

**Wainwright Elementary School Council Meeting  
May 6, 2024**

**1. Welcome, Meeting to Order**

**Mantra:** To Support and Enhance Student Learning

**2. Introductions/Attendance:**

**Carlee Whitelock, Michael Whitelock, Tom Koskie, Lindsay Carey, Melissa Russell, Jen McMinis, Stephanie Cooper, Chelsey McDonald**

**3. Review Last Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion: Melissa**

**Second: Lindsay**

**4. Old Business:**

Behavior Policy Update: Policy is 100% complete. Board relayed positive feedback

**5. Correspondence:**

N/A

**6. Reports:**

**a. Admin: Mr. Koskie**

1. Budget has been submitted, we need to reduce our staff/ teacher 1.0 FTE. Currently there are 19.5 positions reducing to 18.5 in 24/25 school year. We are the largest school in our division with exceptional high needs group. We are currently employing high numbers of EAs. PUFF funding has returned but with a limited capacity and a February deadline to apply.
2. Classroom pancake breakfasts will continue in May. We received the President's Choice Grant for \$11,500.00 for Breakfast Program
3. After School Yoga – To run Mondays and Tuesdays April 22- May 14 Mon Gr 1-3/Tues – Gr 4-6.
4. Jon Hansen presentation – April 30 - Gr K-6
5. New School – Advocacy letter sent out to parents. Meeting with Architects and reviewing electrical in classrooms.
6. No ELA PAT test; Math Gr 6 PAT this year the teacher will participate in Field tests in the two subjects.
7. President Choice approved new funding for next year \$11.5K grant for our Breakfast/Food program
8. Kindergarten Orientation/Organization meeting – registrations are at 40ish. Great night with a good vibe.
9. Open house – Great turn out, thanks to WEPA for the balloons and greeting parents.
10. Swimming for classes starting as Spring has arrived
11. On our last AR Session culminating in an AR party – TBD
12. May and June calendars are filling up with many things planned for the students.
13. Gr 5 Operetta on May 14 at 6:30PM
14. Teachers in gr 4-6 will have a ½ day online in-service to discuss work on new Science curriculum.
15. Grade 6 Farewell – June 25
16. Celebration Day – June 26b. BTPS Board Trustee: Stephanie Cooper
17. Mr. Koskie has announced he is retiring at the end of the school year.

**b. Board Trustee: Stephanie Cooper**

1. The Board is still advocating for our new school.
2. Alberta Education is introducing a new cell phones in school policy. Surveys closed May 3<sup>rd</sup>

3. Superintendent highlights Wainwright Arts Academy using radio ads.
4. Students joined board meeting discussion on 'how can we increase success in schools.'
5. WARD review complete
6. Public Speaking Competition Keaton Xu won from Wainwright High School. He was very impressive

**c. WEPA:**

1. Winding down fundraising for the year only K-6 track and field events left.
2. \$25,577.00 raised to date

**d. KAP:**

1. Wrapped for the year
2. 5 new board members – Sorrell Elliott among new group

**7. New Business:**

- WEPA scheduling request approved by Student Council meetings will now be held on the same night to alleviate scheduling difficulties.
- Board Nominations  
Michael is requesting to step down new position open for Chair.  
Chair Nominations

**8. Open Forum: Questions, Concerns, Compliments:**

Questions regarding behavior policy. There was a request for the behavior policy to be more clearly communicated with students. Including students signing a classroom copy showing that they understand.

**Tom declined with no further explanation.**

Questions regarding pizza lunch for kids provided by the school. WEPA had asked in the previous year if we could throw a pizza party for the school, and we were told no. It is frustrating that the school does this, and WEPA is not permitted to.

**Tom said he can do as he pleases.**

**Questions regarding FitSet Ninja.**

Fitset Ninja was cancelled with no communication to WEPA. WEPA has Fitset Ninja built into their budget and was frustrated that there was no communication that the funds were no longer needed.

**9. Next Meeting:**

**September 23 at 7:30**

**10. Adjourn:**

- Motion:

Melissa