

Westboro School Council

School Council Minutes- April 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 (Treasurer), Allison McColl

School Staff: Mike Lastiwka (Principal), Tracey Prouse (Vice-Principal), Ashley Becigneul (Gr. 2)

Others: Kim Scott

- 1) Call to order at 6:32 p.m.
- 2) Review of the Agenda
Agenda approved as presented.
- 3) Approval of the minutes from March 13, 2024.
The minutes were approved as distributed.
- 4) New Business:
 - a) Current ASCA (Alberta School Council Association) proposed resolutions discussion for voting at the ASCA AGM.
 - i) <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-general-meeting/meeting-documents-2024>
- 5) EIPS Trustee Report: **see attached*
- 6) Administration Report:
Mike Lastiwka
 - Attended the U Lead school leadership conference
 - Confirmation from the conference that we are on the right track, not only academically, but with our community focus here at Westboro
 - Ten new schools are being built in Alberta- 2 new among Edmonton Public Schools, and there will be two upgraded schools here in Elk Island
 - Even though schools are still in need of finances, Danielle Smith has already spent \$9 Million on school development this year in Alberta- more than any other year previous. She is defending her government's decision to not spend more, however, because she doesn't want Albertans to deal with the tax increase that comes along with that.
 - Elk Island is canceling Math and LA Grade 6 PAT'S due to a lack of understanding in these subjects among students and teachers due to the new curriculum

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Tracey Prouse

- Students from Cloverbar & Sherwood Heights Schools came to talk to our Grade 6's
- There was also a seminar for Grade 6's held on transitioning to Jr. High School
- Ezra from the Mental Health Capacity Building will officially be joining our staff for the next three years beginning late fall 2024
- Kindergartens attended a new field trip to the Makery that was wildly successful. It was very much sensory based and was close enough to walk to.
- Leading Edge Physiotherapy came to talk about the Run Wild MaraFun race in St. Albert that will take place on Saturday, May 4th.
- Ms. Leigh was able to take a group of students to the Young Authors Conference this year where Div 2 students were able to meet with real young authors.
- Dr. Kate Randall (Pediatric Neuro Psychologist) came to talk to parents about ADHD and Anxiety and Regulation in young students. It was incredibly successful, and parents gave a lot of great feedback.
- Bev Facey High School Drama department was recently here to perform Cinderella Big Foot for all the students

7) Open Discussion- none

Adjourn 8:06 p.m.

Next meeting is AGM on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Trustee Report - Trina Boymook
April 2024

- March 21 Board meeting
 - The Board approved 3-year capital plan. Number 1 and 2 are requests for replacement schools in Fort Saskatchewan. Number 3 is a new school for Cambrian Crossing.
 - The Board reallocated surplus dollars that have become available of \$1.1M.
 - windows Computer Evergreening - \$694,058
 - Chromebook Evergreening - \$325,000
 - Next Step Entrance at Salisbury Composite High - \$80,000
 - Senior Administration closed the loop on the engagement held in 2022 and will not be proposing any changes to the junior high boundaries for Brentwood and Summerwood.
 - The Board approved the appointment of the Returning Office as we prepare for the October 2025 Trustee election.
- Budget was tabled February 29, we didn't receive the funding manual until March 29. This is late and will impact our budget schedule. We will not be able to approve allocations to schools until May 2 this year. Finance is confirming numbers and interpretations, so don't have a lot of details to share at this time. At this point there is no evidence that the budget addresses inflation. There is also no increase to the complexity grant. We are anticipating a tight budget for next year. The Board has already had a number of budget meetings and have a number of more scheduled. We are certainly keeping budget survey results and assurance reviews at top of mind as we work through the budget.
- The Board will be approving student transportation fees at the upcoming April 18 Board meeting, which is proposing decreases in fees and eliminate fees being charged those that attending a school or program of choice if meeting the milage threshold.
- The transition plan consultation for senior high French Immersion and Lakeland Junior High attendance area will begin next month. May 1 a survey will be sent out to affected parents, students and staff with further engagements planned for the fall. The Board tentatively will be making a decision at its November Board meeting.
- The Board had a two-day retreat on April 8 and 9. The retreat focused on budget and setting priorities for the Board's 2024-25 workplan.