

## **Centennial Parent Council Minutes - March 18, 2024**

**Attendance: Olivia Friesen (Co-chair/Secretary), Robyn Staffen (Treasurer), Megan Paxman, Mary Lynn Kary (Principal), Jane Gusdal (VP), Candace Elliot (Teacher representative), Laura White (Trustee)**

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

- Approval of last month's meeting minutes. Mary Lynn reported an error, an amendment to be made is noted and will be completed by Olivia.
- Approval of Agenda - no motion necessary.

### **2. School Trustee Report: Laura White**

- Provincial funding approved for the planning of a new school build. The board will meet on Wednesday, March 20 to vote on the motions. If approved, this would approve the closures of Parkdale, Centennial, and Norwood once the new build is completed. Proposed boundary changes would also be addressed. There would be approx. one year of planning before specific requests are made to move ahead.
- There will be more opportunity for input from school staff and parents/guardians. Please continue to participate in surveys and meetings to have your voices heard. It is very important that we get input from everyone throughout this process to make the best decisions possible.
- Draft motions were shared with the public and can be found on the WRPS website.
- Modified school calendar will be reviewed and approved.
- Policy 8: Committee of the Board and Policy 9: Board Representatives were reviewed and the board discussed removing Trustees from Leaders Of Tomorrow and The Ashoro Friendship Society. School board support for these committees will be on an as-needed basis
- Air quality testing is being done at all schools and will continue on a 4 year rotation.
- Hockey Hooky was a success!
- There was an Education Committee meeting earlier in March to discuss off-campus opportunities such as internships, including work experience, and supplemental programs. Career partnerships and initiatives such as drones, were also discussed. Keeping things relevant and applicable to all students.

### **3. Treasurer Report: Robyn Staffen**

- February movie night – Cost: \$105 Raised: \$203

- Parent Council bank account balance is \$7,706.86
- Now that we have access to the bank account and know the balance, we should make sure that we have a plan to utilize the money.

#### **4. Staff Report: Candace Elliot and Jane Gusdal**

- St. Patrick's Day: Gr. 1 and 2 had so much fun making leprechaun traps and all the chaos that ensued thereafter. Kindergarten will be doing theirs on Tuesday.
- Grade 1 and 2 will be combining for a field trip which has yet to be decided on. Kindergarten and grade 3 will be going to the Telus World of Science.
- Grade 2 has been working so hard with fundraising and it's paying off! They are signed up for gymnastics and to go to the music festival.
- WRPS floor hockey tournament will be on Tuesday, March 20 at the Drill Hall.
- Grade 5 is having so much fun with chemistry and learning the periodic table.

#### **5. Principal Report: Mary Lynn Kary**

- Two EA's were hired for Kindergarten. A posting for another EA for the grade 2 class is up.
- Centennial is now at 136 students strong! Enrolment is now open for 2024/2025. The school will put out an announcement after the board votes on the new build. If it is approved, Centennial will remain open until the new build is complete.
- Spring Break is coming up! March 22-April 2.
- Parent teacher interviews will be held April 24 - 25. Reports will be available online the week prior.
- There are a lot of activities coming up after spring break. "Centennial's Got Talent" will be held in June. Education week is coming up and there are tentative plans to have some authors come in. There is also a track meet tentatively booked for June.
- Assessments are showing huge achievements and gains in students.
- During the last PLC day, interventions were reviewed to make sure everyone is on the same page.
- The flu is going around the school, which is a concern, and we have seen low attendants due to that.
- Lance Scout will be doing 4 teachings for staff about the Grandfather Teachings.
- With the weather warming up we are encouraging walking field trips.

- 12 students selected from grade 5 and 6 will be able to participate in “Horses of Hope” run by Hope Mission.

#### **6. Old Business**

- The February movie night was a hit! It was very well attended and went smoothly. Ideas to improve are to ask for staff volunteers to help with supervision and to possibly do chairs instead of mats.

#### **7. New Business**

- Planning for the next movie night: Thursday, May 2nd. Hotdogs (BBQ), chips, candy bags, and water bottles. We will solidify who is bringing what and also choose the movie at the next meeting.
- Teacher Appreciation is May 6-10. Tentative plan to bring lunch for the teachers on either May 6th or 7th. Details TBD.

**Next Meeting: April 15, 2024 @ 6:30pm**