

Wetaskiwin Composite High School
PAC Meeting
October 18, 2018

Attendance:

Kim Stashko	Cindy Roy	Crystal Larson
Nikole Buwalda	Leanne Axelsen	Shawn Willmott
Amanda Dick	Kris Denney	Hilda Beerwort
Rose Briand	Emily Briand	Hoyi Ma
Heather Rasmuson	Melanie Krause	Melanie Strick

1. Called to order 7:01pm by Cindy Roy
2. Minutes from September 20, 2018

Kim Stashko motioned to accept the minutes from September 20, 2018, seconded by Hilda Beerwort.

3. Business Arising:
 - none
4. Reports:
 - i. **Trustees' (Leanne Axelsen)**
 - Leanne is back as the trustee rep for the high school for the year
 - Job embedded collaboration days are up and running
 - Board retreat – focus on increasing the rate of high school completion
 - Mental health, unstable home environments, food safety, etc play into completion rates
 - Very difficult to measure and control
 - When students feel safe and cared for, with supports when needed, they tend to stay and complete school.
 - Completion impacts entire district in that, if a student doesn't complete each grade they will not complete high school
 - District is about 10% lower than the provincial rate of completion
 - Role of the board – foundational policy – was reviewed and updated
 - Down to one page – from the original eight
 - Has not been officially adopted
 - A lot that needed to be updated, over 20 years since the last update
 - ii. **Student Council (Darren Damone)**
 - Students were present – Emily and Hoyi and did the presentation
 - Communication is still in the works – making it more affective
 - Sept. 27 – pep rally
 - Handed out Tim's cards to 10 students that were nominated by staff for citizenship
 - Oct. 1 orange shirt day - \$60 was raised
 - Oct. 2018 – collecting socks
 - Pumpkin spice day
 - Pink shirt day
 - Oct.30 – pumpkin carving
 - Halloween – costume contest and trick or treating between classes

- Pumpkin smash – will happen Nov. 1 - \$1/smash
- iii. **Dual Credits strategies (Theresa Armstrong)**
 - Theresa is a District Principal
 - Using this kind of program to help with high school completion rate
 - Get credit for both high school and college courses at the same time
 - Credits for college will be transferable to other institutions
 - **Green certificate (1975)**
 - Up to 16 credit
 - Agricultural studies –
 - 3 stages of completion – 5 credits, next 5 credits and final 6 credits
 - Hands on and practical for those that are looking to continue in agricultural studies
 - **RAP program**
 - Apprenticeship program
 - Typical trades – welding, construction, mechanics, ect
 - Puts them ahead of the program and don't have to take as much time to complete their trade tickets after high school
 - **Business Administration:**
 - Gives them a semester of post secondary in business administration
 - Runs with NorQuest
 - Makes sure that these courses are transferable to other institutions
 - Many different skills acquired and jobs that they would be able to look at attaining
 - What will this look like
 - Starting January 2019 for registration only and starting the program in the following year
 - 15 – 20 credits in a semester
 - Online access as well as set times to connect with instructors – access with instructors outside of class time
 - Will be partnering with NorQuest Edmonton – looking at using the local NorQuest
 - NorQuest - \$2800/semester
 - ✓ Is a two year program
 - ✓ Unsure of what the fees will be
 - ✓ Most likely need to cover material fees but tuition will be covered – which saves the students the first semester of tuition
 - ✓ Looking to make sure that the courses taken are transferable to other institutions
 - ✓ Will need to ensure that students are taking the proper high school courses that they need for getting into diploma vs. degree at post secondary institutions
 - Looking to get a WRPS dual credit application form to ensure that these students will fit and complete the program, as well as the NorQuest dual credit application form to be accepted into the program

- Alberta Learning Information Service (ALIS) is a good resource for students and parents to make sure that they have accurate information about post secondary requirements
- There are future possibilities for other courses that are offered through NorQuest
- Nov. 28th parent engagement night
- My Blueprint is a career investigation website – myblueprint.ca (access code is Wetaskiwin)

iv. Administrator's (Kris Denney)

1. Awards Night – November 2nd
 - Students receiving awards will have the invite mailed to them
2. Parent/Teacher Interviews
 - Can book times online
 - 10 minute time slots so if you need more time please email the teacher and book a time that will work for both parties
3. Student and Parent Survey
 - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week
 - Survey about the PE department
 - Survey about the dual credit to get the best insight into what programs students would be interested in taking
 - Parent survey will be coming later in this year
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Nov. 1 – fine arts night
 - ELAA (Post-secondary night) – Nov. 20
- Upcoming Agenda for Parent meetings
 - October: School goals and utilization of collaboration days
 - November: School results
 - December: School Updates
 - January: High School Redesign Update
 - February: Semester 1 summary
 - March: 2019-2020 planning
 - May: Year Wrap
5. **New Business:**
 - No new business
- Meeting dates

Oct. 18	Nov. 15	Jan. 24	Feb. 21	Apr. 11	May 30
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6. Correspondence - None

7. Adjourned 7:59pm

Next meeting November 15, 2018 @ 7:00pm

Casino Minutes
Oct. 18, 2018

Meeting called 8:00pm

Received monies in Feb. 2018 and still have \$6134.80

Casino is usually every two years. Next Casino is looking to be the year of 2020

1. Micro-mini T-shirt launcher:

- Mr. Hetlinger proposed
- \$804 for total cost

Kim Stashko made a motion that we approve the proposal from Mr. Hetlinger for the T-shirt launcher, seconded by Hilda Beerwort. All approved

Meeting Adjourned 8:04pm