

## **Wainwright Elementary School Council Meeting March 27, 2023**

- 1. Meeting to order:** 7:05pm
- 2. Attendance:** Jen McMinnis, Lindsay Carey, Melissa Russell, Breanne Walker, Stephanie Cooper, Mike Whitelock, Carlee Whitelock, Anita Sawyer, Michelle Tangen, Tom Koskie
- 3. Add or delete items on agenda:** NIL
- 4. February 2023 meeting minutes: Approved**
  - Motion: Carlee
  - Second: Melissa
- 5. Old Business**
  - New facility: no longer need to write letters to government because the new school has already been approved and planning is underway
  - Alberta School Council Association Annual General Meeting is coming up April 21-23 and there is funding available to send representatives if anyone is interested in attending
  - Discussion of moving school council meetings to a different night of the week
    - o decided to continue meeting on Monday evenings
- 6. Correspondence:** NIL
- 7. Reports:**
  - a. Administration – Mr. Koskie**
    - 35 kindergarten students registered so far
      - o Almost identical to what was seen last year at this time
      - o Slowing down after an initial rush
      - o Encouraging numbers to see
    - Kinderwalk raised over \$1800 this year
    - 100 day food back challenge
      - o Successful but a challenge this year as food costs are getting higher
      - o Very cold that week, buses didn't run for 2 days during the challenge which impacted donations as well
      - o Still went well
    - K-3 activity day has been moved to June 15 to accommodate Fit Set Ninja
    - AR celebration – bingo
      - o Mr. Mitchell did a great job
      - o Kids enjoyed it
    - Assurance survey
      - o Gr 4 – 6 completed the survey
      - o The survey is completed and we are waiting for results
    - Parent teacher conferences were held March 8-9

- RCMP coming March 30 for a presentation to grades 4-6
- 11<sup>th</sup> annual Superintendents Public Speaking Competition coming in April
  - o Ainsley Carey finished first in the school and will move on to the next round
- Lacrosse day happening on Mar 28
  - o Someone coming into teach lacrosse to students during PE
- Afterschool badminton continues
- Spring open house scheduled for April 27 at 7pm
  - o Kindergarten registration happening on the same day at 6pm
- Proceeding with planning stages for the new school
  - o Board will select architect
  - o Blue prints and planning will happen next year
  - o Building starts next year
  - o Planning to be in the new school in 3 years
- Talent show
  - o Try outs are happening in March
  - o Talent show will be happening April 5

**b. BTPS Board Trustee – Stephanie Cooper**

- The Board is very excited about the movement forward with the new WES facility
- Trustee Cooper expressed her compliments to Mrs. Propp and Mrs. Valleau for doing such a great job organizing the public speaking competition
  - o Trustee Cooper was very happy with the set up of the event, the greeters at the doors and to see that some kids stayed back from the hockey game to cheer for their classmates.
- Staff appreciation
  - o Popcorn and hot chocolate were sent to staff
- Deputy Superintendent Michelle Webb retiring
  - o New person will start in August
- BTPS Board Code of Conduct was updated for transparency and currency
- WES is first on the capital plan, next is Provost, then Vermilion Elementary
- Substitute teacher appreciate week was observed
- Edwin Parr Scholarship nomination was announced
- The board is still waiting for exact numbers for new budget
  - o New busing distance limits will start in 2023
  - o Lack of buses and drivers are a concern

**c. WEPA**

- March was a quieter month for WEPA
  - o The Fresh Forward fruit fundraiser raised approximately \$2500
- Coming up in April
  - o Open house: balloons & popcorn will be given away
  - o Family bingo night happening April 21

**d. KAP**

- Had a banking issue at the credit union but got it resolved

**8. New business: NIL**

## 9. Open forum: Questions, concerns, compliments:

- Discussion about swimming lessons as part of PE
  - o Budget issues with doing so
  - o Getting the facility and life guards are also issues
  - o Would be nice, but highly unlikely right now
- Agendas
  - o Parents wondering if teachers request them?
    - Teachers voted at a staff meeting and all were in favour
  - o Do parents use them?
    - Varies by teacher
  - o Is it necessary with email and SeeSaw?
    - Benefits the kids to use and understand a calendar
  - o Tom will ask at the next staff meeting for teacher feedback
    - Concerns raised because they are a big expense
- Bullying discussion
  - o Discussion of current bullying situation at WES
    - Mr. Koskie reported they've seen a decrease in bullying with more awareness happening in the school (Pink Shirt Day, WOW presentations and discussions on Pink Shirt Day)
- Behavioural guidelines and policies
  - o Does WES have a specific behavioural policy or guidelines?
    - Links not working properly in the parent's section on the BTPS website
    - There are division-wide procedures and guidelines
    - Parent handbook is vague
      - Meant to be generic to adapt to individual situations
      - Mr. Koskie reported they handle behavioural issues on a case-by-case basis
    - WES has formed a staff committee to make a Code of Conduct
      - The committee started last month
      - The Code of Conduct will take effect next year
      - Expectations and guidelines will be included
      - Requested to bring the work of the committee to school council meetings for input and updates
      - Parents would like the opportunity to be involved in making the Code of Conduct

10. **Next Meeting:** Monday, May 1 at 7pm

11. **Adjourn:** 7:58pm