

Wainwright Elementary School Council Meeting

May 1, 2023

1. **Meeting called to order:** 7:03pm

2. **Attendance:** Stephanie Cooper, Michelle Tangen, Lindsay Carey, Carlee Whitelock, Mike Whitelock, Tom Koskie, Breanne Walker, Melissa Russell

3. **Adoption of March 2023 meeting minutes**
Motion: Carlee
Second: Breanne

4. **Old Business:**
None

5. **Correspondence:**
None

6. **Reports:**
 - a. **Admin: Mr. Koskie**
Kinder orientation meeting (April 27)
 - good turn out and the meeting went well
 - Parents heard from social emotional coach, WOW representative
 - Parents also toured the kindergarten suite and saw the open house
 - Planning to make the meeting only 30 minutes before the open house next year
 - New KAP executive, Jen McMinis is chair
Open house (April 27)
 - Great turn out
 - Balloons and popcorn were a huge hit
 - Overall it was a great event
Swimming has started up again for students
 - All grades are going on assigned days
Heading into the final 2 months of school
 - A lot of activities are planned and on the go
 - May and June calendars are filling up quickly
 - AR party
 - o Explored lots of options (Bouncy castles, foam party, etc.)
 - o Decided to do something kind of water related party
 - o Deadline for students to meet their goal is May 17th
 - o Party will be in later in June

Grade 5 operetta is happening on May 16

- At the Nazarene Church

Teachers will have half day to work on new curriculum

- Morning and afternoon sessions (half day for each grade)
- On May 11 & 12
- Subs have been booked to accommodate this

PAT Exams

- Students write the ELA part on May 17th
- Remaining exams will be written the last week of June, including the last day of school

Celebration day

- Usually the last day of school
- Will be on June 23 instead this year to accommodate PAT exams

Grade 6 celebration

- Tentatively scheduled for June 14
- A celebration of them moving on and completing 7 years at WES

Student behaviour committee

- Working on code of conduct
- Using examples from other schools to put it together
- Goal is to finish by the end of June, but it's a busy time of year, so that may not be possible

Budget presentation

- Annual Education Results Report (AERR)
 - Available on the BTPS Assurance Dashboard (on BTPS website)
 - Tracks student growth & achievement
 - Broken down into division, province and school specific numbers
- Budget
 - BTPS received \$48 million last year
 - BTPS received \$50 million this year
 - Schools get 91% of the money
 - Other departments get the remainder (maintenance, etc.)
 - 2023/2024
 - Slightly higher projected enrollment
 - \$2.8 million is allotted to WES
 - Slightly higher than last year
 - Will need to include 2% salary increase for teachers and 10% increase to benefit plan
 - Given the budget, it will be difficult to fund the necessary class increases needed for next year
- School generated funds
 - Concern with schools carrying money from year to year

- Intent is spending today's money on today's kids
- Only exception is when there are clearly communicated and planned for expenses that money will be saved for
 - For example, playground equipment at the new school

Year end parent council report

- Needs to be signed and turned in to the division
- Covers the highlights of the year

Teacher appreciation lunch

- Scheduled for May 30

b. BTPS Board Trustee: Stephanie Cooper

- Jodie Cook is going to be the new principal for Wainwright High School
- No increase to school fees for next year
- Board secretary/treasurer is leaving at the end of this year
- April 16 – 22 – national volunteer week
 - The board acknowledges and appreciates school council and other volunteers
- 2 new podcast episodes on BTPS website
- New radio ads can also be found on website
- Grade 11 students shared a presentation on reconciliation with the board
- Grade 9 students will tour Lakeland college
- Budget
 - The board is feeling positive about the budget
 - More funds available but a large portion is earmarked for transportation
- The board is going ahead with getting more information about a ward review
 - Wards won't necessarily change but looking to make sure wards reflect population changes
- Next board meeting: May 16 at 5pm

c. WEPA

- Bingo night
 - April 21
 - Went really well and have gotten a lot of positive feedback
 - Will plan to do more bingo nights a couple of times a year
 - Raised over \$600
- Open house
 - Popcorn and balloons handed out
- Next meeting is May 11th
 - Will finalize funding for the rest of the year

d. KAP

None

7. New Business:

None

8. Open Forum: Questions, Concerns, Compliments

Discussion of the new discipline policy that is currently being created

- Parent request to have parental or school council input on the creation of the policy
 - o Brought up that the Code of conduct says parents should have input in creation of the new policy
- Heated discussion ensued
 - o Mr. Koskie said he would “shut the meeting down” if individual examples were continued to be discussed during the school council meeting
- Mr. Koskie said parents take an advisory role only in the creation of the policy
 - o However, the new discipline policy will come to parents after the committee is finished creating it, at which time input from school council and parents can be given
 - There will be an opportunity for changes or tweaks to be made to the policy based on parental input and feedback
 - o The new discipline policy will not be published or sent out until it receives input from parents and approval from the division

9. Next Meeting TBD

10. Adjourn: 8:50pm