

Wainwright Elementary School Council Meeting

February 26th, 2024

1. Welcome, Meeting to Order

7:00pm

Mantra: To Support and Enhance Student Learning

2. Introductions/Attendance:

Melissa, Tom, Mike, Carlee, Lindsey, Anita, Dallas, Chelsey, Jen, McKenzie, Trustee
Stephanie Spornitz

3. Review Last Meeting Minutes:

Motion to adopt: Jen
Second: Chelsey

4. Old Business:

- Lifetouch representative attended the meeting
 - Concerns have been raised about the quality of the prints
 - They had new cameras and had issues switching from auto to manual
 - The camera issue has been resolved
 - Concerns raised about paper quality
 - Paper has not changed
 - Price
 - There was a price increase this year
 - There is a Family rewards plan – after every \$65 spent you get a 10% off coupon
 - Packages start at \$26
 - Option to order a different image for each sheet in the package
 - Class photo vs composite collage
 - Either option could be offered
 - Complimentary for all students (next year)
 - Other features of Lifetouch:
 - Images are protected with high security
 - Customer service issues – there's a number for parents to call (call center) or the school has a direct line for the area manager

- Paper order forms are available for those who don't want to order online
- Compare Lifetouch and Smart Photography
 - Concerns about Switching to Smart Photography if WHS is still with Lifetouch ○ Mike will talk to Jason with the WHS school council to talk about changing for next year
- New school design committee update
 - No updates at this time
 - Next meeting is scheduled for March 11
 - Replacement schools haven't been announced in the budget yet
- 4-Year Plan online focus groups
 - All sessions have been completed
- Grant money (\$1000 available)
 - Jon Hansen reached to Tom about doing a presentation about 'belonging, resilience, self-confidence and removing negative labels'. He offers a student session and a parent session. Prices are \$600.00 or \$800.00.
 - Mike will share videos Jon Hansen sent
 - WHS Jason, Chair – WHS Council, reached out regarding his idea of having Jeremy Allen of Gregory's Funeral Services from Provost come and do a presentation called, Death Ed. He uses his experience dealing with death to help families have difficult conversations. Jason was hoping to reach out to FCSS to see if there is any funding available there. Jason said in his email that Jeremy mentioned he would try and work with us on a price as he would like to give back to the community.

5. Correspondence:

- Alberta School Council Conference & AGM.
 - School Council Conference Friday April 26 and Saturday April 27, located at the Delta Marriott Edmonton South.
 - Sunday April 28 Annual General Meeting (AGM) located at the Delta Marriott Edmonton South.

6. Reports:

- a. Admin: Mr. Koskie
- Staffing
 - Mrs. Martens is on leave (4-6 weeks)
 - Mrs. Stang moved into IL during the leave
 - Mr. Harkins has replaced Mrs. Stang during the leave
- Activities
 - Afterschool basketball ended, badminton starts

- AR celebration will be a movie
 - Bingo will be the next celebration
- Kinderwalk was a success
- Jump Rope for Heart raised over \$13,000
- Grades 4-6 went to WHS for a presentation by Ryan Strachintzki
- Teachers' convention was held Feb. 15- 16
- AB Ed surveys and Our School Surveys administered for grades 4-6
- 100 days of school food bank drive was successful
- Books and blankets with milk and cookies was held Feb. 26
- Student board engagement interview held Feb. 28 – grade 6 students answered questions
- Pink shirt day held on Feb. 28 – activities from WOW
- Classroom pancake breakfasts happening mid March
 - 3 grades per day

b. BTPS Board Trustee

- Trustee Stephanie Spornitz filling in for Trustee Cooper

- Heard from students during the February board meeting on how schools could support all students
- Stakeholder Engagements have been completed online
- The board of trustees is nearing the final stages of the Ward Review process
 - Haven't had a review in over 25 years
 - Ensuring municipal populations are represented fairly by school board members
 - Board will hear from the population in person on April 15 at JR Robson School, April 16 at WHS and April 18 online
- Provost students are back in their classrooms after the October fire at the school
 - The board recognizes the Town of Provost for their support of student learning while displaced by the fire
- All new bus routes that have been added have been filled by local contractors
 - BTPS strives to keep bus rides under 75 minutes one way for students
- Upcoming programming opportunities:
 - WHS is hosting an art program for Art 20/Art 30 credits
 - Dewberry School is building an e-sports program
- CUPE AB chose Chris Miller, a BTPS Maintenance employee as the winner of a Health and Safety Award
- The board shared stories with the Rural Caucus of AB School Boards to publish on their website:
 - The Passion Projects Powering Minds at the Delnorte/Innisfree School

- The Poultry Program at Dewberry School

c. WEPA:

- January brought in \$3,800 (hot lunch, bingo, bartending at a xmas party) -
- February brought in \$3,400 (hot lunch, WES wear, Fresh Forward)
- \$19,700 total raised
 - Goal is \$26,000
 - Slightly behind to meet that goal
- St Patrick's Day dance is coming up march 14th
 - Request for student artwork to decorate the gym
- Bingo coming up on April 12

d. KAP:

- Successful Kinderwalk
 - \$3,000 earned
 - KAP would like to thank:
 - Eyes in town for sunglasses
 - Norris Ford for water bottles
 - Beyond a Beaten Path for keychains
- KAP is wrapping up for the year

7. New Business:

- N/A

8. Open Forum: Questions, Concerns, Compliments:

- Questions about why a French and/or music program are no longer offered at WES ○
Funding issues and no longer in the curriculum
- AB Ed survey
 - The feedback scale was strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree
 - There was no middle ground option
 - Would be helpful to see in future surveys

9. Next Meeting:

- April 8th, 2024 at 7pm

10. Adjourn:

- Motion: Carlee