

Wetaskiwin Composite High School Council
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 30th, 2022 @ 7:00 pm via Google Meet

ATTENDEES: Mrs. Karen Elgert (Principal), Mr. Shawn Willmott (Vice Principal), Tara Billingsley (Student Council Liaison), Laura White (WRPS School Board), Heather Rasmuson (Chairperson), Sanet Dippenaar (Secretary), Deanna Didriksen (Casino Chairperson), Tricia Friessen, Melanie Krause, Jennifer Shuffler, Vitlana Boykos, Nichol Goodrich, Denni Speth, Crystal Larson, Candice Elliott

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Heather Rasmuson opened the meeting at 7:00pm. Minutes of April 25, 2022 meeting and Agenda for tonight's meeting attached in the chat box.

2. Approval of Agenda

Heather Rasmuson reviewed the agenda as presented. Agenda for tonight was approved with Mrs. Elgert adding a Graduation Update under Administrator's Report.

3. Approval of Minutes

Heather Rasmuson shared a link to the minutes from the April 2022 meeting. Motion: To approve the minutes of the regular school council meeting held on April 25, 2022.

- a. Motion made by: Sanet Dippenaar
- b. Minutes of the regular school council meeting held on April 25, 2022 was approved.

4. Reports:

a. School Board Representative - Laura White

There were two Trustees Board meetings this month:

May 10, 2022

- Gwynne students amalgamate with Clear Vista for staffing purposes.
- No report back yet from 3 year capital request.
- New Bussing Policy drawn up for unregistered students and buses not registered for particular stops. The Board will continue to allow the practice, but the policy has been updated to ensure more consistency and safety.

- Policy committee also revamped the school closure policy. Draft has been put out for staff and the public to comment on and give feedback. Update to match AB Ed policy better. Similar to Elk Island.

May 24:

- Board agreed to pay school council fees to be part of ASCA. \$400 to continue to be members of ASCA.
- Proposed budget was passed. The budget is not balanced - \$200,000.00 over budget. If things go as proposed, they will use \$200,000.00 of reserves. The budget includes \$1,000,000.00 in covid funding and \$2,000,000 in bridging funding. Not anticipating covid or bridging to continue. Close to a balanced budget.
- Board meetings can be watched on WRPS YouTube channel with a link found on the WRPS website. Surveys of Draft Policies can also be found on the website. Watch on link on wrps website. Student

b. Student Council Representative - Tara Billingsley

- Several Dress-up days and fun activities hosted by the Student Council - their aim was one a week throughout the school year.
- This upcoming Thursday: Spring Carnival.
 - Carnival Games and Karaoke machine.
 - Free BBQ hotdog, chips and water. Selling popcorn and cotton candy.
- Student Council Election coming up. There will be a vote for the president. Speeches in the gym before bbq. Voting on June 9th.

c. Administrator's Report - Karen Elgert

- Staffing Update
 - Mrs. Dawn Werner joining WCHS again - Success Coach Grade 11/12. Overseeing students that take GREEN, WRAP Certificate and Work Experience. She will meet with Grade 12's as they go through their final school year to help with future plans, applying for scholarships and bursaries. Assist with Tire 3 and Tier 4 interventions
 - Outreach will get a new staff member assigned to go out to the sites for work experience. This will streamline the process.
 - Switch in Alt Ed - Chris Kjos leaving for Clear Vista.
 - Alt Ed working only with 2 staff members: Shannaon Graham moving to GOALS and inclusion coach for Alt Ed. Cheryl Orr moves over to ALS combined RLS program.

- Mrs. McKinnon - going to be an inclusion coach, providing classroom support (Tier 1 and 2). She will also help teachers to determine the right Tier.
- Looking at changing names of RLS/ ALS. Not sure how this will look. Mr. Holtby will continue to work with Mrs. Elgert and Mr. Willmott. This is an opportunity to try something different and new.
- Kristine Breitzkreutz back at WCHS.
- There might be more movement in the division before the start of the 2022/2023 Academic year.

➤ [2022-23 Bell Schedule](#)

The 2022-23 Bell schedule is up on the website. No significant changes. 77min. Classroom time with 5 min to transition to next class. Lunch is 3 min shorter than what it was. Sabre Support is going to be part of the Collaborative Response Model (CRM). The shortened bell schedule will be followed when there are special activity days like the upcoming Spring Carnival. Special activity days are mostly student council initiatives, but could be other things as well.

➤ Registration

- Student registration went very well. Currently connecting with last minute students. Surrounding schools are coming to do tours with their outgoing grade 8's so that they have an idea what to expect when they attend next year as Grade 9 students. There will be another opportunity in the Fall for new students to tour the school before the start of classes.
- Some of the Grade 8 students from Sacred Heart are choosing to come over now for grade 9. Registration deadline for them is June 27th. Unfortunately they will not be accepted later, as the timetables are already established. Sacred Heart probably is not putting something out regarding this deadline, but it will be up on the WCHS website.
- Registrations from out of catchment like Pigeon Lake and Maskwacis will mostly go on the waiting list first until everyone that is within the jurisdiction is registered.
- Connection will be made with new students moving into Wetaskiwin to make sure there is room for all students in the jurisdiction.

➤ Collaborative Response Model (CRM) and Sabre Support

CRM

Team	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 & 2	CT Mtg	Supervision	School Intervention	Teacher Intervention	Supervision
3 & 4	School Intervention	CT Mtg	Supervision	Teacher Intervention	School Intervention
5 & 6	Supervision	School Intervention	CT Mtg	School Intervention	Teacher Intervention
Admin & St Ser				Supervision	

- The CRM works towards providing the best possible way to help and support students, especially those that struggle. Some of the things WCHS are doing are flex walks, essentials for Grade 9's, and seminars to support learning.
- For next year CT meetings will be embedded within the school day. Sabre Support will be included in the timetable. All staff will be involved to support students and will be divided into 6 teams.
- SEE EXAMPLE of SCHEDULE ABOVE:

On Mondays:

Team 1&2 will engage in CT Meeting focussing on common student issues across all subjects, working towards finding universal solutions for all.

Team 3&4 will head up in School Intervention: Grade appropriate classrooms will be open for example for English. Teachers, students themselves, or parents may sign a student up for classroom time for a specific subject. Students are not required to participate in School Intervention if they are sitting at 60% or higher, but they are allowed to sit in that space and work independently if they so choose. Students 60% or less will be signed up for a class to get extra help. Students that are in higher % may go into phys ed or learning commons if they want, and students that have alternate transport may choose to stay home until their first formal class.

Team 5&6 is on Supervision: staff members on these teams will be stationed throughout school to get students to the right places and to prevent a free for all in hallways. They will also help prevent students from hiding out in washrooms.

- Teams alternate responsibilities throughout the week.

- On Thursdays and Fridays there are Teacher Interventions scheduled. This is focussed individual help for one solo student or podded groups of students to help with specific struggles.
- This new strategy will probably not capture every student at risk, but hoping to capture most. The school is committing to this for 3 years to allow time to work out kinks. They are hoping to see significant strategies that are working. Focussing on core subjects at first, maybe add fabrication / art / music / drama later.
- This will be implemented on the schedule everyday for the first 33min of the day.
- Information on this new strategy will be included in the Newsletter to draw attention to it, as well as be posted on the website. A second information document will be sent out to parents once the teachers are back in August.
- The new strategy is hoping to include enrichment for strong students as well.

➤ Update from Mr. Willmott:

- 4 day schedule was confusing, changed for next year. Students and parents can keep track of programs and schedules on powerschool.
- The new strategy was introduced to the staff - this will be a new journey for everyone. The school that WCHS was in consultation with has been doing this for 6 years and it has been very successful.

➤ Cap and Gown Graduation Ceremony update:

- Planning and organization for this ceremony is going well. Can not speak for the dinner dance part, that is parent planned. Grad ceremony team having 1 -2 meetings per week. Working with local lighting tech, the school have all the equipment.
- Also setting up a Teepee on Grad day. Students will be guarding that to not make sure no inappropriate shenanigans happen. Teepee raising is very spectacular. Indigenous students will be receiving their Eagle Feathers, and there will be a speaker talking about the significance of Eagle feathers. The Speaker is secured for that.

- Cap and Gown Ceremony scheduled for 28 June in the evening at 7pm. Science 30 Diploma exam (29 students) should be done by 11 am. Have 8 hours to get ready for the evening ceremony.

5. New Business

Heather attended COS meeting. We need to prepare an annual summary for submission. Will connect with Sanet Dippenaar for this.

6. Next Meeting: AGM in September 2022, Date & Time TBA

7. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm. Sanet Dippenaar presented a motion to adjourn. Carried as presented.