

WMES School Council Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 25th 2021

In attendance: Principal Sean Latta, Amber Peatman, Shannon Zemlak, Barb Livie, Chery Starling, Sandra Pittman, Kim Gugala, Michelle Watt, Thomas Linderman, Carla Gimber, Lauren Billey, Elizabeth Sabey, Jasmine Olsen, Amanda Toone, Brandy McLean, Theresa Peeters.

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Shannon Zemlak

Seconded by: Theresa Peeters

Business from previous meeting:

-Parking and traffic in front of the school still an issue. RCMP are stepping up their presence. Staff is also parking against the fence in order to try to block off the parking lot in a way that would make it difficult for people to use it as a turnaround point. Also putting up signs in front of Kidzzone that parking is intended for program participants only.

-WIG goal for parent council suggestion of trying to organize an “unplugged” week in the Spring to encourage literacy and outdoor time. Tie in with the fundraising committee if interested. Will discuss further in January.

New Business:

-Seven Habits Report with Chery Starling.

Habit #1 October: Be Proactive.

Habit #2 (November): Begin with the end in mind. Focusing on knowing where you are going and trying to figure out how to get there and considering the consequences of your actions along the way.

Idea to set a “Family WIG”

It's really starting to become common language around the school and many parents have also noticed it coming home as well.

-Christmas: Planning is under way for a Christmas concert this year. School will be creating a video that they will be live streaming on youtube December 16th. December 9th-14th will be filming and teachers will give parents a head's up when their child's class will be filming so that they can dress accordingly.

Trustee's Report: Carla Gimber <https://www.lrsd.ca/board/meetings>

IMR results: Trustee Toone moved that the Board of Trustees approve the 2021-2022 Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal Expenditure Plan as presented.

- Trustee Long That the Board of Trustees direct Administration to develop a COVID19 Vaccination Status and Testing for Harm Reduction (not applicable to students) recommendation and implementation plan to be presented to the board at the LRSD Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 23, 2021 Page 1735. December 14, 2021 Board meeting. This plan should take into account reasonable timelines, time spent with students, and the requirement of vaccination status disclosure, or for those not fully vaccinated regular proof of a COVID-19 negative test.

-Transportation update: Bus driver recruitment underway and new vehicles in the fleet (5 “new” busses) All busses passed the DOT inspection.

- Trustee Long moved that the Board of Trustees approve that the Community as a Classroom, School as a Base Camp Committee be changed from a standing committee to a Representative Committee. One Trustee from each ward will sit on this committee. Carried E.6 Committees of the Board

Principal’s Report

-Introducing Tom Linderman PS1 student teacher in Ms. Watt’s classroom. Tom was a student at West Meadows and will be here up until Christmas.

-Each class has chosen a new WIG.

-Trying to get the message out into the community about the 7 habits (local press article)

-Hard at work preparing for the Christmas concert

-Report cards go home tomorrow for Grades 4-6. New grading system implemented. K-3 will receive a learner progress report.

Next Meeting: Thursday January 27th, 2022

Adjourned by Amber @ 8:42pm