**West Meadow Elementary School**

**School Council Minutes**

**Nov. 26, 2015**

**Start:** 6:10pm

**In Attendance:** Curtis Uyesugi, Deb Bronson, Deb Heitman, Lindsey Martineau, Nikki Van Rootselaar, LaShauna Smith, Naomi Bullock, Brad Toone, Jas Schmirler

**Business Items**

**Approval of Agenda-** Curtis, second Deb

**Facebook follow up-** Post reminders of upcoming events

**Website-** it’s been updated

**Discussion Items**

**Ways to work together with the fundraising committee:** Great first meeting so far

**Passion Project Ideas-**Curtis is going to write a blurb about what it is and post on facebook to get feedback who wants to come into school community and share skills and learning opportunities to benefit kids. Program will run for 5 weeks, offering a few options possibly on Friday afternoons. Some suggestions ie. Choir- Michelle Dedominicis willing to volunteer her time. Art – Kari Lelek willing to volunteer one day a week for the school year. Sierra Stewart interested in providing a farm grow program. Decision when to start will be discussed at next staff meeting.

**Spring Concert-** Looking at using the community center, admission by donation for fundraising for the playground. Possible ideas for concert are skits or acts from individuals/ classes, talents.

**New ideas to achieve our goal-** inquiries into grant writing. Silent Auctions, Sponsorship opportunities, pie auctions.

**Principal Report-** Review our mission and vision next year. Current programs – accelerated Reader, mathletics intervention periods, Guided Reading

Assessment tools ie. Cat4, Star Reader, Eye

Supports for students and families ie. Sensory program, full time speech person, breakfast program, lunch program, mindfulness program to help alleviate stress

Pat Scores- Our school doing above average.

Results of student surveys – overall positive

Results of parent survey- goal to involve more parents in the school environment.

School Goals- to create engaged thinkers and ethical citizens with an Entreprenurial Spirit.

**Trustee Report**

Fort Macleod school modernization is on time and on budget opening next fall.

As there has been no nominations put forward for the position of Trustee in Ward 2, By election on hold till name is put forward.

Regional School Council meeting held first meeting of 2015 Nov.2nd. Very successful, presentations made on healthy schools, career practioner aids students and learning and innovation on technology.

**Adjournment**: Time: 6:54pm, Nikki, Second Deb

Next Meeting: Jan. 21st, @5pm