

## **WA DAY School Council Meeting September 20, 2023**

(7:00pm) Welcome and Approval of June Minutes

Christie Burdett, Jessie, Michelle Bushaw, Lacey Poytress, Jocelyn TOTH, Lacey Poytress, Lorie Hodges, Des Vandervalk, Georgia Hansen, Lindsey Rolefson, Jenny Doyle, Amanda Van Hierden, Hannah Orr, Genessa Burbank, Neisa Smith, Bernadette Mariano, Rachel Oudshoorn. Nick Beer. Christina Foote.

(7:05pm) Principal's Report.

- Back to school BBQ happy with the attendance. Impressed with the amount of people that stayed and spent time at the school.
- MRA results stated that the community thought there wasn't enough collaboration with the community and the school. We will hopefully address that connection this year starting by doing more activities in the evening and Nick is open to any more ideas that can strengthen this bond.
- Enrollment is up. 30 more than expected which is great for the community and school. We've had to turn away 20 students from out of the area and wish there was more room for everyone that wants to attend. Wolfpack has started. Changed to just grade 4-5 students. Mr Patton thought that those grades were not reaching their potential so choose to focus on the 2 older grades.
- Hot lunch and healthy snack program is in full effect. Streamlined the program by moving it all online this year through school cash online. Please order and pay online and if you can't you can still pay cash in the school office.
- Hannah had a question about ordering gluten free from subway and maybe even pizza and wondering about the cost attached to that. Georgia will inquire.
- Terry fox run tomorrow afternoon. Staff will be monitoring the intersections and doing it in the afternoon.
- Orange shirt day 29. Students are encouraged to wear Orange shirt and First nation elders will be attending.
- Oct 16 is Picture day.
- PD days Sept 23 & Oct 6.
- No more Pokemon cards allowed at school. Causing altercations
- Gym Class has changed to 1 hr. Half the class goes to gym and half stays in the classroom for more Targeted Numeracy or literacy instruction. Trying to help everything be more effective and alleviate the stress of the larger class sizes.
- Andrea Donnelly is a literacy and numeracy instructor. Helping in the learning commons and helping with intervention to help some students get caught up in class. Starting with grade 2 3 next week.
- Sarah asked about the PAL reading program and if we can implement that in the school. We talked about Parent volunteers. Maybe even Parent supervision at lunch hour?
- Parent book club. Georgia is starting one up more details to follow.

(7:20pm) Review the Operating Procedures, Mission Statement/Vision, Voting procedures  
-Christie had Coralee put the procedures up on the school website. Mission Statement is the same at the school. Nick says they will be making a new mission statement sometime in the next year.

-Christie read the 8 objectives see the website.

-Talked about how walshe has a great page on fb with lots of notifications. Lots of people though it would be good to create more of an online presence. Nick agrees. Talking about making our page public and putting more information on FB. Nick will talk to staff admin and see if they can and important info to the FB page and add posts.

(7:35pm) Current School Council Committees

-Fundraising Sarah Foote and Michelle Burshaw.

-Fundraising committee Meets monthly or so and plans out the fundraising for the year and brings the info to council. They are open to any ideas and trying new things and sticking to a loose schedule for the year.

- Nick suggested to do purdeys?

-Sarah asked about our kernels fundraiser and we decided to go ahead. Sarah will start it up and get a google doc and we will try and do it all online this year.

Fundraising report. See attachment for the full report!

-Talked about paying for turf in the gaga ball pit with some of our money. Sarah makes a motion to do this Jessie seconds.

-What should we be doing with our fundraising money? Can we do big projects or are there other areas that need money now that we can help out with?

-Garden bed/Playground Our big goal with fundraising is Trying to create a natural playground. Will be a project in the future. We have been saving money so that we can write a grant to match the money we've earned to help with the funding. Michelle has a very early concept for the playground. Amanda from FCSS has offered to help us write the grant. Nick would like to see something more inclusive for all students but not necessarily replacing all the structures.

(8:30pm) Meeting dates and times for the year

Meetings will be held during the year at 7pm on the 2nd wednesday of the month except next month will be on Oct 18.

(8:30pm) Adjournment

## ***WA DAY AGM***

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(8:30pm) Welcome: Christie Burdett

(8:35pm) **Election of Executive Positions**

**School Council Chair**

Previous: Christie Burdett

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**School Council Vice Chair**

Previous: Ashley Nelson

Elected: Michelle Vandervalk

**School Council Secretary**

Previous: Jocelyn Toth

Elected: Deseri Vandervalk

**School Council Treasurer**

Previous: Sarah Foote? (We did not elect one, but she is head of Fundraising)

Elected:

(8:40pm) Presentation of Last Years Activities/Events: Christie Burdett

(8:40pm) Presentation of Last Years Financials: Sarah Foote

Sarah makes motion to add members to the signing authority for the bank. Christie and Michelle names were put forward and Amanda Doyle seconds.

(8:45pm) Adjournment

Chantelle: Thank you to Rachel and Juliette and Hannah Orr for watering the gardens while we were away for summer vacation. Thank you to Livingstone Range, especially Ian, for taking care of the gardens grass this summer. My family will be cleaning out the beds in the next few weeks. Georgia has reached out to the staff if any classes would be interested in having Landon come in, he is an agronomist, to do an hour session on soil health and why it's important to plant a cover crop. Georgia would like to do this the beginning of October - so weather permitting, he may have to seed the fall crop without the kids and still teach or if it stays warm will plant with them. I would like to have the Garden Committee meet with Georgia as well in October when the 'back to school dust' settles and ensure support to the teachers being able to incorporate the gardens in year round curriculum opportunities and be ready for spring.