

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

ATTENDEES: Mrs. Karen Elgert (Principal), Mr. Shawn Willmott (Vice Principal), Mrs. Tara Billingsley (Student Council Representative), Heather Rasmuson (Chairperson), Sanet Dippenaar, Deanna Didricksen, Brent & Shauna Satre, John Tomkinson, Chantal Heichert, Denni Speth, Melanie, Christie Bedford, Violetta Giesbrecht, Jenn Tabler, Vicki, Jennifer S, Cathay, Tara Dickau, Jamie Befus, Heavens Ambassador (?)

1. Welcome and Opening remarks

Heather Rasmuson welcomed all in attendance. Called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

2. Approval of Agenda

No changes to the Agenda. Proceed as presented.

3. Approval of minutes (May 30th, 2022)

Correction: Name spelling update on pg. 3: Christine Breitzkreutz

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the Regular WCHS Council Meeting on May 30th 2022

Motion made by: Deanna Didricksen

Second: Sanet Dippenaar

Minutes was approved with correction.

4. Reports

a. School Board Representative - Lynn Ware

Lynn Ware was not present at the meeting, so no report was given.

b. Student Council Representative - Tara Billingsley

- The Student Council is active and has planned different activities to engage the students.
- In October there were a few Dress-up Days: Adam Sandler Day and Dress As Your Favourite Meme Day
- The following activities are planned for Halloween:
 - Guess the Candies in the Jar raffle
 - Pumpkin decorating & Best Horror Scream Contest
 - A Haunted House will be set up in the Drama room for next week.
- Upcoming Events:
 - November - Charity Fill a Backpack
 - Pep Rally - no firm date yet.
- Floor was opened for questions. No questions.

c. Administrator's Report - Karen Elgert

- **Sabre Support update**

- Going well for most part - there are still some reluctant students
- Teachers are starting to sign students up for Sabre Support as well.
- More Teacher Intervention time will be added in the next few months - this will increase access for students to their specific teachers or subject specific teachers.
- Staff are noticing that there are less hanging out at doors.
- When the weather turns extremely cold, students will be allowed in the vestibule at the front entrance doors.
- It is extremely important to note that there are enough spots for every student in the school. They just have to sign up.
- There are 90 independent study spots for self directed work.
- The Gym program is very popular - students are also using the weight room.
- There are a small group of students that come in, but do not go to class and wander around in the building. Staff working to get them to where they need to be.
- The office will be sending out another correspondence regarding Sabre Support 30/31 October. Students are encouraged to sign up and come in once the weather turns colder as there is space for everyone in the school during Sabre Support.

- **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS - Sabre Support**

- **Q:** John Tomkinson: Sabre support, beyond parent teacher sign ups is voluntary attendance occurring? Seems a good strategy
A: Karen Elgert: Yes - it is working well, we are continually encouraging students to sign up, some teachers are signing kids up. Sabre support is there for every student to help them where they are at in the areas they need support.
- **Q:** Cathy: I'm not the most familiar with sabre support. I disagree with the the first period of the day being a type of spare or learning thing instead of being class time when studies have shown that morning is the best time for learning
A: Karen Elgert: Different time slots were considered. There is a time table collaboration between WCHS and sister high school and everybody is working together and aiming for consistency. At this time the current Sabre Support time slot best supports the most students in WRPS jurisdiction. It will be reevaluated as the program gets established.

- **Staffing update**

- There are 4 ladies in the front office - Deb Hill, Christine Breitzkreutz, Tannis Bennett, and Cheryl Whitaker. Everyone is learning the ropes and adjusting to the changes, but things are going well.
- Mr Josephson away now (back in February / Mrs James retired admin to join team
- Mr. McBride to phys ed and his class to Mrs James
- Mrs Orr returned after surgery
- Sam Blatz with WCHS till Friday - on Wednesday leave to a sister school. She is floater to help where needed
- Mrs Hudachek till end of second semester (cover for Miss Jo Krause)

- **Outreach**

- Growing with students - outreach supporting around 200 students last month
- November intake will be adding 18-20 more students to the outreach program. Some students from Pigeon Lake as well.
- Expected to have around 225 students after the intake in November.
- In February there will be another intake.
- The Outreach Program is being served by one group of educational staff at different sites.

- **Parent/teacher interviews**

- Went Very well (19 and 20 October)
- Lots of families came out and good conversations were had
- Next P/T Interviews scheduled for March
- Parents can also reach out to teachers during the semester via personal email or request phone conversation.

- **Remembrance Day Ceremony**

- Planning first in person Remembrance Day Ceremony since covid for November 4 at 10:30am at the school gym. Cheryl Orr will oversee it. Lots of different people are involved.

- **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS - Admin Report:**

- **Q:** Cathy: Will you be involving the local air cadets in the Remembrance Day Ceremony?
A: Karen Elger: Reached out to the cadets. They will join if possible.
- **Q:** Jennifer S: Is there any date for Grad 2023?
A: Karen Elger: School Cap and Gown Ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, 27 June in the evening. There is one departmental exam that morning, leaving plenty of time for students to get ready for ceremony in the evening.

- **Q: Cathy:** Any chances the front door will stop being locked all day?
A: Karen Elgert: No - door will stay locked for safety and security. There is a buzzer at the front door with a camera and it is opened by staff. The front doors will be updated and lead directly into the office - not sure on the timeline for the update.
- **Q: Shauna Satre:** Any news about grad meetings?
A: Karen Elgert: Parent Group Grad Meeting should be sending out a request soon. School will send out a general message informing parents about the meeting - no date has been given to the school yet. Tara Gillow (the parent representative from last year) will call the initial meeting and send invites to set up this year's Parent Grad committee and meeting.

5. New Business

No new business

6. **Next Meeting:** Monday, November 28th, 2022 @ 7:00pm.
Future meeting dates: Jan 23/23, Feb 27/23, Mar 20/23, Apr 24/23 & May 29/23.

7. Adjournment: 7:31pm

- Motion made by Deanna Didriksen,
- Seconded by John Tomkinson

Wetaskiwin Composite High School Parent Association
Casino Account Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 24th, 2022 @ 7:30pm via Google Meets

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Approval of Agenda - agenda approved as presented with no additions.

Approval of Minutes No previous meeting

Casino Fund Requests

Parent association worked casino -Earnings: \$16 448.77

Not spent any money yet. School clubs were asked to put requests in.

○ 3 requests:

- Football department - purchase football helmets: the helmets last around 10 years and will be used by 40 students. Estimated cost is \$2269.00.
 - John Tompkinson made a motion to approve helmets for up to \$3000.
 - Tara Dickau seconded.
 - Motion carried with all in favor
- Math department needs 8 graphing calculators at \$150/ calculator. Estimated cost is \$1200.
 - Motion: Brent Satre made a motion to purchase graphing calculators for the math department up to \$1500.
 - John Tompkins seconded.
 - Motion Carried with all in favor.
- Melissa Cox needs 2 trumpets for the band program with an estimated cost of \$1000.
 - Christie Bedford made a motion to approve \$1050 to purchase 2 trumpets for the band program.
 - Tara Dickau seconded.
 - Motion Carried with all in favor.

Parent Council Funds

Every year \$1 for the Parent Council is added to the school funds charge.

The Parent Council has \$3500 in this account currently.

Suggested to buy a scooter stand / longboard stand. Got quote and came in with options: Single sided at \$1460 or Double sided at \$1760 (not including installation). Quote based on specifications from the Green Spokes website, but

it is a local company that is going to manufacture it. We will not make a decision on this now as we are still waiting for all the information. It will added to the agenda for November. The school is looking after the details for installation and where they will put it.

New Business: NO New business

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:51

Motion to adjourn was made by Sanet Dippenaar

Seconded by Deanna Didrikson