

Wetaskiwin Composite High School Parent Council
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 20th, 2023 @ 7:00pm via Google Meets

ATTENDEES: Karen Elgert (Principle), Heather Rasmuson (Chairperson), Deanna Didriksen (Casino Representative), Sanet Dippenaar (Secretary), Kristine Belbeck (Vice Chairperson), Kristen Moore, Barb Johnson (WRPS Board Representative), Jenn Tabler, Marsha Merchant

1. Call to Order

Heather Rasmuson called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2. Treaty Acknowledgement

"We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, and traveling route to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene, Nakota Sioux, and Anishinaabe. We acknowledge all the many Indigenous Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for time immemorial."

"We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration."

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved without any additions.

4. Approval of Minutes [October 23, 2023 Minutes](#)

Heather shared a link to previous minutes and gave everyone a chance to read through it.

Kristine Belbeck made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 23, 2023.

Seconded: Kristen Moore

Minutes of October 23, 2023 was approved with no changes.

5. Reports

○ **School Board Representative - Barb Johnson for Lynn Ware**

Trustee November 2023 Report:  November 2023 - Board Report.pdf

- Barb stated that she trusted that the school promoted the new Kids Help Phone line program supporting mental health and suicide prevention. Karen replied that this is the first time she is hearing about it, but the school will definitely promote it once they have all the information regarding it.
- No questions.

- **Student Council Representative - Karen Elgert for Stacey Palmer**
 - Student Counsel is very busy preparing all the activities for December : Pajama day / Hot chocolate day / Pictures with santa / Ugly Sweater day
 - Supporting NOW (Neighbourhood Outreach Wetaskiwin) again for their backpack program - collecting items at the school to fill backpacks.
- **Administrator's Report - Karen Elgert**
 - Staffing update
 - a. Hired Caroline Tyndell (new to our school) as a Foods teacher. She is a red seal chef starting in January 2024. She also has a background in rugby.
 - b. The Commercial kitchen Teacher, Mrs. Ginelli, is going on maternity leave.
 - Awards evening
 - c. Awards Night happened on Friday November 17. Haven't had awards night in 4 years. Mrs. Wood headed it up with a committee. The committee will be having a debriefing meeting to evaluate what was good and what can be improved on.
 - January exams
 - d. Historically most exams for Gr. 11 / 12 were always held in the large gym. That is not happening this year due to a basketball tournament. Exams will be moved to different room
 - e. Rooms 160-162 for diploma exams.
 - f. Music and Drama Room: Other exams Grade 10 / 11 /12
 - g. Mr. Willmott is overseeing this along with the other administrators.
 - Grade 9 classes during exam week
 - h. Historically grade 9's had an exam week too. This year they will not. Grade 9 classes will run. No sabre support during that week. The School start up bell schedule will be used. Grade 9 teachers will continue to instruct. If there are midterms, it may occur during that week - but not given. Up to teachers to see where they are at.
 - i. All schools across the division are doing the same thing.

- j. Tomorrow (Tuesday 21 November) they will send out a parent messenger regarding this issue.
- Student support through teacher prep time
 - k. Grade 9 and possibly grade 10 students - might see an extra teacher in their Saber support class. Placing them into a class to offer extra support in a grade 9 or 10 class with a grade 9 teacher. Never done this before. Started it this past week. Teachers now work with a little smaller group. Give stronger intervention and support to facilitate the success of students as best as they can.
- Attendance letters
 - l. Attendance letters went out this week to parents for students that had 20% or more unverified absences.
 - m. Absence numbers per grade:
 - Grade 9: 73
 - Grade 10: 84
 - Grade 11: 71
 - Grade 12: 64
 - n. 2nd semester letters will go out again in March / April / May.
 - o. The school finds that students are being dropped off according to the parent, but they do not always go to class.
 - p. Finding that sending a letter to be successful - more student participation, parents are aware and can figure out where support is needed.
 - q. Another batch to be sent in December for semester 1.
- Update on Sabre Support
 - a. Grade 9 students took a little bit of time figuring out their new schedule, but teachers helped direct kids to the right classrooms.
 - b. Schedule as follows: Grade 9's free day is now on Thursday. Monday is period 3, Tuesday is period 4, Wednesday is period 5 and Friday is period 2.
 - c. Saber Support starts at 8:45 - mandatory for Grade 9 to attend. There is 10 min leeway from 8:45 till 8:55am. After 8:55am - not allowing anybody else to enter. This prevents unnecessary interruptions and disrupting teaching and support time.

- d. Students arriving after cut-off time can wait inside the front entrance. Anyone arriving at the gym door is instructed to go to the front door.
- Drama presentation - December 1-4, December 8-10
 - a. The Radium Girls
 - b. Dress Rehearsal 31 Nov- certain schools invited. Can only accommodate 90 seats. Buck Lake and Pigeon Lake first pick
- Music Christmas concert - December 12th @ 7:00 music room

6. New Business: No new business

7. Next Meeting: Monday, January 22nd, 2024 @ 7pm via Google Meet. Future meeting dates: Feb 26/24, Mar 18/24, Apr 22/24 and May 27/24 (Mondays).

8. Adjournment: Krististine Belbeck made a motion to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Wetaskiwin Composite High School Parent Association
Casino Account Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 20th, 2023 @ 7:30pm via Google Meets
7:36pm called order

ATTENDEES: Heather Rasmuson (Chairperson), Deanna Didriksen (Casino Representative), Sanet Dippenaar (Secretary), Kristine Belbeck (Vice Chairperson), Kristen Moore, Jenn Tabler, Marsha Merchant

1. **Meeting called to order** at 7:36pm by Heather Rasmuson
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved presented with no additions
3. **Approval of Minutes:** No previous minutes to approve.
4. **Financial Statement** [2023 WCHS Parent Council Casino Account Statement](#)
 - a. Tanya prepared financial statements. She asked AGLC to change the reporting period to line up with year end reporting to make handing this in easier.
 - b. Heather attached a financial summary and updated bank statements in chat for all to look at. Heather went through our account statement and explained all income and expenses.
 - c. Almost managed to spend all of our casino money.
 - d. Date for next casino: Quarter 4 of 2024. The income from that casino will be deposited into the account beginning of 2025.
 - e. Kristine Belbeck put a motion forward to accept the financial report as presented. Deanna Didriksen seconded. Motion carried with all hands raised in favor.
5. **New Business:** No new business
6. **Adjournment:** Kristine Belbeck made a motion to adjourn .
Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.