups throughout the school.
 - ii. Bannock with Elsie
 - iii. Floor map
- e. Indigo love of reading program - surveyed kids and will survey parents on what books we should get with the funding.

8. Teacher Update

- a. Pre-interviews coming up in February - before report cards. Very excited about the change. Allows us to address successes and areas of concern that can be addressed prior to the report card and more time to work together on getting student progress improving.
- b. Teachers Convention - excited to be back in person!
- c. Lunch clubs - Art club going really well, extracurriculars, mindfulness. Fees help with the clubs as well.
 - i. How do you decide what clubs to run? It's on a volunteer basis so teacher-driven. What they're passionate about and how they want to volunteer their time.
- d. Spring concert coming up - Grade 4-6 - will also include a grade 6 showcase, voted by the other grade 6's. Thursday, April 13.

9. Current Business – Tawnia McQueen

- a. Engagement Grant Spending Vote - to recap government provides grant to SC's for parent engagement. \$500/year and we have last year's carryforward so \$1000 total.
 - i. Sue has requested the \$200 for Saffron sessions.
 - ii. ASCA offers training on school councils and fundraising societies. \$200-\$300.
 - iii. Amy motioned to approve \$200 for Saffron courses, up to \$600 plus GST for ASCA courses for council, and the balance to the COSC group training fund.
 - iv. Loretta seconded.

- v. All in favour. Motioned approved.

10. New Business

- a. Readathon - Loretta has agreed to lead. Encouraging kids to read over spring break. Run as a fundraiser with money going straight to library and discretionary fund for incidentals at school discretion.
 - i. Loretta motioned to move forward.
 - ii. Tawnia seconded.
 - iii. One opposed. All others in favour. Motion approved.
- b. Family Math Night - Div 1 & 2 - 6:30-8pm - date TBD. School council is planning and hosting. Fun game night. Goal to make math fun and help with the new curriculum. Casinos will provide a deck of cards. Will need a committee. Looking for volunteers.
 - i. Kilby motioned to plan the family math night and request \$200 from fundraising society.
 - ii. Kya seconded.
 - iii. All in favour. Motion approved.

11. Meeting Adjournment

- a. Tawnia adjourned the meeting at 7:49pm.