

## **WMES- School Council Meeting**

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Call to order @ 7:07pm

In attendance: Lauren Billey, Brooke Stewart, Rachel Smith, Karen Baker, Heather McDonald, Sean Latta, Jasmine Olsen, Kim Gugala, Kendra Pittman, Theresa Peeters, Amber Peatman, Biz Sabey, Shannon Zemlak, Gwen Orsten, Santanna Thom, Carla Gimber, Sandra Detmers.

Approval of Agenda: Amber Peatman Seconded by: Kendra Pittman

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Amber Peatman Seconded by: Kendra Pittman

### Old Business:

- Review needed of the role of school council. Where do we want to go as a group? As an advisory group we have zero decision making ability. Rather we act as a representative of guardians of attending students. Advice may or may not be taken by school administration. If guardians have a personal agenda it is advised they reach out to their specific teacher and/or administration.
- School council from the 2021-2022 year didn't feel effective. Lines between fundraising and school council are a bit blurred and need more clear definitions and goals.
- Goals for 2022/2023 are as follows; supporting student -led assemblies, year end celebration and the timing of such, Back to school/welcome back celebration and making a bigger/better show of orientation day (will be tabled until the Spring) getting service groups more involved with school council activities (flipping pancakes etc.), try to create some consistency from year to year (so it's more clearly defined which events we will host every year and starting next parent/teacher interviews we hope to have something set up to represent school council and it's role in our school. We would also like to increase parent engagement and make people more aware of council and its roles.
- Letter to town regarding water and ice build up near crosswalk has been drafted.
- Meeting dates have been moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Fundraising will start at 6pm and Council will begin at 7pm. Our next meeting will be November 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Trustee's Report: Carla Gimber

A summary was read by Carla outlining the meeting by LRSD Trustees on October 24, 2022. For full meeting please see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNwVOzszPqM> or read them here <https://www.lrsd.ca/download/402219>

### Principal's Report: Ms. Orsten & Mr Latta

-Outdoor classroom invoice received for the shed. Will cost a bit extra for the tin roof. Hopefully will be completed by the end of January. Will primarily be used for loose parts storage. Council has decided to stop at Phase 1 and not proceed into Phase 2.

- Discovery Days is going well despite conflicting events.
- Thank you from staff for the meals provided during parent/teacher interviews.
- Interviews very well attended which is promising for the staff to see guardians so engaged.
- Leadership jobs starting up soon. Kids and teachers working harder than ever. Empowering students is a lot of hard yet rewarding work.
- Ten students have formed a Lighthouse Team. Jobs will be starting up during the Remembrance Day assembly. The level of commitment is impressive.
- Choir now consists of 56 members and would like to receive an invite to perform for the board.

Call to end meeting @ 8:09pm