

Wetaskiwin Composite High School Council
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 24th, 2022 @ 7:00 pm via Google Meet

Attendees: Kristine Belbeck, Karen Elgert, Candice Elliot, Jennifer Shuffler, Vicki Weimer, Nicole Goodrich, Allison Sherrer, John Tomkinson, Laura White, Jonathan Meyers, Tracey Bredlow, Heather Rasmuson, Cory Rasmuson, Corazon Santos, Jeremy Belbeck, James

- 1. Welcome and Opening Remarks:** Heather Rasmuson opened the meeting at 7:04pm and welcomed everyone attending.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Heather Rasmuson reviewed the agenda as presented. Agenda for tonight was approved with no further additions.
- 3. Approval of minutes:** Heather Rasmuson shared a link to the minutes from the November 22, 2021 meeting.
 - a. Motion: To approve the minutes of the regular school council meeting held on November 22, 2021.
 - i. Motion made by: Kristine Belbeck
 - ii. Seconded: Cory Rasmuson
 - iii. Minutes of the regular school council meeting held on November 22, 2021 were approved.
- 4. Reports:**
 - a. School Board Representative - Laura White**
 - i. School board's meeting was last week.
 - ii. The summer school program is in the planning stages and will be held again in 2022.
 - iii. Curriculum updates for K-6 in Math, LA, PE & Health will be announced in March.
 - iv. 2022/23 School Calendar consultations are underway. Interested parties are encouraged to fill out the survey on the WCHS website.
 - v. Board has been touring schools in the area. So far, they have been at Alder Flats, Buck Mountain and Winfield.
 - vi. Facility issues - Asbestos concerns at Pipestone School are being addressed. There was also asbestos found in the air handling system at Norwood, but have been advised not to disrupt it.

- vii. Question from K. Belbeck on location of summer school. Answer: Classes will be held in person at the Wetaskiwin Comp with the option of online attendance.

b. Student Council Representative - Karen Elgert for Tara Billingsley:

- i. Student Council has had a late start in 2022 due to the extended Christmas break. They will be meeting again at the beginning of next semester.
- ii. They planned a number of activities and events leading up to Christmas, including candy grams, wrap it up contest, wreath toss, ugly sweater contest, hot chocolate and cookies day, scavenger hunt, and fancy day. The celebrations were a great success.
- iii. A giant tree was decorated in the atrium.

c. Administrator's Report - Karen Elgert:

- Staffing update
 - There were a number of staff changes in January. Mr. Benjamin Muser took over for Ms. Jenna Gambier in the fall but he is now returning to Buck Mountain School. Ms. Margit Warner is the new teacher in the social department.
 - Ms. Bailey Wassing will also be moving to Buck Mountain School.
 - Admin Assistant Ms. Tatianna Berizan is leaving and interviews are being conducted to fill the position.
 - Ms. Amber Gouin from Clear Vista is filling in while Mrs. Katie Boeve is on leave.
 - Mrs. Melissa Cox is returning from mat leave.
 - Ms. Miriam de Goeij is staying on with the music department for semester 2.
- Outreach/students
 - Mr. Meyers is leading the 9/10 team and Mr. Willmott the 11/12 team.
 - Students with attendance issues have been identified. The school is working with them to understand the problems and are offering outreach support where needed. About 35 new intakes will be moving to outreach and another 15-20

students will be just doing one class or so. Outreach supports between 300-500 students.

- Outreach teachers Mr. Bailer and Mrs. Hildebrandt supported S1 floater classes including CALM, psychology, sociology and forensics. Mrs. Melissa Cox will be doing S2 option classes.
- COVID
 - A number of staff were away the first week back after Christmas break due to COVID. Staffing levels have improved this week. Staff have been working to cover some of the shortages internally.
 - COVID quick tests and masks have been distributed to students.
 - Families have been very good about isolating when required. Designated areas have been set up for lunch for individuals who are required to eat alone after returning from required COVID isolation.
- CRM
 - The collaborative response model will be discussed at meetings on Jan 31st. Mr. Meyers, Mrs. Elgert & Mr. Willmott have been working with a consultant, Marilyn Schmidke. Mr. Meyers is the lead on this regarding student interventions.
 - The team has been working with collaboration with staff and hopes to expand the program to the other high schools.
- Hats/Toques
 - The school's policy on hats and toques has been a source of negative interaction between students and staff. Enforcement has been difficult. Administration has asked for feedback on the issue from other schools. Not many are enforcing the policy at this time. WCHS may be moving to remove restrictions at their next staff meeting. They will discuss allowing students to wear appropriate hats and toques inside the school. Wearing hoodies up and bandanas will still not be permitted.

- Question on grad planning from H. Rasmuson. Response: Grad is still a go for Tues, June 28th. The last scheduled exam is Physics 30 the morning of Monday, June 27th. The Drill Hall has been booked for the ceremony and gowns have been ordered. Students are required to meet requirements of graduation to participate. Tara Gillow is heading up the grad parents group and is in need of many more volunteers.

5. New Business: No new business.

6. Next Meeting: Monday, March 7th, 2022 @ 7:00 pm via Google Meets. Future meeting dates: Apr 25/22 & May 30/22.

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm. Motion made by John Tomkinson.