

## WMES School Council Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2022

In Attendance: Amber Peatman, Theresa Peeters, Lauren Billey, Jasmine Olsen, Kendra Pittman, Rachel Smith, Kendra Selk, Carla Gimber, Michelle Watt, Biz Sabey, Barb Livie.

Meeting commenced at 19:08

Agenda approved by: Rachel Smith Seconded by: Kendra Pittman

Minutes approved by: Rachel Smith Seconded by: Kendra Pittman

### **Trustee Report** by Carla Gimber as per Board of Trustees meeting on March 22, 2022:

1) Ten Year Facility Plan/Three Year Capital Plan- Board has approved the updated LRSD plan. First priority will be the modernization of J.T. Foster and A.B. Daley schools in Nanton. Second priority will be the modernization of Canyon and Matthew Halton Schools. The Plan will be submitted to Alberta Education on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

2) Edwin Parr Nomination: This award honours outstanding first-year teachers in Alberta. School boards across the province can nominate one exceptional candidate for the award. The 2021-2022 LRSD nominee is Ben Paskal of the Granum School and F.P. Walshe School. Congratulations!

3) First Nations, Metis & Inuit & Innovation in First Nations Education- Mr. Richard Feller, Associate Superintendent, Human & Learning Services provided Trustees with an update of the work being accomplished throughout the division. An emphasis on the importance of the Blackfoot language was emphasized and Mr. Feller introduced himself in his given Blackfoot name given to him by Elder Peter Weasel Moccasin. A short Blackfoot language lesson was given. The division has commissioned 10 Blackfoot language books, supported Elders in Residence and hosted the Legacy of Hope exhibit as well as supported the work of Dr. Massie and Dr. Schwartzberger in schools around the areas of Trauma & Relationships.

### **Principal's Report-** Presented by Michelle Watt & Kendra Selk

7 Habits- Magician "Mr. Steve" came in to perform for the students. He reminded us of the importance to listen to others so we can understand their point of view. It was very well-received amongst all students K-7 and we are hoping to have him back in the school come September.

May 17<sup>th</sup> will be Student Lead Leadership Day where students will have various "jobs" throughout the school to showcase what they've been learning throughout the school year with regards to leadership.

March Madness- Each week a book is read aloud and students have been able to vote on their favourite.

We organized a mini career fair! Our grade 5 and 6 classes rotated through different booths and got to learn about some amazing careers! It was very informative and got the juices flowing of what the kids would like to do as their career. Thanks to LRSD career practitioner Lettie Croskery for organizing this great event.

Thank you to our amazing volunteers.

- Cole Smith: District Fish and Wildlife Officer

- Mireille Rigaux: Environmental Consultant

- Lucas Gareau: Big Game Guide/Huntsman

- Anika Wirtanen: Junior Forest Rangers Supervisor

In choir news instead of traveling to Lethbridge the judges are coming to us. We will be performing on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9am and this is open to all choir parents.

**New Business:**

Unplugged Week- a colour run is being tabled for now as there are concerns it might be too complicated to combine and organize on short notice so will come up with a new plan for parents to participate.

WMES Unplugged Month-long challenge. The idea would be that there would be a different challenge relating to being “unplugged” for each day of the month. Lauren will organize. Trying to come up with some kind of incentive or prize for completing the month fitting within fundraising/spending rules.

Grade 6 graduation discussion has been tabled until our next meeting as Mr. Latta isn't present. Sean did mention he would like the students to take the lead in order to help tie into the “Leader in Me” theme.

June 27<sup>th</sup> will be a fun day/” Sharpen the Saw”

Meeting adjourned @ 19:35

Next meeting will be Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.