

Wainwright Elementary School Council Meeting

Sept. 25th, 2023

1. Welcome & meeting to order

7:02pm

2. Mantra

“To support and enhance student learning”

3. Introductions & attendance:

Tom Koskie, Mike Whitelock, Carlee Whitelock, Dallas Ukrainetz, Lindsay Carey, Chelsey MacDonald, Angela Golinowski, Mackenzie Goodwin, Stephanie Cooper, Michelle Webb, Sarah Scott, Melissa Russell, Breanne Walker, Anita Sawyer, Shannon Gilchrist (online)

4. Review last meeting minutes

Motion to adopt: Carlee Whitelock

Second: Breanne Walker

5. Old business

2021/2022 survey results and action items

- Question: when will this year’s results come out
 - o Survey is completed in February, so results will be available shortly after that
- Discussion of PAT results will happen this fall
- Question: survey results discussed last year showed 4 out of 5 students feel safe in their classroom/school, is there an action item for the 1 out of 5 who don’t feel safe?
 - o Mr. Koskie will look into this and bring some discussion to the next meeting

Discussion on disciplinary policy and parent involvement

- Committee is currently working on the draft of the new disciplinary policy
 - o Current draft was sent to teachers for feedback in August
 - o It will also be sent to support staff for feedback
 - o After that, Mr. Koskie will bring it to a school council meeting for discussion

6. Correspondence:

N/A

7. Reports

a. Admin - Mr. Koskie

- New staff: Mr. Saretsky (mat leave position, grade 6), Mrs. Leggett (grade 4), Mrs. Barss (kindergarten), Mrs. Valleau is on leave and Mrs. Doetzel will be filling in for her
- Current enrollment: 374 students (3 higher than last year at this time)
- Budget allows for 19.5 teachers and 16 support staff including 2 PUFF EA
- Student activities:
 - o Very busy and positive start to the year
 - o Grade 6 led the kick off assembly
 - Really great start to the year
 - o Spirit week – dress up and activities

- Open house
 - Great turnout and positive feedback
- Cross country
 - Riverdale race Sept 26th
- Picture day
- Terry Fox Run
 - Great event
- Orange Shirt Day and no school for Truth and Reconciliation Day
- Milk sales are up and running
- Lots of funds received for the Breakfast Program
 - Received some great donations and grants
- Hot lunch has started
 - Taphouse offered to do free hot lunch Sept 28th
- Elks donated sound system for a classroom
- Safety Patrol is ready to go as soon as the training program is available
- Recess changes
 - All students going out together for morning and afternoon recess
 - Lunch recess will continue to be staggered
- New school
 - Planning phase has started
 - Need two representatives to join that committee (Dallas & Lindsay)
 - Tours of recently built schools will be happening to get ideas
- Behaviour plan on its way to getting formalized
- Alberta School Council Engagement Grant
 - Rolled over from last year so there will be \$1000 to spend on raising awareness and programs for school council
- Welcome and thank you to everyone for attending

b. BTPS board trustee – Stephanie Cooper

- Had their first meeting in August
- Welcome to the new superintendent Michelle Webb
- The website has been updated
 - BTPS swag is available on the site
 - All financial information is up to date on the website
- Military family appreciation day was recognized
- Looking for nominations for outstanding support staff
 - Staff celebration Oct. 25
 - Form is available on the website
- Lakeland college partnerships going well
 - Dual credit in welding is now available
- Forgave Friends of Wainwright High for outstanding amount owed for track
- Thank you to all parents for the work they do

c. WEPA

- School generated funds were running low
 - Asked Merna for input on needs for budget planning for this year
- Exceeded WEPA's fundraising goal by \$5000
 - Additional funds were put away for new playground

- Already raised over \$2500 for the year
- d. KAP
 - Currently holding their first meeting
 - Nothing to report at this time

8. New business

New and departing staff

- Already discussed in Mr. Koskie's report

Truth and reconciliation day

- Video lessons will be shared during the morning
- Orange shirt day will be observed

Design committee for new school (First meeting on Sept. 28th at 2pm)

- Dallas and Lindsay volunteered to represent school council on the committee

Open forum: questions, concerns, compliments

- How is the new recess structure going?
 - The students and teachers are enjoying it
 - Freedom Friday (last Friday of the month) is also going well
- New bussing structure
 - Not as many kids were registered as expected
 - BTPS is prepared for more during the winter, but haven't seen a big increase yet
- Question about glitches on the website (links not opening)
 - Could be dependant on what type of device is being used to access link
- Are school's websites managed by BTPS or each school individually?
 - The schools populate their own section under BTPS website
 - The high school uses a Link Tree that is really user friendly
- Notification to parents policy
 - BTPS is looking into this policy via a committee
- Roles within school council
 - Will be addressed at the next meeting
- Would the school be interested in participating in Christmas shoe boxes?
 - Some teachers have done it in the past
 - Usually decided by each class if they will participate
 - Feedback: it might be better to focus on funding programs for local kids
 - The school also does food drive around the holidays
- Was there talk about Grade 3 PAT coming back?
 - Mr. Koskie hasn't heard about anything
- Parent request to open AR later during the evenings and on weekends
 - Current times are in place to prevent siblings from completing quizzes for students
- Question about the front door always being unlocked at all times
 - Is that normal? Should there be a buzzer of some kind?
 - Michelle Webb: any school without a line of site to front door, should be locked
 - This question will be taken back to OH&S to discuss
- Question about filters getting changed in the water fountains

Next meeting – Oct. 23, 2023

Motion to Adjourn: Melissa Russell