

Westboro Elementary School Council

September 22, 2021

Welcome and Introductions: 6:32

Called to order – by Kim Scott at 6:41

**Present:**

Mike Lastiwka, Don Irwin, Tracey Prouse, Kim Scott, Courtney Richard, Christan Rasmussen, Theresa Mackenzie, Darby Kapler Brown, Haley Schellenberg, Seng Nan Marip, Carrie Bounds, Erin Tomkins

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve agenda as presented

Moved by Courtney Richard, seconded by Desiree Williams

All in Favour

**Approval of Minutes – May 2021:**

Motion to approve minutes as presented

Moved by Desiree Williams, seconded by Theresa Mackenzie

All in favour

**New Business:**

Logos Report – Theresa Mackenzie

- Apples fundraiser – total TBD
- First Chapel of the year next week
- Prayer box being brought back to the school / prayer email also being set up. The prayer email will be shared in the newsletter and with Logos teachers. Trying to set up some prayer meetings, but undecided what these will look this year.
- Looking for positions to be filled with the Logos Society
- Artist – \$500 will be spent for our Artist in Residence to create step-by-step videos for Logos students to create artwork to reinforce Jesus as their forever friend.

**School Report:**

## Trustee Report – Don Irwin

- Explained the role of Trustee.
- Additional information:
  - The board has been busy in August with school start up discussions and then bringing revisions later in August and early September as the fourth wave of Covid has affected schools and the community.
  - We felt it wise to institute a full masking program on an interim basis until the number of cases turns around. This decision will be reviewed on a monthly basis.
  - School sports and field trips are proceeding as normal and all other school activities are fully functioning.
  - Municipal elections for Mayor Council and School board trustees will take place on October 18 and more information will be coming about advanced polls and voting locations.
  - September 30 has been declared as a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with Aboriginal peoples and will be a school holiday.
  - We have added \$200,000 to the homeschool budget for this year.
  - Please be free to ask questions during Parent Council meetings or contact me directly at 587-986-3900 or email me at [don.irwin@eips.ca](mailto:don.irwin@eips.ca).

## Administration Report – Tracey Prouse

- Mike Lastiwka announced that we are not able to go forward with a traditional Christmas concert as done in previous years.
- Many positive things have been happening at the school - Picture day was September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Terry Fox will be on September 24<sup>th</sup>, AMA School Safety Patrol program began, Artist in Residence begins September 27<sup>th</sup>, several carts have been created at the school to take learning outside, September 29<sup>th</sup> will mark Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Reading Week will be the first week of October.

## Open Questions/Discussion

- Question as to why there are not patrollers/supervision at the crosswalk with lights. This is dependent on how many students want to take part in patrols. Priority is for the crosswalk without lights; if there are enough patrollers they will look into the second crosswalk as well.
- Why was the no parking sign put up on the street near the teacher parking lot? This would be up to the County of Strathcona. This can be followed up with the County Counsellor.

## School Council Roles:

- Desiree Williams nominated Haley Schellenberg to be vice-chair for the Westboro School Council, seconded by Kimberly Scott  
All in favour
- Secretary position is currently vacant.

Adjourned 7:16

Westboro Elementary Parent Group

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Called to order – by Kim Scott 7:17

Present:

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**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve agenda as presented

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All in Favour

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All in favour

**New Business:**

Treasurer Report: Desiree Williams

- Balance at end of May minutes \$20 714.57
- Current balance \$20 390.34 – Chalk was purchased for students at the end of the year (\$606.56, every student in the year received a box of chalk)
- Two checks to go, some funding to be pulled out (Artist in Residence)
- Ongoing fundraisers with Mabel's Labels, COBS on Wye, and Save-On-Foods on Wye

**A Look Ahead for the 2021/2022 School Year**

Questions / Fundraising

- Stawnichys fundraiser as a possibility, Kim commented that this was one of the biggest successes as a fundraiser

- Ideas:
  - Meat Locker Foods
  - Pampered Chef online
  - Greeting Cards
  - Gift cards
  - Root vegetables
- What is best for our Westboro family community and their needs? What would our families like to see as a fundraiser? Could we run a poll on the Facebook group?
- We should have a goal for what we are fundraising for.
  - Scooter rack – 20 capacity (ground or surface mounted) \$1700 total
  - We are down approx.. \$60 000 in our school this year due to changes in enrollment.
  - Looking forward with long-term planning (things Westboro may need help with in the future) – books for home reading programs, books for the library, chromebook carts, potential resources for new curriculum, technology updates, computers for programming purposes
  - Outside materials on an ongoing basis

#### Hot Lunch

- Tabled for now, re-visit at our October meeting

#### Bylaws of the Council:

- Notified that they will be reviewed at the November meeting.
- Bylaws can be found [here](#).

#### Questions/Discussion:

- Kim Scott will follow up with the county about benches/picnic table on the grade 5/6 field side.
- Request from Parent Group for wish lists from the teachers.
- Spirit wear – look into some options.
  - It can be a fundraiser.
  - Great for school pride / Westboro Warrior identity.
  - Kim Scott will reach out to Janel Parks regarding a potential contact.
  - Erin suggested Rustle brand for hoodies, which wear well for quality
- Will parents be informed if there is a COVID case in the classroom?
  - Parents will be notified through email. This is dependent on it being reported to the school by a caregiver since AHS is not contact tracing.
  - Division will start posting number of cases at each school each day.

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Adjourned at 8:37