

**Wetaskiwin Composite High School Council**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 23rd, 2023 @ 7:00 pm via Google Meet**

*Attendees: Karen Elgert (Principal), Shawn Wilmott (Vice Principal), Tara Billingsley (Student Council Representative), Heather Rasmuson (Chairperson), Sanet Dippenaar (Secretary), Kristine Belbeck (Vice Chairperson), Deanna Didrikson (Casino representative), Lynn Ware (WRPS Board Representative), Violetta, Jennifer Schuller, Shauna Satre, Vicki, Chantel Heichert, Cheryl Dechaine, June Boyda*

**1. Welcome and opening remarks**

Heather Rasmuson welcomed everyone present and called meeting to order at 7:01pm  
Attendees were asked to display full names on screen for recording attendance on the minutes.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda was approved as presented.

**3. Approval of minutes (November 28, 2022)**

Minutes of 28 November was shared and approved as presented.

**4. Reports**

**a. School Board Representative - Lynn Ware**

- COSC meeting feedback: \$500 grant for school councils were approved -still waiting for info on how it can be spent.
- Board would like schools to be open after hours to be used by community members/groups. Still working on relationships regarding this.
- There is a survey regarding WRPS priorities on the website. Please take time to participate in it.
- The Board worked on the budget. Budget explanation can be found on the WRPS website. Some of the highlights:
  - 55 million dollars: to staff and tech and building maintenance
  - Looking at full day Kindergarten
  - Lowering bussing distances
  - Onsite childcare
  - CTF programming
- Looking for 35 families to billet Ashoro students
- Looking for a graduate student willing to go to Ashoro to teach English and be liaison.
- Other Programs the Board is looking at implementing in the division:
  - Drone program for High school (all 3 in division)
  - Trade program focus - like welding trucks and mobile trade units.
  - Oiler Hockey Programs

**Question/Comment:** Karen Elgert commented that the WCHS had drones, but that it was very expensive to insure - it was considered a terrorist risk. Interested to know how this will manifest. The drones at the high school have been laying dormant.

**b. Student Council Representative - Tara Billingsley**

Student Council has been offering various activities and fun days for the students:

- Before Christmas Break- 12 Days of Christmas
- Very successful backpack program for NOW:
  - Students brought donations to fill backpacks - had competition between classes
  - Filled 20 backpacks and also donated other items
  - Mrs. Riesen's class won the pizza party.
- Activities planned for February include candy grams, pink shirt day, fancy dress-up day

**Question/Comment:** Violetta: What were the backpacks for?

ANSWER: Neighbourhood Outreach Wetaskiwin

**c. Administrator's Report - Karen Elgert**

- ASHORO Billeting: Karen not aware of anything about that. Asked Lynn Ware to provide info to her.
- Diplomas/PAT's/Exams:
  - Students currently in the middle of all of that. Started last Thursday and to be completed by this Friday (27 Jan).
  - Office will call if a student does not show up for a scheduled exam.
  - Exam Schedules were posted on the school website and social media, paper copies were provided, teachers also verbally reminded students.
- Staffing update:
  - 2nd semester: Mrs. Krause is still off.
  - Mrs Hudacek continue to cover
  - R. Fiveland back
  - Hiring 3 EA's - applications closes this week to help support students
- AERR (Annual Education Results Report )
  - Division one - principles go through it and discuss
  - Looking at high school completion rates
  - Look at students engagement and parental involvement
- Teacher Extra - curricular involvement
  - Looking for ways to show appreciation for those teachers that put in extra hours supporting the extra-curricular clubs and programs at the high school. If they serve 50 hours, they can get an in lieu day.

- Sabre Support Quarter 3
  - First 2 weeks runs a Semester Start Up Schedule with no Sabre support.
  - Sabre support starts on February 13.
- Grad update
  - Grad Picture Day: 7-10th of February. Book appointment. Link on website. Props are allowed.
  - Grad gowns - in process of setting up rentals again. More info to come.
  - Admin Grad meeting will happen soon, planning cap and gown ceremony.

**Question/Comment:** June Boyda: Is there a gown for pictures?

ANSWER: Yes there is a gown for picture day available.

**Question/Comment:** Kristine Belbeck: Thank you for Sabre Support - it is a wonderful support to students. Her kids really benefitted.

Karen Elgert commented that the admin is committed to offer it for the next 3 years.

**Question/Comment:** Violetta: Wondering if Sabre Support can be later in the school day.

ANSWER: Karen Elgert: Looked initially at later. Align with sister school timetables. SO it didn't work out to offer it later.

## 5. New Business

### a. Sr Basketball Provincials, March 16-18, 2023 - Cheryl Dechaine

Cheryl shared about the Basketball Provincials and their need for volunteers. Hoping getting the word out and making parents aware will generate some volunteers. They will be posting on social media as well.

- 24 teams with over 400 students participating.
- Hosting at High School
- Need volunteers - rosters will be made up:
  - Manning doors / supervision /
  - Hospitality rooms hosting - snacks beverages for coaches and refs.
  - Hosting banquet on the 15th of March - need helpers to set-up

**Question/Comment:** Lynn Ware: Board voted to set up a huddle for the tournament. Video systems set up in other schools.

Want to do fundraising for basketball program - shooting machine / huddle (game analysis)

**6. Next Meeting:** Monday, February 27th, 2023 @ 7:00pm.

Future meeting dates: Mar 20/23, Apr 24/23 & May 29/23.

**7. Adjournment:** Chantal made motion to adjourn at 7:38pm

**Wetaskiwin Composite High School Parent Association**  
**Casino Account Meeting Agenda**  
**Monday, January 23rd, 2023 @ 7:30pm via Google Meet**

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**1. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved as presented

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve made by Chantal Heichert. Seconded by Sanet Dippenaar.  
Motion carried and minutes approved as presented.

**3. Casino Fund Requests**

- Groups submit request through google forms for funding
- \$10 900 remaining

Received 2 requests:

**a. WCHS Physical Education: Rob Cross**

See attachment for full request information.

Asking \$2000 to cover fees to use facilities around Wetaskiwin. 400 students use funding. Funds will be used now till June 2023.

Chantal Heichert made a motion to approve \$2000 for the WCHS Phys Ed program to use facilities around Wetaskiwin. Seconded by Kristine Belbeck.

Motion carried.

**b. WCHS Basketball Program: Cheryl Deschaine**

Requesting funding for costs incurred for provincials. The following were put forward as needs:

- Larger pads on the wall under the basket.
- 2 new shot clocks.
- Yearly huddle program costs.

Students grade 9-12 in basketball and volleyball programs will benefit.

Request for \$2500. Spent by June 2023.

Chantal HEichert made a motion to approve up to \$2500 to aid the basketball program, update equipment and enhance the basketball program.

Seconded by Kristine Belbeck.

Motion carried.

WCHS PARENT Association Casino account will have \$6400 left. Encourage other clubs to apply if they need anything.

**4. New Business** - no new business

**5. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn Kristine Belbeck at 7:47pm.