

*Together, leading by example*



Wainwright Elementary School Council Meeting

Monday, Sept 20, 2021

1. Meeting to Order: 7:07pm

**Motion: Shannon**

2. Introductions:

Shannon Gilchrist, Co-Chair; Melissa Russel, Co-Chair; Dallas Ukrainetz, Vice Chair

Carlee Whitelock, Secretary; Stephanie Cooper, future BTPS trustee;

Marie Isaman, BTPS trustee; Tom Koskie, Principal; Stephanie Evans

3. Approved Previous Minutes

**Motion: Shannon**

**Second: Dallas**

4. Add or Delete items on Agenda: NIL

5. Open Forum: Questions, Concerns, Comments:

Introduction by Stephanie Evans, candidate for school board trustee. Good Luck Stephanie

6. Correspondence:

ASCA info: Open survey for Member Bylaw The survey is open for input from September 1, 2021 to December 1, 2021.

AB School Board Association Registration is now open. If interested we can apply to join as a group or be represented by an individual. Fee's will be covered.

7. Reports:

**Admin: Mr. Koskie**

- Staffing – Mrs. Pospolita, Mrs. Doyle retired, Mrs. Goodwin 0.5 temporary fte position came to an end, and Ms. Torpe resigned to pursue another opportunity.

- Returning to WES Mr. Pullen, Ms. Stachura/Raasok and Mrs. Ballas and a new gr 4 position to be determined.
- Enrolment/Budget – 355 students in all including our 40 ECS (down from usual enrollment)
  - Other grades are: gr.1 – 66, gr.2 – 60, gr.3 – 45, gr.4 – 59, gr. 5 – 46, and gr.6 – 39
- Budget – following new model where budget is determined in the spring, and not with Sept 30 numbers.
- Student Activities – Great start up!
  - Cross Country running club Sept 16
  - Picture days - Sept 21, 23
  - School bus Safety - Sept 27 & 28
  - Terry Fox run - Sept 29
  - Orange Shirt Day/Truth and Reconciliation student day – Sept 30
  - Milk sales are up and going
  - Breakfast Program – healthy snacks have been purchased we also have lunches now provided to students on as as-needed basis.
- Supervision – Staggered recesses and lunches – grade specific (cohort entrances & play areas with cohort supervisors) So far this has been really well accepted.

**BTPS Board Trustee:** Marie Isaman

- Welcome to Stephanie Cooper who will be replacing Marie. Thank you for all your time and hard work Marie. You will be missed.
- Bags for Breakfast. Donation program through Co-op that provides funds for lunch items for children in need in schools.
- Still waiting on news regarding a new school. This has been something we have been waiting for, for several years.
- All children/staff/support are now wearing masks while inside to help prevent the spread of Covid. Discussion regarding letter to parents needing support for our teachers during Covid. There is zero tolerance for bullying in person or online.
- BTPS Board made the decision that children would attend school on National Truth and Reconciliation Day. On this day we will focus our attention on learning about the culture and lifestyle of First Nations and Indigenous Peoples. A recommendation was made to read The 94 'calls to action' published by the The Truth and Reconciliation Commission. This calls for indigenous and non-indigenous Canadians to come together in a concerted effort to help repair the harm caused by residential schools and move forward with reconciliation.

**WEPA: Katherine Peterson – Chair**

- Tim Hortons smile cookies were delivered to all students from WEPA to support local charities.
- Hoping to start Hot Lunch Program in October

**KAP**

- Newly up and running, looking at poinsettia fundraiser in the future.

8. Old Business: NIL

9. New Business: NIL

10. Next Meeting: Monday, October 18 7:00

11. Adjourn: 7:50pm

**Motion: Shannon**