

## **Centennial Parent Council Minutes -May 13, 2024**

**Attendance: Emilie Stobert (Chair), Olivia Friesen (Vice Chair/Secretary), Jane Gusdal (VP), Laura White (Trustee), Mary Lynn Kary (Principal)**

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

- Approval of last meeting minutes. There was an error with the Parent Council Family Movie Date/Time.

### **2. Laura White report (Trustee)**

- Jane Gusdal was hired as the Fine Arts Lead teacher for the division. She will remain VP at Centennial with reduced hours.
- Chad Schenk was hired as VP at Buck Mountain School.
- Carlee Zwartka was hired as principal for Winfield School
- WRPS has partnered with Christ The Redeemer School to offer grade 10-12 online learning options.
- Centennial School's grade 2 class did wonderfully at the Wetaskiwin Music Festival, earning double gold seals for their choral recitation of 2 poems.
- WRPS board made modifications to the board foundation statement, noting the responsibility of parents to work and collaborate with the school for their child's ongoing success.

### **3. Treasurer Report**

- Robyn Staffen (treasurer) was absent, so Emilie (chair) gave the treasurer report.
- \$210.00 was raised at the Parent Council Movie Night. Funds will be deposited once Robyn returns and we will update the new bank account balance at the next Parent Council meeting.

### **4. Staff Report (Jane Gusdal)**

- Parent Council Movie Night was another success!
- The Alberta Opera came and put on a wonderful performance at Centennial School.
- Lance Scout has visited the school twice now to deliver teachings to each class. This week's visit was "The Vision Quest"- on courage and strength.
- Spring concert will be May 28th. Details will be sent out in the newsletter.
- Grade 1 swimming lessons will begin on June 3rd.
- Field trips: May 30th grades 1&2 are going to the zoo. May 21st grade 2's are walking to the Heritage Museum. June 4 grade 5 is going to the Power

Plant. June 6th grade 4&5 are going to Fort Edmonton. Division 2 will have their track meet on June 5th.

- Last day of school will be June 26th.
- Volunteer breakfast will be June 7th
- Centennial welcomed Moose the therapy dog.
- PAT's begin this week for grade 6

#### **5. Principal Report (Mary Lynn Karyl)**

- Jane Gusdal will continue to work as VP for Centennial and run music, as well as taking on her new role as Fine Arts Lead teacher for the division.
- Sam Koops will have increased hours for the 2024/2025 school year.
- Mrs. Pohl is retiring and will not be returning in the fall.
- All admin went to collaborative response training. We will hopefully have more stats on academic learning and growth of our students to share soon!
- The school had a collaborative team meeting to make sure that all kids are being supported. This is to provide a well-researched, organized approach to individualized learning, teaching, and support.
- Break times for students will be changing for 2024/2025 school year. Morning recess is changing from 18 mins to 20 mins. Lunch time is increasing from 18 mins to 25 mins. Lunch recess is increasing from 18 minutes to 25 mins. Dismissal bell will ring at 3:20pm

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

- The Parent Council Movie night was a success. Chairs were much better than the mats. \$210 was raised.
- Teacher appreciation lunch was well received.

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

- Ideas were gathered on how to utilize parent council funds. Potentially organize a school-wide field trip for 2024/2025; Symphony Orchestra, Royal Alberta Museum, or bring someone into the school? Other ideas are providing cold weather clothing for students, or offering teachers allotted money to purchase items at PLC days.
- Ideas for increasing parent involvement. Potentially set up a Parent Council Table at the next school BBQ where we can collect a contact list for parent volunteers. Personally inviting parents to be involved.

#### **8. Next meeting date: Monday, June 17 @ 6:30pm**