

Wetaskiwin Composite High School Parent Council
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 22nd, 2024 @ 7:00pm via Google Meets

ATTENDEES: Karen Elgert, Heather Rasmuson, Sanet Dippenaar, Deanna Didriksen, Kristine Belbeck, Barb Johnson, Violetta, Vicky Matyanka, Ombre Puenko (I), Nina & Dariusz Pfeil, Karla Whitehead, Kristen Ryan, Marcha Merchant, Melanie, Vicki

1. Call to Order

Heather Rasmuson called meeting to order at 7:01pm

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 attached to the meeting invite. The Parent Association meeting is postponed to next month - we are waiting for final proposal information and documentation to be prepared regarding a funding request. Agenda for the Regular Parent Council Meeting for 22 January 2024 approved as presented.

4. Approval of Minutes [2023 November 24 Minutes](#)

Motion to approve the Minutes of 2023 November 24 Minutes made by Kristine Belbeck.

Seconded: Deanna Didriksen

Motion carried and minutes approved

5. Reports

- **School Board Representative -Barb Johnson** standing in for Lynn Ware
 - Lynn sends regrets - she is scheduled to meet the Falun School community parents tonight.
 - WRPS experienced school closures and bus route cancellations this past month due to the extreme cold weather. Parents can familiarize themselves with the WRPS Extreme Weather and School Closure policies on the website.

- WRPS Board meetings are published on their website
 - The Board is still in the policy development and reviewing process.
 - Parents are asked to participate in the parent surveys they are putting out regarding certain policies.
 - Participation by parents in school community consultations has been going well.
 - Big decisions need to be made across the division, and the board is hoping to get good community participation and support.
 - At least one school within city limits will have to be closed based on occupancy rates.
 - Amalgamation of school communities is another solution that is being looked at. The board is still working out the details regarding how boundaries and school of choice are impacting the proposed changes.
 - They are hoping to repurpose one of the school buildings to accommodate a Mental Health & Wellness centre. A MCHB team will be housed there - all the support staff and services in one place to support students better.
 - Looking how to utilize existing facilities as best possible.
 - Announcement regarding decision about restructuring schools will be made middle to end of February.
 - Parent Information Meeting at WCHS on the 30th of January in the big gym at 6pm.
- **Student Council Representative - Karen Elgert** for Mrs. Stacey Palmer
 - Money was raised and items collected to fill 10 backpacks for the NOW backpack program.
 - An additional \$300 was raised and used to purchase gift cards for NOW as well
 - With final exams in January, they are having a quieter month in regards to activities
 - A successful "Jersey Day" was hosted and the Pizza fundraiser was sold out.
 - Candy-grams will be available in February for Valentines day.
- **Administrator's Report - Karen Elgert**
 - Administrative procedures (AP) linked in for all to see. Not going to go through every AP. Some procedures needed updating and a few new ones were added.
 - If you want to comment or discuss any of the AP'ss, please email Karen at karen.elgert@wrps11.ca

- Barb Johnson explained that some AP's needed reviewin, some became redundant. They are working on reforming some AP's to fit in with division policy. Currently working on parental rights regarding sexual identity and parent info / parent delegations.
- All policies are available of the WRPS website and they are also linked in the Meeting Agenda for this meeting and will be linked in the Meeting minutes.
- WCHS Staff had a meeting on the snow day to go through all the AP's. The Department Heads had a meeting last week to look at it a second time and ask questions.
- **Administrative procedures:**
- [Calendar Consultation 2024-25](#)

Calender proposal has been sent out to staff for feedback. Principles were asked to send out to parent councils to give feedback. Barb shared that the WRPS Board received feedback that 52% did not like the November break. Parent council can send Calender feedback to Karen by 31 January 2024. Parents attending tonight please email responses to parent council address and it will be passed on to Karen.

[AP 143 DRAFT REVISIONS Social Media Usage](#)

[AP 177 DRAFT Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity](#)

[AP 178 DRAFT Student Names](#)

[AP 219 Special Projects](#)

[AP 316 DRAFT Head Lice](#)

[AP 317 DRAFT Bed Bugs](#)

[AP 407 DRAFT Teachers Professional Learning Funds](#)

- End of semester exams
 - Started today with Math. There are exams every day.
 - Schedules posted online and on bulletin boards
 - First time Garde 9 continuing to go to school - PAT's for them is in June.
 - Timetable a little tricky to get everyone in the correct rooms for exams and class as the gym is being used by a basketball tournament this weekend.
 - Grade 10-12: Only report absences if they are missing an exam. Grade 9 - report absences as normal.
 - Exams completed on Tuesday 30 January and First Day of Semester 2: Wednesday, 31 January 2024.
 - Sabre support only starting on February 12 again

- Grade 9's and classes
 - Continuously running up until start of semester 2
- Staffing update
 - 2nd semester - 2 new supply teachers joining as internal subs until June. The following teachers will be joining the team in those positions: Jaylin Hebert and Adam Durose.
 - On an average 1-3 people need subs per week. In the past the school used department heads / teachers on spares/ student services / admins to help cover sub shortage. If only one of the supply teachers are needed, the other one will go to support a Grade 9 class (like math and language arts) alongside the regular teacher.
 - Kristine Breitreitz (Student Services) accepted a new job and is leaving on February 2nd. Still looking for a replacement. Very thankful for all she has contributed to the school.
- Grad photos - February 6-9
 - Booking online
 - Caps and gowns available at the session for grads to use.
 - Caps and Gowns for convocation will be available to be ordered by the end of March. Each grad orders their own and keeps it.

QUESTION: How many grade 12 students in class of 2024 and how many are graduating? Karen will send those numbers to Heather Rasmuson.

- Update: Dinner Dance: 22 June 2024 and all Grade 12 students will receive an invitation.
- Convocation (Cap & Gown ceremony): 26 June 2024 and only for those Grade 12 students that are graduating.

6. New Business No new business

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

8. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm
Motion: Deanna Didriksen