Wetaskiwin Composite High School
PAC Meeting
October 19, 2017

Attendance:

Kathy Leith	Kim Stashko	Barb Johnson
Lori Hannay	Helen Bye	Nikole Buwalda
Shawn Willmott	Tara Dickau	Kris Denney
Rose Briand	Sharlee Crawford	

1. Minutes from Sept. 14/17
    - Kathy motioned to accept minutes, seconded by Helen.
2. **Business Arising:**
    - Modernization
        - Drainage issue has been discovered on the Southside of the building
        - Work is scheduled to start as soon as possible
        - All other work has been completed
3. **Reports:**
    i. **Trustees' (Barb Johnson)**
        - 4 new trustees will be sworn in next week
        - Changes may happen to the rep for the schools once everyone meets

    ii. **Student Council (Jeanette Simpson)**
        - Still looking to get the student co-chairs to attend PAC meeting and present this report
        - 700 hot dogs, chips and pop went over the 45minute lunch
        - Had a blood drive – 15 people donated including students
            - Next one will be March 7th
            - The number is WETA241603 for donations
            - There is a "contest" going on so we get credit if this number is used when people donate at any time during the year
        - Pumpkin spice latte and muffin day – raised $120
        - 'Jeans' pool upcoming
        - Flannel day today
        - Pumpkin carving is coming Oct.26
        - Lunch Costume Parade on Oct. 31 as well as a pep rally
        - Remembrance Day ceremony is upcoming – theme will be home-coming

    iii. **Administrator's (Kris Denney)**
        - If there is anything that you would like to have discussed at the meetings give Kris Denney a heads-up and he will be sure to add it to the agenda
            I. Nov. 3 – awards night
                - 2 agricultural awards will NOT be handed out due to there being no applicants
                - Business/sports award was also not handed out
                - New award – memorial award with a teaching component (next year)

        - 2 awards will be depleted and will not be awarded any longer after this year

    II. Takihashi Project –
        - Different from Oshoro
        - High school students or university students
        - Trying to partner to inform North Americans about Japan
        - Offered to different schools – we were offered it for this year
        - Japanese Delegation will pay for things – it is a study trip
        - Spending money is all that the students will need
        - 26 Students from grade 10 and 11 applied and their applications were sent in – only 13 will be selected (there will be a wait list of 5) – 2 chaperons will also go
        - Trip will happen on Feb. 5 – 13

- 920 students
    - 200 – grade 9
    - 231 – grade 10
    - 242 – grade 11
    - 247 – grade 12
- <u>Staffing:</u>
    - 53 teachers
    - 17 EA
    - 5 Admin
    - 1 librarian
    - 6 LST/Councillors

    III. <u>Grade 9 Initiatives</u>

        a) <u>Literacy:</u>
            - Student assessment
                - Writing – 58% benchmarked
                - Comprehension – 50% benchmarked
                - Reading
            - All students write this test
            - Prepares them for PATS
            - Tests will be written three times a year
                - First test is a snap shot
                - Second will be used as a mark – like a midterm
                - Third will be used at the end of the year
            - Will track progress

        b) <u>Teacher Advisory: Grade 9</u>
            - Flex block for grade 9 is TEACHER ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)
                - Personal learning ie. Goal setting, study skills, ect.
                - Monitoring academic achievement ie. Organization, study skills
                - Communication ie. Relationship building (mentoring)
            - Using this time to prepare them for grade 10 and beyond

- Look to differentiate the programming during this time so that ALL students get something out of this time
- Making changes as we go to make the best of this time

c) Grade 9 Comments:
- Should the grade 9 class be segregated?
- There is a larger adult presence in the grade 9 hallway due to some seen issues
- Listening to parent feedback and working to address issues brought forward

d) Parent/Teacher interviews
- Letters were sent out
- Reminder phone calls were made

e) Student/Parent survey
- Will be happening during the P/T interviews
- Student ones will be sent directly to them through their school emails
- Will be posted on the website

f) Parent Council Funds
- $3832.40 – in the account
- Charging station was suggested but there is a lot of places that the students are able to charge their devices at
- Suggestions for the funds:
  - ✓ More available seating around both interior and exterior of the building for students
  - ✓ Coffee loft equipment
  - ✓ Students union BBQ needs repairs or replacement
  - ✓ Think about what would be best and look to plan for later

➢ **Upcoming Events:**
- Oct. 25/26 – Parent/teacher interviews
- Oct. 27 – fine arts night
- Oct. 31 – Pep Rally
- Nov. 3 – award nights
- Nov. 9 – Remembrance Day ceremony

4. **New Business:**
   - Could calendar but updated for all sports?
   - Meeting dates

     Nov. 16 Jan. 18 Feb. 15 Mar. 15 May 17
5. Correspondence - None
6. Adjourned 8:52pm

Next meeting November 16, 2017 @ 7:00pm