

Wetaskiwin Composite High School Council
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 26th, 2022 @ 7:00pm via Google Meets

Attendees: Karen Elgert (Principal), Shawn Willmott (Vice Principal), Heather Rasmuson, Sanet Dippenaar, Deanna Didriksen, Shauna Satre, Jennifer S, Denni Speth, Nichol Goodrich, Karla Whitehead, Terry/Christie Bedford, Bonnie Dickau, Danette Hobbs, Violetta Giesbrecht, Brent Satre, Rosalee Armson, Kasey Ballard, Melissa Tomkinson, Stew Schmidt, Laura White, April Roan,

1. Welcome and opening remarks

Heather Rasmuson called meeting to order at 7:03

2. Approval of Agenda

No additions to Agenda - stand as presented

3. Establishment of a School Council for the 2022-2023 school year

Motion: To Establish a School Council for the 2022-2023 school year.

- a. Motion made by: Sanet
- b. Seconded: Torri and Christy Bedford
- c. Motion was carried.

Election will happen following the AGM during the WCHS Parent Association for School Support Meeting.

4. Approval of minutes from 2021 AGM

Motion: To Approve the Minutes from the 2021 AGM held on September 28, 2021.

- a. Motion made by: Deanna Didriksen
- b. Motion was carried and minutes approved as presented.

5. Reports

a. Student Council Representative - report by Mrs. Karen Elgert (Principal)

Mrs. Tara Billingsley is the Student Council Representative. Report for today brought by Mrs. Karen Elgert.

- Student Council in place and they have 2 Co-presidents.
- Several activities are already planned for the academic year and have been approved.

- There was a "Welcome Back BBQ" hosted by FCSS and the Student Council this past Friday. Hotdogs, water and chips were served to the students.
- Upcoming: Halloween decor and activities, including a Haunted House
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b. Administrator's Report - report by Mrs. Karen Elger (Principal)

- **New Protocols: door times, hats, backpacks**
 - A Jurisdiction letter about new protocols was sent out right before school started. All sites line up across the jurisdiction.
 - Door times changed for WCHS. Sister schools were contacted to find out what they do. Doors will open at 8:30am, aligning with what other schools are doing. This is all part of the jurisdiction wide school safety protocols. No supervision is available earlier as teacher operational time starts at 8:30am.
 - New backpack and hat policy implementation is going well. The School did a lot of upfront education about safety and students adapted and complied wonderfully.
 - Medically fragile students are allowed to carry backpacks - so there are exemptions as needed.
- **Sabre Support**
 - Up and running since 12th of September. Powerschool was not working properly at the start of the school year, but issues have been resolved.
 - 835-840 students registered for the 2022/23 year. There is space for all in Sabre Support but students must pre-register to ensure that staff are allocated appropriately. Not all students have to attend.
 - There are 45 open gym spots and they are almost always full. Approx 80 spots in 2 locations for independent study, which is also a very popular option. There are support options in all 4 cores every day for grades 9 through 12.
 - Sign up for Sabre Support: teachers, students or parents can sign an individual up.
 - Teacher intervention sessions are teacher selected for struggling students.
 - Expectation: All students can be in the building, but if their mark in a subject is above 60% they do not have to attend Sabre Support.

- Bus students can all come in, but they have to sign up and be present in one of these spaces.
- Bell goes at 8:45 - 8:50am and everyone comes in. Students that have not signed up can not come in after 8:50am. Students are able to sign up a week in advance.
- The school is hoping to add CTS and Fine Arts support options later in the year.
- Students need to enter the school during designated entry times and not randomly throughout the day, unless they have a reason for coming in late (appointments for example). Response to the new rules has been very supportive.
- If students are mandated to go to Sabre Support and they do not, the school will be following up with families to find out why. Students that are failing classes may not be permitted to participate in extracurricular sports. The teacher mandated designation refers to teacher intervention dates (not every day).
- Parents and students can sign up for Sabre Support via the Powerschool website. The app does not support this extension. The Flex Program is currently being adjusted to fix bugs. For example, there is not currently an option to make any changes or cancellations once students have signed up for a slot.

- **WCHS/Outreach**

- All high school students in Wetaskiwin attend WCHS &/or Outreach. Outreach is managed by Karen Elgert, Shawn Willmott, Jonathan Meyers & Brittany Ouelette (Vice-Principal @ Outreach).
- Outreach student numbers are just being finalized this week. Approximately 1000 students are expected to attend WCHS and Outreach this year. Between 300 and 400 are expected to participate in a blended program (both WCHS & Outreach), while around 150 have signed up so far to attend Outreach exclusively.
- If a new student decides to start school at this point, they would have to begin at Outreach as they will have missed too much of the semester to begin at WCHS.
- Outreach supports students in Pigeon Lake and Buck Mountain by offering classes that are not currently being offered for them on-site at their smaller schools.

- Current WRPS high school students can take classes through Outreach that would not otherwise fit in their schedule while also attending at WCHS/Pigeon Lake/Buck Mountain.

- **Staffing**

There have been lots of staffing changes across the division. WCHS now has all of their staff in place. A new teacher was just hired for the Outreach. Tanis Bennett and Cheryl Whitaker will be joining the front office staff at WCHS. Tanya Klapstein has moved to Central Office and Samantha Blatz will be taking the new floater admin assistant position with WCHS to cover absences across the division.

- **Alt Ed Revamp**

- The new program name is Alternative Education Programming and it is a work in progress. Staff are working on adding in new options for students, including work experience. 2 teachers are assigned and all EAs are available to assist with the program.

c. School Board Representative - report by Laura White

Our school board representative for the year will be Lynn Ware, but she was unable to attend tonight. WRPS has a new superintendent, Mike Wake, who started in August. He is very open to new ideas and trying new things. The board is working on efficiencies and updating the structure of their meetings and decision making processes. Mike is very excited to be here and looking forward to meeting students & families.

6. New Business none

7. Next Meeting: Monday, October 24th, 2022 @ 7:00pm. Future meeting dates: Nov 28/22, Jan 23/23, Feb 27/23, Mar 20/23, Apr 24/23 & May 29/23.

8. Adjournment @ 7:51pm, motion by Deanna Didriksen

WCHS Parent Association for School Support
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 26th, 2022 @ 7:30pm via Google Meets

Attendees: Shauna & Brent Satre, Violetta Giesbrecht, Melissa Cox, Danette Hobbs, Denni Speth, Deanna Didriksen, Heather Rasmuson, Sanet Dippenaar, Melissa Tomkinson, Karla Whitehead, Vonnie Dickau, Jennifer Shuffler

1. **Approval of Agenda** There were no additions or changes to the agenda. We will proceed with the agenda as presented (Heather).
2. **Approval of minutes from 2021 AGM** There were no corrections. Deanna Didriksen motioned to approve the minutes 2021 AGM.
3. **Election of Officials**
 - a. **Chairperson – Heather Rasmuson**
 - b. **Vice Chairperson – Kristine Belbeck**
 - c. **Secretary - Sanet Dippenaar**
 - d. **Casino Representative – Deanna Didriksen**

The positions were opened to nominations from the floor. All members from last year's board were willing to let their names stand (listed above). No additional nominations were submitted for any of the positions. Brent Satre made a motion to accept the following board members by acclamation: Heather Rasmuson (Chairperson), Kristine Belbeck (Vice Chairperson), Sanet Dippenaar (Secretary), Deanna Didriksen (Casino Representative). Seconded by Jennifer Shuffler. Motion carried.
4. **Applications for Casino Funds** The WCHS Parent Association worked a casino on Oct 30/31, 2021 and received the funds in the first quarter of 2022, which have not yet been spent. We are currently accepting applications for funding requests from teachers/coaches/student council and will review them at our next meeting on Oct 27/22. We will also be discussing a plan for spending the student funds, possibly on the purchase of a scooter stand.
-Melissa Cox said she believes the band program is short 2 instruments and is wondering if she can possibly get a response back on funding for that purchase prior to our next meeting. Heather Rasmuson said we can discuss her proposal via email once it is ready.
5. **Adjournment** Deanna Didriksen motioned to adjourn at 8:01pm.