

# **Wainwright Elementary School Council Meeting**

## **October 23, 2023**

### **1. Welcome & meeting to order**

7:00pm

Mantra: "To support and enhance student learning"

### **2. Introductions/attendance:**

Attendees: Tom, Angela, Anita, Mike, Sarah, Dallas, Stephanie, Jen, Chelsay, Melissa, Breanne

### **3. Review last meeting minutes**

Motion to adopt: Breanne Walker

Second: Dallas Ukrainetz

### **4. Old business**

2022/2023 survey results & action items (kids feeling safe at school)

- 80.5% grade students felt safe at school 2021-22
- 85.9% 2022/23
  - o Covid protocols were still impacting classes in 2021/22
  - o What is being done to ensure kids feel safe at school:
    - Class placements are carefully chosen
    - Staff discussions throughout the year
    - Staggered recesses help reduce conflict
    - WOW councillor and two SEC councillors
    - Clear expectations discussed for special days
    - RCMP visits
    - Host anti-bullying presentations
    - I AM program

Front doors being locked & being buzzed in by office

- Superintendent Webb was discussing with the facility department to see what that would entail at WES
- Follow up will be discussed at the next meeting regarding the status of this

Discussion on disciplinary policy & parent involvement

- Tom presented a draft of the policy
  - o Open to suggestions

New school design committee update

- Potential blue prints were on display
- 4 schools were visited by members of the school and committee
- Found a design they are excited about
- Continuing with design meetings

\$500 school council grant

- An additional \$500 was carried over from last year, making \$1000 available this year
- Went over non-allowable uses and allowable expenses

## **5. Correspondence**

N/A

## **6. Reports**

### **a. Admin – Mr. Koskie**

- Mrs. Doetzel has been covering grade 4 with Mrs. Valleau returning Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>
- Parent teacher conferences being held Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Two student teachers doing practicums at WES – grade 5 & 1
- Gained 5 new students since last month
- WES participated in Truth and Reconciliation Day events
- Safety patrol is running
- Book fair is opening up Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>
- Halloween dance & march will be held Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> (all students)
- Remembrance Day ceremony scheduled for Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:45am
- WOW has started an after-school art club (all students)
- I AM program working with grade 5 students
- Lifetouch pictures –
  - o Tom asked if parents are satisfied with renewing the contract with them
  - o Tom will talk to other schools to see if there are other options
- Water filter being changed in water fountains
- School based PD – Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> (literacy & numeracy, then working in grade groups)
- ATA professional learning day Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – variety of sessions
- Bags for breakfast is donating \$742 to the school

### **b. BTPS board trustee – Stephanie Cooper**

- Teacher retirement strategy approved
- Updating policy & procedures
  - o All BTPS schools will have the same field trip form format
- Board chair and superintendent met with Education Minister
- Keaton Xu from WHS was selected for Minister Youth Council
- Shelley Sinclair from Irma received the Prime Minister's award for teaching excellence
- Celebration and awards ceremony coming next week

### **c. WEPA**

- Focus for October was getting hot lunch up and running (3 days a week)
  - o Will be getting feedback from school on all vendors
- Movie night this Friday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>
- Working on upcoming Christmas activities

### **d. KAP**

- Gearing up for winter fundraiser (Growing Smiles – seasonal arrangements)
  - o Different price points \$20-50
- Good group of parents involved with KAP

## **7. New business**

- Voting and nominations for new council positions
  - o Chair: Mike Whitelock
  - o Vice Chair: tabled until next meeting to check with Shannon if she still wants the position
  - o Secretary: Melissa Russell/Carlee Whitelock
  
- Expense of agendas
  - o Grades were asked if they use them or not prior to ordering
  - o Only ordered for grades that use them
  
- BTPS flyer mail out for bus drivers
  - o Difficult to find bus drivers right now
  
- Alberta Education focus groups
  - o Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm on Zoom

## **8. Open forum**

- Any news about having a pronoun bill similar to the one passed in Saskatchewan
  - o Discussing within Alberta government
  
- Staff was appreciative to hear about school council discussions from last meeting

## **9. Next meeting**

Dec. 4, 2023

## **10. Adjourn**

8:13pm

Motion: Mike Whitelock