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Mission

"WE ARE BECOMING LIFE-LONG LEARNERS IN A CHANGING WORLD"

Vision

"THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT IS ONE IN WHICH ALL LEARNERS, CHILDREN AND ADULTS, GROW AND SUCCEED"

Norwood Parent Advisory Committee September 28, 2023
Annual General Meeting

1. Call to Order - [Charlene Called the meeting to order at 6:05](#)
2. Land Acknowledgement
We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, and traveling route to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene, Nakota Sioux and Anishinabe. We acknowledge all the many Indigenous Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for time immemorial. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.
3. Note Taker for this Meeting: [Charlene Saunders \(Principal - Norwood\)](#)
4. Welcome and Introductions:
5. Consideration of Agenda/ Additions to the Agenda - [several items were added to the agenda](#)
6. Role of the Parent Council - [Charlene shared the following information from Alberta Education:](#)
 - [School council members work together to support and enhance student learning. They provide a way for members of the community to consult with and offer advice to principals and school boards. School councils:](#)
 - [are a bridge between the school and community](#)
 - [focus on what is best for all students in the school](#)
 - [consider the interests of all school stakeholders](#)
 - [develop, maintain and reflect the culture of the school](#)
 - [represent the parent voice in the school community](#)

7. Consideration of School Council or Parent Advisory Committee for 2023-2024

The parent council had 14 members attending. The members agreed to establish a school council for the 2023-2024 school year. The chair and secretary for the establishment meeting was Charlene Saunders (Principal - Norwood) .

8. Membership Roles - It was decided that the executive roles of the council would be the same as the 2022-2023 school year. Members in attendance put their names forward and were elected as follows:

- School Council President - Jill Schatschneider
- School Council Vice-President - Cheryl Jacobsen
- Administrative Support - Katrina Wold
- Treasurer - Shelby Halter

9. School Council Chair/COSC Representative for 2022-2023 - Charlene let members know that the Council of School Council will meet three times throughout the year. Jill and possibly one other executive will try to represent Norwood.

10. Governance/Operational Model It was established that an assembly/town hall model of governance would be used. Most decisions would be made at monthly open meetings and the executive members of the council would act to carry out those decisions.

11. Decision Making Model It was established that the council would make decisions by consensus.

12. Enrollment/Staffing Update Charlene provided current enrollment numbers (209), and let everyone know that staff were listed in the September newsletter

13. Behaviour Expectations and Discipline Plan - The draft of the new plan was shared for feedback

14. School Generated Funds Report - SGF budget was presented

15. School Update Information shared

- Safety Notice - Hood/Hats & Backpacks
- Phones/PED Policy
- Closed Campus
- Changes to the timetable - Fine Arts block, Directed Learning blocks
- Cross Country Running
- Terry Fox Run

- Truth & Reconciliation Week
- Instagram Account
- School Cell Phone

16. Additions to the Agenda

- Book Fair - Jill organized a Scholastic Book Fair for October 16-20. Parents signed up to volunteer
- School Supplies - Parents provided feedback on the use of Staples Tools for School Program. Negative feedback included: it was not easy to order, supplies were expensive. Parents were also concerned that our supply lists may not have been updated. They would like our teachers to review supply lists before posting them next year. In some cases the lists are too extensive (ie. too many glue sticks)
- Playground - Concerns were raised over the safety of a slide on the playground. Parents would like the slide removed because students often hurt themselves on it. If possible a new slide could be added.
- Casino - a casino date has been set for Feb. 26th & 27th, if the fundraising committee has not received their society status before then it will be delayed
- Hot Lunch - monthly hot lunches will be organized again this year, parents have volunteered to distribute the lunches
- Lunch Bell/Eating Time - Concerns were raised about the very limited time that students have to eat their lunch. Students are rushing out to recess before they have completed their lunch and are hungry for the rest of the day. Charlene agreed to look at expanding the lunch eating time as it would be better for students.
- Transportation - A concern was raised about the TransCom bus schedule that was not aligned with the school bell schedule. There was also an inquiry about the possibility of before and after school care being introduced at Norwood school (the possibility was mentioned by the Superintendent at a prior meeting). There have been no further discussions on that matter.
- School Photos - Photos are booked for October 17th with LifeTouch. Members commented that they were not happy with fall photos last year but did see an improvement for Kindergarten photos. Whether or not to stay with LifeTouch will be reevaluated at the end of this year.
- School Website/Events - A request was made to improve the school website stating it was difficult to find information. It would also be good if we increased our social media presence in order to promote school events.

17. Fundraising Society - The fundraising committee has completed the paperwork and is awaiting to be awarded society status.

18. Next Meeting: [Oct 24, 2023](#)

19. Adjournment: 7:42 pm

