

**Westboro School Council
Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2021**

Welcome and Introductions:

Called to order at 6:32pm (Kim Scott)

Present:

Karry Biri, Crystal Hebert, Don Irwin, Mike Lastiwka, Theresa Mackenzie, Courtney Richard, Kim Scott, Jacquie Surgenor

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was amended to have Jacquie present ASCA Report after the Logos and COSC Report by Theresa. Motion made by Karry Biri, seconded by Jacquie Surgenor. All in favour "YES"

Adoption of previous regular meeting minutes:

The November meeting minutes were presented. Motion to accept as presented by Karry Biri, seconded by Crystal Hebert. All in favour "YES"

Logos Report:

Theresa Mackenzie gave the following Logos report

Chapels are Virtual in Google Meets

January 20 1pm

February 17 1 pm

March 10 1 pm

April TBD

May 12 1 pm

June 16 1 pm

The January LOGOs meeting was postponed. The next meeting date is February 9, 2021 at 7 pm.

Any Logos questions/support requested by staff, please send requests to Theresa

(westbororep@elkiland.ca)

COSC Report:

Theresa Mackenzie gave the following COSC report:

The last meeting was January 6, and the next meeting will be held February 3. The meeting notes were previously emailed to Kim, Mike and Shelby. IF anyone wants them please let Theresa know.

The annual education results report – is now available online

The Jr. High Honours program – is modeled after the pilot project and will be offered at Sherwood Heights, F.R. Haythorne and Ardrossan Sr./Jr High for grades 8 and 9.

Trustees elections- the nominations are open

Caregiver Education Series – Westboro includes in the weekly newsletters.

FNMI – Information Sessions – the information was in the last Westboro newsletter. Dates are approaching. There has been a suggestion to have a FNMI lead teacher from the school attend a parent council meeting in the future if this is possible.

The upcoming Session dates are

-Jan 26 (for those who self identify)

-Feb 2, Feb 23, Mar 16 – for all families

Public Engagement Spectrum – document was presented to inform on how the spectrum works. It will be something to think about as a parent council to use as a reference tool and working on a document when collaborating on topics. Maybe this is something we can share at a later meeting?

Returning Student Registration – Opens Feb 1 – Feb 28. All families will have to complete

Saffron Cyber Second – again is included in the Westboro weekly newsletter. There is great information for Parents and Saffron is a great resource.

ASCA Report:

Jacque gave the following report

As we were told last meeting, the funding for ASCA has been cut by approximately 75%. This means that there are major changes that have to be made. There is talk of a donation campaign in the future. The annual conference is still going ahead but there will be some changes. The conference will be held virtually on April 23,24 and 25. The cost will be approximately \$95. Check the ASCA website for details.

Trustee Report:

Don Irwin attended the meeting and gave the following report:

First let me start by wishing you a happy new year and I hope you had a good Christmas New Year's break although much different without being able to gather together.

We are pleased that in school in person education has resumed as of January 11 and would ask that you tell us how the adjustment to online learning went and returned to in school learning. We value your input and will use it should we have to make these changes again.

We completed Results review with all schools in November and want to thank Parent Councils for participating in the process. We hope it was helpful to you and again please let us know how your experience was.

In December the board approved an operating budget for 2021 and 2022 of 2 01 million using 4.72 million of our operating reserve. The provincial budget is expected late in February and we will know more about our funding at that time.

We completed a Value scoping exercise planning for the replacement of Sherwood Heights Junior high period. This planning Activity Took place September through November and we are recommending the replacement of Sherwood Heights as well as combining Campbelltown and Pine Street in order to attempt to get funding. There will be a right sizing of Salisbury and removal of portables from some schools in Sherwood Park in order to reduce our capacity which has prevented us from getting funding from Sherwood Heights into past.

2021 is election year for school board and municipal Council's in Alberta. Nominations have opened on January 4 and will close by noon on September 20 for the election on Monday, October 18. For more information, see the website and obtain a copy of the candidate manual.

In December we approved an honours program for grades eight and nine at Ardrossan Junior Senior, Sherwood Heights, and Haythorne. We used the 1400 responses from parents to plan the program.

Due to COVID-19 And school interruptions we will not be doing PAT testing at grade 6 and nine this year.

February is the month to re-register existing students for school in the fall. See details in your school newsletter or on the EIPS website. (www.eips.ca)

The next public school board meeting is on Thursday, January 21 at 10 AM and the agenda for that is online starting noon on Monday, January 18. If you have any input on the items there please call me before the meeting on third on the for that Thursday. Thank you

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to text phone or email me at anytime. My email is don.irwin@ [eips.ca](mailto:don.irwin@eips.ca) and my cell phone is 587-986-3900.

Working together with you for quality education.

Don Irwin

School Trustee
Sherwood Park

Admin Report:

Mike Lastiwka had 3 points to bring up in his report:

1. School Fees
2. Results review
3. School plan – resilience

1. School fees are more than likely going to be the same as the 2019/2020 year. There will be an upfront fee for field trips, but unsure of how it will work in regards to the break up. Will it be like this year, quarters or semester? Hopefully at the March school council we will be able to finalize fees for the upcoming year.
2. The results review was discussed and a few key points were brought to the forefront. The whole review can be found on the website. Within the presentation a few questions were discussed.

A positive that was mentioned was the weekly newsletter. It is a great thing to use to stay up to date.

It was discussed that teachable moments and we need to use them to foster the love of learning and not discouraged. Also, that children need to be provided different opportunities to speak in their own way. All ideas need to be valued and that every child needs to have their voice/ opinions. Children need to be shown the appropriate way to challenge authority. Questioning adults is not wrong but it needs to be done the right way, and they need an environment where they feel safe to do that. Children need to learn to be advocates for themselves.

Percentage of teachers, parents and students who are satisfied that students model the characteristics of active citizenship.

- Overall a consistently positive result.
- Imitative of our Westboro Warrior Way, and recognition of our student doing good deeds as well as our videos and the creation of our student council were all positive steps.
- See active citizenship now as wearing masks, social distancing, using hand sanitizer another requirement to keep everyone safe is a great example of active citizenship. We are very proud of our students.

Percentage of teacher, parent and student agreement that: students are safe at school, are learning the importance of caring for others, are learning respect for others and are treated fairly in school.

- We continue to have a consistently high level of achievement in the area. 93%
- Administration has seen a change in the general attitude towards school from students in the last few years. Especially since the adoption of the Warrior Way ideals and restorative practices.

- Over the last two years, we have seen a significant drop in the number of office referrals and suspensions.
- Students this year are demonstrating caring for others by keeping each other safe and following all COVID protocols.

Percentage of teachers, parents and students satisfied with the overall quality of basic education.

- At 95%, we consistently perform very well here as well.

Percentage of teachers and parents satisfied with parental involvement in decisions about their child's education.

- Has been consistently improving.
- What are we doing well?
- What is one thing we can improve upon?

Percentage of teachers, parents and students indicating that their school and schools in their jurisdiction have improved or stayed the same the last three years.

- Excellent result at 92.9%
- Consistently improving achievement level.

Percentage of teachers and parents who agree that students are taught attitudes and behaviours that will make them successful at work when they finish school.

- Consistent results at around 80%
- The “at work” part I believe is problematic.
- Parents usually indicate a large proportion of “satisfied” at about 50% and don’t know at about 20%
- What attitudes and behaviours would you like to see your child have and how best would you like us to teach these?

Percentage of teacher and parent satisfaction that students demonstrate the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for lifelong learning.

- Consistently the results are all over the place.
- One of the two questions in this indicator is about High School Students, Second question says your child.

3. Resilience by Dr. Lucy Hone

1. Not why me, but why not me when bad things happen.
 1. Don’t personalize it, bad things happen.
 2. Charles Hunt, “I was a victim, but I refuse to own being a victim.”
 3. Believe in Hope. How you think can play a significant role in how you feel.

2. Focus on what you are grateful for. Appreciate the good.

- a. Looking for negatives or dangers is a part of our evolution
- b. Sabretooth tiger vs rainbow
- c. Much harder with social media and COVID
- d. Need to see the rainbow
- 2. Ask yourself, is this helping or hurting?
- a. Looking at news, keeping informed vs increasing the worry
- b. Focus on things that help.
- c. Your mindset is where you will go.

Open Questions:

None

Next meeting date: February 17,2021 at 630pm

Motion to adjourn by Karry Biri at 7:57pm