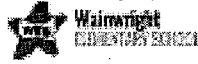


Together, leading by example



Wainwright Elementary School Council Meeting

Monday January 23, 2023

1. Meeting to Order: 6:57pm

2. Attendance:

Tom Koskie, Anita Sawyer, Michelle Tangen, Shannon Gilchrist, Melissa Russell, Carlee Whitelock, Michael Whitelock, Stephanie Cooper, Breanne Walker, Lindsay Carey, Jen McMinis

3. Add or Delete Items: NIL

4. November 2022 meeting minutes: Approved

Motion: Melissa

Second: Breanne

5. Old Business

Stakeholders meeting: We had one attendee who reported satisfactory results. The meeting was held in workshop style and there were multiple discussions of:

What we want to see more of and less of etc.

Community involvement

Different assessment strategies for grading.

Discussing board member voting and how geographical area should not affect who you vote for, but where your child goes to school.

Individuals with specific expertise to 'share' their knowledge among all schools. Virtual sharing and teaching in small groups capitalizing their knowledge base.

Next meeting Wednesday 25th in Kitscoty 6:30 pm, 26th in Vermillion, Virtual Feb1st @6:30

6. Correspondence:

Advocacy proposals - deadline to have proposals in is Jan 27th. This is an opportunity to voice changes we want to see happen in our school or district.

Parent Council conference ASCA/AGM Apr 21-23. Please let Shannon know if you are interested in attending. We have a grant available that would cover costs associated. Deadline to register is April 1.

7. Reports:

A. Administration: Mr. Koskie

- Staff – new grade 6 teacher filling in for Mrs. Rassok, Miss Emily Kennedy.
- Miss. Wakefield returned from leave and is in gr 6 again
- Learning disruption grant was received shortly before Christmas. We will be focusing on literacy and numeracy in grades 2-4 with the goal of hiring 2-4EA's to assist.
- Looking for parttime EA for Mon/Wed mornings.
- Kinder reg is now open with 20 students signed up. This number is very encouraging this early.
- Stakeholder meeting as discussed with 28 attendees in total.
- BTPS learning guide – handout regarding how we maximize student learning.
- Activities
 - Basketball intramurals
 - Winter Active Day Jan 27th
 - Monday January 30st, professional learning day, Tuesday Jan 31, Teacher Directed Day
 - February 15th 34th annual Jump Rope for Heart. Mr. Mitchell to purchase prizes for student participation.
 - Feb 16th/17th Teachers Convention.
 - Feb 10th AR celebration is tobogganing for students who have met their AR goal.

B. BTPS Board Trustee: Stephanie Cooper

- Stakeholder's engagement – there is more information on the website for anyone wanting detailed notes on the discussions.
- News releases are now on the board website.
- Learning guide was reviewed.
- Board policies are being changed and updated. Trustee code of conduct and sanctions have changed.
- A reminder for the continued advocacy for the new school. We do not want to lose momentum with this request.
- New School Calendar was created with the feedback received via the parent survey. The survey detailed how days off worked best, and should be scheduled according to the parents who participated.

C. WEPA

- December was an incredibly busy month for WEPA with the following activities
 - Deck the Hallways
 - Santa's Workshop
 - XMAS concert fundraisers
 - Student Christmas Lunch
- January/February Activities
 - Spring fundraiser to sell fruit.
 - Snacks for winter active and jump rope for heart.
- WEPA has now raised over \$17,000 of \$25,000 goal.

D. KAP: NIL

8. New Business

Electing now roles and positions, Effective Immediately.

Chair

Nominated: Michael Whitelock

First: Melissa Russell

Second: Carlee Whitelock

Vice-Chair

Nominated: Shannon Gilchrist

First: Breanne Walker

Second: Jen McMinis

Secretary

Nominated Co-Secretaries Carlee Whitelock / Melissa Russell

First: Lindsay Carey

Second: Shannon Gilchrist

9. Open Forum: Questions, Concerns, Compliments

Thanks to WEPA for the hard work in our schools.

Thanks to the staff that helped with Deck the Halls.

Thanks to teachers for all the endless hard work, and care for our children.

Discussion regarding the constant need for more EA's, and subs. Questions regarding the attraction and attempts to recruit more student teachers.

Discussion regarding the best way to support our students and board in pushing for a new facility. We will compose a letter to our MLA sharing our support, and pushing for more action. We will also be inviting Rae-Anne to future meetings to get her ideas and point of view.

10. Next Meeting: February 27th

11. Adjourn: 8:20pm

Motion: Carlee Whitelock