

Westboro School Council

School Council Minutes- January 17, 2024

6:30 p.m. School Library

**indicates written report/attachment provided*

Attendance

Parents: Christan Rasmussen (Chair), Hilary Schmidt (Vice-Chair), Carrie Bounds (Secretary), Mallory Jackson

School Staff: Mike Lastiwka (Principal), Tracey Prouse (Vice-Principal), Courtney Richard

Others:

- 1) Call to order at 6:33 p.m.
- 2) Review of the Agenda
Agenda approved as presented.
- 3) Approval of the minutes from November 22, 2023.
Minutes were approved as distributed.
- 4) New Business: Christan Rasmussen
 - a. Our School Council Engagement Grant has been approved, and we have invited Pediatric Neuro-Psychologist, Dr. Kate Randall to come speak to any and all parents on April 8th from 6:30-8:30 in our school gymnasium. There she will be discussing ADHD, anxiety, and regulation amongst children, as well as how best to help your child find success in school. You can read more about her at <http://www.greymatternrg.com>.
- 5) EIPS Trustee Report: **see attached*
- 6) Administration Report:
 - a. Mike Lastiwka- regarding school fees
 - Student field trips are getting more expensive due to increased transportation expenses.
 - Grade 6's are hoping to do a popcorn fundraiser to help mitigate the rising costs of their year-end trip.
 - We would like to increase field trip fees by 5% (at least \$3) to assist with inflation without overcharging families.
 - b. Tracey Prouse
 - Our Christmas Concert had amazing feedback. Many commented that it really felt like a community event, and we are incredibly grateful to Mrs. Richard for organizing everything.
 - Grade 5/6's participated in a swimming field trip.

- Grade 4's attended the Muttart Conservatory.
- Our school volleyball event-held at Heritage Hills- was successful, and our school played their hearts out.
- There was cooking, caroling, and crafting all through December.
- Steps and Place classes had a wonderful Christmas celebration with Friends Squad when Santa Clause visited their classrooms.
- Mr. Lastiwka provided a staff luncheon while parent volunteers did Lunch hour Supervision so that all staff could eat together.
- Our annual PJ and Pancake breakfast was fantastic- we had many amazing parent volunteers.
- There have been lots of indoor recesses recently- it's been tough on the kids, but through our collective creativity, we are all managing.
- Mr. Lastiwka and Mr. Hay got the viewing screens up and running, so as we walk the hallways, we've been able to see highlights from the Christmas concert and PJ and Pancake Day.
- Grade 5/6's fused glass in an in-school field trip.
- AMA has continued to be amazed with the attitude and integrity of our grade 6 Patrollers-especially since we have multiple school crosswalks to cover- so they decided to film a promotional video here at Westboro!
- A Musical Theatre troupe is coming in to do Cinderella in the 80's. There has been a lot of retro excitement heading into this week.
- Our track team has been working hard despite the cold weather and has continued to show up for 7:30am practices.

7) Teacher Report: Courtney Richard

- Thank you, council, for paying for the Alberta Musical Theatre Company. "Cinderella-80's" has all new music and characters.
- The kids seem more excited for this performance than others in the past because so many current shows on TV (like Trolls) have 80's music that they all know, so they feel more involved.

8) Open Discussion- none

9) Adjourn 8:01 p.m.

Trustee Report
Trina Boymook

- The Board accepted Trustee Jim Seutter letter of resignation at our November 30 Board meeting, due to him being disqualified under the Education Act when he moved outside his ward into Sherwood Park. At this meeting, the Board has decided not to hold a byelection due to cost. The Education Act does not require a byelection if there is only one vacancy on the Board. The remaining members of the Board will collectively serve the residents south of the Wye Road. His appointments have been reassigned to other Trustees.
- Thank you to those who participated at the School Assurance Reviews in November. After meeting with all schools and reviewing the Annual Education Results Report, we are happy to say that our PAT and DIP results indicate we have returned to similar to our pre COVID results.
- The Board approved a new Division Alternative Program at our December 14 Board meeting. The Sports for Life alternative program will be located at Cloverbar Junior High.
- Late November, Alberta Education announced it would allocate an additional \$30 million to support enrolment growth across all school divisions. This resulted in EIPS receiving an additional \$569,000 in funding. At a special meeting on January 11 the Board approved the allocation of these funds to schools based on feedback received from principals through their feeder groups.
- In the fall budget the Board allocated \$101,000 from reserves for Leveraging Student Achievement. The funds will be targeted at high risk junior high students in the areas of literacy and numeracy intervention.
- The French Immersion recommendation will be coming forward at the Board's January 25 Board meeting. Those that will be impacted by the recommendation will receive an email Monday, January 22 at noon. The Superintendent will be providing information about what has led to her recommendation in a brief video. I encourage those that receive the email to watch the video. Anyone who would like to give delegation at the Board meeting should refer to section 10 of Policy 7 Board Operation.
- In preparation for registration for the 2024-25 school year, various alternative program information sessions have been organized throughout January. Registration will begin Feb 8. Current students have until Feb 21 to complete their registration. Ardrossan El, Ardrossan Jr/Sr and Davidson Creek have closed boundaries for the 2024-25 school year.