

Wetaskiwin Composite High School Parent Council
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 22nd, 2024 @ 7:00pm via Google Meets
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Attendees: Heather Rasmuson, Karen Elgert, Sanet Dippenaar, Lynn Ware, Deanna Didriksen, Kristine Belbeck, Jeremy Belbeck, Jennifer Shuffler, Violette Giesbrecht, Karla whitehead, Denni Speth, Kathryn Weremy, Marcha Merchant

1. **Call to Order** - Heather called the meeting to order at 7pm

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 as presented.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes not available yet.

5. **Reports**

- **School Board Representative - Lynn Ware**
 - Went over Foundational Statements
 - Had an educational evaluation meeting - presentation on mental health supports was made. The jurisdiction is doing much better in that area.
 - There are some Principle changes happening for the new school year: Melissa Humbey to Outreach replacing Jon Meyers.
 - A survey link on cell phone use in schools has been sent out

- **Student Council Representative - Karen Elgert for Stacey Palmer**
 - April events: Crazy Hair Day and Free Brown "E", Dress like a runway model

- Wed/Thu(24/25 Apr)bake sale - proceeds go to About Face and PCRF (Palestine Children Relief Fund)
- Preparing for Spring Carnival May 30th at lunch time
- **Administrator's Report - Karen Elgert**
 - [IMR Report](#)
Report embedded in Minutes - Infrastructure Maintenance Report. 5 year reports. Show what was worked on over the last 5 years, Each individual school received its own to share.
 - [CMR Report](#)
Capital Maintenance Report embedded in minutes.
 - [Summer School 2024](#)
 - Shawn Willmot overseeing Summer School and available to answer questions
 - The imbedded link will take you to the webpage with all the information and how to register
 - Life Saving Course Deadline Registration - May 1st
 - All Other Courses Registration Deadline - May 31st
 - 140-180 students depending on season enrolls in summer school
 - All available courses laid out on the website. Varies year to year
 - Youth Forum - May 13th at the Lakedell Ag. Society
 - Students form every school and all ages invited to attend
 - WCHS will send 8 students
 - Picked up at school and taken there for 2 hours. Lunch provided.
 - The purpose is for students' voices to be heard about their experiences as rural Alberta students and have their perspective.
 - Fine Arts Fusion - May 27th at the 4H Alberta Centre near Westeros (Grades 7-8)
 - 476 students to go there for the entire day
 - Teachers from WCHS involved
 - Exposing Grade 7-8 to what is available at different high schools
 - Grad Update - Wednesday, June 26th: Convocation (Cap & Gown Ceremony)
 - Planning going well
 - Ticket sales: April 29th till June 7th to purchase tickets for convocation.

- 4 tickets per family/ \$15 per ticket
- Reminders will be sent out between June 3-7
- June 10th to 18th - extra tickets will go on sale. First come first serve basis
- Gown orders have been sent off
- 1000 seats available at Convocation according to fire code
- Under 170 graduating. More specific at next meeting
- All Grade 12 students can go to Dinner/Dance
- May 3rd - June 2nd Dinner Dance tickets on sale.
- Final Exam Schedule - Will be posted by April 30th on the WCHS website
- [2024-25 Bell Schedule](#)
 - Bell schedule updated - information imbedded in minutes
 - WCHS most changes - all schools have changes to develop best educational opportunities
 - Warning Bell now at 8:35am
 - Sabre support not First period anymore
 - All classes 68min with 4 min break between classes
 - 3 periods in the morning and 2 after lunch = 5 periods of actual class time.
 - Lunch now 49min - extra support for students during this time, use for extra time for humanities exams
 - Allow for good consistency within division
- [New Course Offerings for 2024-25](#)
 - 19 new electives
 - See embedded document link
 - Have more time on timetable
- Staffing updates:
 - EA Marinda Scarlett is moving on May 2nd
 - One Front office staff leaving on 3 May to go back to Camrose
- Sabre support - reworking where Sabre support will fit into the new bell schedule. There will be support offered, just not sure exactly where and how.

6. New Business No new business

7. Next Meeting: Monday, Monday, May 27th, 2024 at 7pm

8. Adjournment: Deanna Didriksen made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm