

## **Centennial Parent Council Minutes - November 20, 2023**

**Attendance: Emilie Stobert (Chair), Olivia Friesen (Vice Chair/Secretary), Megan Paxman, Robyn Staffen (Treasurer), Barb Johnson (Trustee), Candace Elliot (Teacher Representative), Jane Gusdal (VP), Mary Lynn Kary (Principal)**

### **1. Welcome and introduction**

- Approval of last meeting minutes- no motion necessary
- Approval of agenda - no motion necessary.
- Additions to agenda- AGLC to Old Business and Christmas concert plans to New Business

### **2. School Trustee Report: Barb Johnson**

- Smash Ball and WRPS' first Smash Ball Tournament was a huge success!
- Kids Help Phone- [RiseUp](#) -nationwide 24/7, mental health support services.
- Policy 18 assessed: Community Use of Facilities, no modifications considered necessary at this time.
- Policy 19: Wellness, Senior Administration to review and bring back any recommended changes.
- The board is ensuring that policies and administrative procedures support the interest of parents. Emphasizing the crucial role of parents/guardians, and caregivers as essential partners and advocates in students' lives.
- An Audited Financial Statement as of August 31, 2023, was presented to the Board. Financial statements accurately reflected the financial position of WRPS. Documents have been posted on the Division's website.
- The board has been installing flagpoles across the Division in order to respectfully fly the Treaty Six Territory flag.
- The Committee received professional development in the area of Indigenous Foundational knowledge.

### **3. Treasurer Report (Robyn Staffen)**

- Nothing to report. Discussed with Emilie Stobert (Chair) about arrangements to officially change signing authority at the bank.

### **4. Staff Report (Candace Elliot)**

- Grade 2: Intervention group- Gumball machine project was a big success.
- Science- launchable rockets project was very fun and engaging.

### **(Jane Gusdal)**

- Commended Candace Elliot for her wonderful work in finding ways to engage the

kids with the community in projects such as the Pumpkin Ball.

- All grades participated in coloring ugly Christmas sweaters for the Centennial Christmas tree at the Festival of Trees at the Manluk Centre.
- Grade 4: Social Studies- designing web pages
- Grade 5: Social Studies- Early Canada, creating advertisements to live in Canada
- Grade 6: Science- Trees and Forest studies
- Jane discussed plans for a field trip to Sagebrush following the Christmas Concert, on December 21, to perform for the residents there.

## **5. Principal Report**

- Increased Enrollment
- ISSP surveys sent home- Brittany Fisher (Mental Health Practitioner) has started working with kids to complete the surveys.
- Posted again for an Indigenous Support Worker.
- School staff have been discussing diversity and anti-bullying strategies. They have been reading books about diversity with students.
- Mrs. Kary passed out the new Admin Procedure (DRAFT) regarding head lice.
- The Science of Reading literacy program and Grade 4/5/6 Rewards program is in full swing. Learning success stories will be online soon.
- Learning disruption grant of \$4000. Plans to hire an EA part-time for math intervention.
- There will be an activity day on the last day before Christmas break
- Christmas break will be December 22nd - January 8th
- Swimming lessons will be scheduled for Grade 1 in May/June.

## **6. Old Business**

- AGLC requirements. Robyn Staffen has further information regarding the requirements and will email them to Emilie Stobert to get the process started.

## **7. New Business**

- Christmas concert - Theme: "Christmas Around The World". Discussed doing another "Guess the jellybeans" activity along with a donations jar on the welcome table at the concert. Possibly bring in popcorn/candy to sell as well. Proceeds to go towards busing costs.
- Fundraising ideas: Handmade cards (Megan Paxman), Plants in the spring (Olivia Friesen), Cupcakes For Kindness (Candace Elliot). Pizza Days have been very successful, Mrs. Kary will look into a gluten-free option. Possibly bring back the Jack Frost fundraiser, maybe bring in Jennifer Scheffler to discuss logistics of that. Possibly plan movie nights in the gym.

## **8. Next meeting date: December 11, 2023 @6:30pm**