

Wetaskiwin Composite High School Council
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 20th, 2023 @ 7:00 pm via Google Meet

ATTENDEES: Shawn Willmott (Vice Principal), Lynn Ware (WRPS Board Representative), Tara Billingsley (Student Council Representative), Heather Rasmuson (Chairperson), Sanet Dippenaar (Secretary), Jennifer Shuffler, Shauna Satre, Violetta Giesbrecht, Brent Satre, Chantal Heichert, Tara Dickau, Vicki

1. Welcome and opening remarks

Heather Rasmuson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and welcomed everyone present. Mr. Willmott representing School Administration as Mrs. Elgert is away.

2. Approval of Agenda

Additions or changes: No changes or additions
Agenda approved as presented.

3. Approval of minutes [2023 WCHS FEBRUARY MINUTES](#)

Corrections: No corrections.
Motion: Sanet
February 2023 Minutes approved as presented.

4. Reports

A. School Board Representative - Lynn Ware

- Hockey Hookie for Ben Stettler raise \$4000
- The Educational Budget 2023 is out. Feb. 28 a letter from the Minister explaining goals. There is a lot of money allocated to classroom and mental health support. This budget will go in effect for September 1, 2024.
- Some students are applying for the minister's youth council
- Superintendent and board evaluations are being done - the board is working on it this month.

Q:Violetta: When is the budget for?

A:Lynn: The Budget takes effect September 1, 2024 - not the upcoming school year, but for 2024/2025 Academic Year

Q:Violetta: RAP Program questions: Is the RAP Program more geared for Gr. 11/12 students? Is it possible to apply for it as a Gr.10 student? She did get some information about it and it mentioned they would consider gr.10 students. Please clarify.

A: Mr. Willmott: Yes, they can apply for it as a Gr. 10 student. The school encourages the Gr.11/12 students to apply first. In some cases the Gr. 10 students worked so much they finished all the required hours by the end of grade 11. It is better to finish that in Grade 12, and then go on to NAIT and get evaluated. If it is completed too early, the student might lose some of the knowledge waiting to go to NAIT. However, if a Gr. 10 student starts the program, they should aim to finish at the end of grade 12.

Q: Violetta: How many hours are required?

A: Mr. Willmott: Depends on the program. Example: Welding 1600 hours.

There are different stages of apprenticeship - work - go to NAIT/SAIT - work again

Work experience is different from the RAP Program - get up to 15 credits (every 25hours).

It can be both volunteering or paid - students working at different jobs.

B. Student Council Representative - Tara Billingsley

- They had their first PEP Rally since covid. All worked hard on the event - they made sure they had names of all teams, coaches, and all the other extra curricular activities and groups. The students were not quite as "peppy" as they could be, but hopefully they will grow into it. The T-shirt cannon was a big hit.
- Rock you socks event was hosted.
- Planning some Easter activities in April.
- Looking forward to planning the Spring Carnival in May/June.

C. Administrator's Report - Shawn Willmott

- **3A Basketball Provincials**

Thank you to all parents / coaches / staff /students - everyone that was involved. Admin only heard positive comments, kids were well behaved, staff and community members involved. Mr. Cross and Mr. Heibert worked very hard. Video streaming went well with help from the tech and video department.

- **3A Wrestling Provincials - Our students won GOLD!**

Took place during the March 14 weekend as well. Students and coaches are very excited about the win.

- **Other: Curling, Badminton, One-Act Plays**

- Curling is done for the year. Finished 4th out of 8 in the zone. Mrs. Warner coached the team and is looking forward to even more growth and improvement. There will be potentially some openings on the team for next year.
- Badminton started today. Ms. Lana Ilg heading it up.
- Track and Field starting up too.
- One Act Plays: Mrs Marshall the drama instructor. April 28/29/30 - nightly performances.

- **Parent-Teacher Interviews - Wednesday, March 22 from 4:30 pm-8:30 pm**

Reminder to register for parent teacher interviews

Email with information and sign up instructions was sent out to all the parents.

- **Grade 8 > Grade 9 Registration**

Grade 8 going to grade 9 registration process is starting. Student services going out to schools starting tomorrow in Wetaskiwin and Millet areas. The team will go out a couple of times to visit the surrounding schools. This first visit is more of a general overview and introduction to WCHS and the second visit is to help the students to select grade 9 options.

- **Timetabling/Scheduling**

Mr. Willmott and Mr. Meyers started the process and have been working on the timetables and schedule since February. The students will have the ability to pick courses in April. Basics/Cores are ready, still working on the options. The school is bringing back the drones program - adding flight simulation as well. The school used to have the drones program in the past, but had to stop doing it, because insurance did not want to insure it at that time. This will be available for all grades. (grade 9 and grades 10-12)

- **Graduation Update**

The graduation committee meeting for the cap and gown ceremony part will be meeting on Wednesday morning at 8am. After Spring Break information with details will be sent out to families of grade 12 students.

- **Fire Department Presentation to Grade 12s - Careers in Fire Fighting**

A lot of different companies reached out to WCHS to get involved to do presentations to the Grade 12's.

Wetaskiwin Fire Department is coming this Thursday to meet with Grade 12 students interested in a career in the Fire services. The office will email an announcement to encourage grade 12's interested to come out. The presentation will take place on Thursday after lunch in Mr. McBride's room. The Deputy Fire Chief will provide info.

5. New Business: No new business

6. Next Meeting: Monday, April 24th, 2023 @ 7:00pm. Future meeting date: May 29/23.

7. Adjournment:

Motion made by Sanet Dippenaar to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.