



Wetaskiwin Composite High School

School Council

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Wednesday, November 25th @ 7:00 pm.

Minutes

1. Welcome and opening remarks
2. One last call for the establishment of a School Council for the 2020-2021 School Year
 - i. Election of Officials
 1. Chairperson: Heather Rasmuson
 2. Vice Chairperson: Steve Bredlow
 3. Secretary: Myra Maciborsky
3. Minutes from previous meeting:
4. Meeting Dates for 2020-2021
 - August 26, 2020, October 7, 2020, November 25, 2020, January 28, 2021, February 25, 2021, April 22, 2021, May 27, 2021
5. Reports
 - School Board Representative – Leanne Axelsen
 - i. Many changes are taking place with the temporary school shut down due to COVID-19
 - ii. What will the board do to shore up the fiscal shortfall? Division has made it so that reserves will cover the shortfall. Auto insurance is becoming very expensive for our busses. The School Division is working hard to find savings wherever possible.
 - Student Council Representative – Darren Demone
 - i. Students' Union is working on school spirit without having a mass gathering.
 - ii. Scavenger hunt this week for a coffee card at Beans
 - iii. Sabre wear day on Friday, November 27th.
 - Administrator's Report - Kris Denney
 - i. Overall School Update
 1. Ms. Gambier is taking over for Mrs. Cox in the Social Studies Department
 2. New admin assistant has been hired: Kari Baker



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3. Two new educational assistants have been hired: Mrs. Tessier and Mrs. Frebel
 4. Enrollment at WCHS: 782 students registered at the school
 5. At-home Learning: 53 of our students have opted for this program
 6. Quarter 1 marks and comments were made available last week to parents
- ii. School Goals
1. Our main school goal is high school completion. With COVID-19, some students may need to spend an extra semester or additional year to make up some courses missed due to the pandemic.
- iii. Covid Protocols
1. Question and Answer
 - a. Are school busses affected when we have a quarantine? Yes, when a student is positive on the bus, the students who sit around the infected student are also quarantined. Alberta Health Services dictates this.
- iv. Lunch Break for Students: Parent Discussion
1. AHS inspected our school after an outbreak occurred. One recommendation was regarding the number of students who were congregating during lunchtime. We will be tabling this item at our next meeting to get feedback from parents.
- v. Online Learning
1. Runs from November 30 to December 18
 2. Continues from January 4 to 8
 3. Students return on Monday, January 11
 4. Students will finish off their courses at school
 5. Grade 12 diplomas are optional this year. Very few students wrote diploma exams last quarter. Only 17 students wrote the exams.
 6. There will be no provincial achievement tests (PATs) in January. With two Grade 9 classes quarantining, and several busses not running in some areas for 3 weeks, we made the decision to cancel.



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7. Some schools are exempt from the shut down: Outreach schools, colony schools and system program classes. We have three system program classes: GOALS, assisted life skills (ALS) and remedial life skills (RLS).
 8. We are not cancelling any option classes. Teachers have been preparing for these courses in the event that online learning becomes a reality. This includes physical education, foods, welding, cosmetology, etc. Students will be working on modules dealing with course theory.
 9. Routines: We want students to have a daily routine to get online with their classes. Classes will begin at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Students are expected to sign into a Google Meet at the start of each class. Attendance will be taken daily.
 10. Teachers will be expecting students to be available for the 2-hour class time. Students won't necessarily be on a Google Meet the whole time, but they will be expected to work during this time.
- New Business
 - i.
 - Next meeting: January 27, 2021
6. Adjournment