

Wetaskiwin Composite High School Parent Council
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 26th, 2024 @ 7:00pm via Google Meets

Attendees: Karen Elgert, Lynn Ware, Heather Rasmuson, Sanet Dippenaar, Kristine Belbeck, Deanna Didriksen, Vicki, Jenn Tabler, Karla Whitehead, Jennifer Shuffler, Hiyoko Gacha

1. **Call to Order:** Heather Rasmuson called meeting to order at 7:01

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 was approved as presented.

4. **Approval of Minutes [2024 Jan 29 Minutes](#)**

Heather gave attendees the opportunity to read through the Minutes of the January 29, 2024 meeting.

Correcting spelling of new in house supply teachers: Jaylin Hebert and Adam

Motion to approve minutes: Kristine Belbeck

Seconded: Dianna Didriksen

Approved as presented with corrections.

5. **Reports**

○ **School Board Representative - Lynn Ware**

- Round 1: School consultations completed regarding proposed school upgrades/ consolidations/closures and repurposing of buildings completed
- Round 2: Coffee house meetings to commence
- Budget: 3 sample budgets to discuss different scenarios - first time that they are able to take deeper dive with 3 different options
- Inclement weather policy emphasized again

- Facilities: 4 year air quality testing program in place and commencing.
 - Feb. 29, 2024: Provincial budget announcement - probably not approved for much in this division. Most alarming is possible changes to the local authority selection act. Selection is currently non-partisan - they want to change it to have a political party represented by the candidates. Lynn Ware is not in agreement with this proposed change as it doesn't always put the best candidate with a heart for education on the board.
 - All WRPS Board Meetings are posted on website
- Student Council Representative - Mrs. Elgert
 - January more quiet
 - Jersey day / Pizza day (raised \$200)
 - February - candy grams for valentines / celebrity day / pink shirt day up and coming
 - **Administrator's Report - Karen Elgert**
 February slow month for reporting
 - In house supply teachers
 - Jaylin Hebert and Adam Durose
 - Wonderful addition - they are almost solidly booked
 - When not booked to sub, they go in to different Grade 9 classes for extra help
 - New office staff
 - 2 new staff
 - Internal add for admin assistants:
 - Deb Hill at Outreach
 - Olyvia McCloud front office - oversee / lead admin assistant
 - Helen Bye front office
 - Sabre Support- second semester
 - Going well, lots of students coming in for support
 - 3 rooms open for independent work
 - Phys ed open and different core courses

Q: Hiyoko Gacha asked about extra support for her child who is struggling currently. Mrs. Elgert encouraged Hiyoko to set up a meeting with her first thing the next day so that they can put together the best support plan for the circumstances.

- Grade 8 transitions to WCHS
 - Getting ready to do presentations - grade 9 team under lead of Jodi Bodner to go visit feeder schools March and April transitioning feeder schools and meeting with students
- Timetabling/scheduling
 - Starting to work on scheduling for September now
 - Mr. Wilmott going to inservice to help with timetabling
 - Admins are having conversations about course offering etc. and looking at staff compliment
 - Course guides being filled out by new students and existing students
 - Complicated process
- Attendance letters - out before spring break
 - Will be send out before spring break
 - Other than phone call, students missing class parent will receive a letter to try and help these students
- Grade 12's/grad
 - 205 registered Grade 12 students
 - 5 of those returning/upgrading students
 - 200 grade 12 students potentially to graduate/ not all will be graduating as some will need more credits.
 - Grade 11 parents should have received letter to ask for volunteers for Dinner & Dance
 - The school is working with Grad Parent Committee to get dinner dance communications out
- Academic achievement: 6 Grade 12 students have achieved 100% on diploma exams: 4 in Physics / 1 in Math 30-1 and 1 in Biology 30

6. New Business: no new business

7. Next Meeting: Monday, March 18th, 2024 @ 7pm via Google Meet. Future meeting dates: Apr 22/24 and May 27/24 (Mondays).

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting: Kristine Belbeck

Seconded:Deanna Didriksen

Meeting adjourned at:7:29pm

Wetaskiwin Composite High School Parent Association
Casino Account Meeting Agenda
Monday, February 26th, 2024 @ 7:30pm via Google Meets

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Meeting called to order at 7:30pm. Agenda approved as presented with no changes.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** No new meeting minutes.
3. **Parent Council Funds**
 - a. Balance as of January 18th, 2024: \$4,799.93
\$1 parent council fee charged yearly to all students to keep funds going.
 - i. Up to \$2000 previously approved for spending on a scooter rack (Nov 29/22) - in progress. Facilities need to install a part so that the project can continue.
 - ii. Approx \$2799 remaining. Breakfast club donation \$500 - \$1000 needed for food.
Kristine Belbeck made a motion to provide \$1000 to the Breakfast Club so that they continue to provide breakfast to students. Motion seconded by Sanet Dippenaar.
Motion carried as presented.
 - iii. Casino money: Not all have been spent, and also some money still needs to be used by the organizations that requested money and got approval. Tanya Klapstein has been keeping track of that.
 - iv. Next casino in quarter 4 of 2024 tentatively
4. **New Business:** No new business
5. **Adjournment:** Kristine Belbeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Deanna Didriksen. Adjourned at 7:35pm