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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 Council Meeting Minutes, November 28, 2023

1. Call to Order - *Meeting called to order at 6:03PM*
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. Consideration of Agenda/ Additions to the Agenda - added to item 10
4. Approval of the Minutes of the October Meeting - *Minutes Approved*
5. WRPS Board Report - Trustee Laura White
Division News was presented by Trustee White.
 - *Good News Highlights from the Superintendent included: a very successful Smash Ball Tournament was held in the district, A Kids Help Phone Line is available to students in our area*
 - *The Board is reviewing policies throughout the year. They have reviewed the Community Use Policy and are currently looking at the Wellness Policy.*
 - *The Board places a high priority on the role and voice of parents/caregivers in the education of our students*
 - *Trustee White highlighted the importance of working in partnership with the Indigenous community. Treaty 6 flags are currently being installed at all schools, the Board is continually learning more about the TRC calls to action. The MESCS service agreement is being worked on.*
 - *The Board has approved the Financial Audit Statement - it can be viewed on the WRPS website*

6. Principal's Report

6.1 Winter Concert, Warm Winter Wishes - December 21, 1:30 & 6:00 -*preparations are underway for this year's concert. The name chosen for the concert is Warm Winter Wishes. Both performances are open to everyone*

6.2 Our School Success Plan 2023-2024 - *Our School Plan was shared - an overview of the goals were reported. It is posted on the school website*

6.3 Building Culture & Community - Mission, Vision, Values, Logo - *Charlene reported that the school will be working on the development of a new school vision, mission statement, Parent Council will be invited to participate in the process*

6.4 Enrollment/Staffing Update - *we have hired a new EA for our Kindergarten Class*

7. Business Arising from previous meeting

7.1 Pedestrian Safety -*Concerns were reported again about pedestrian safety, the crosswalk pylons that were set out were run over and j-walking continues to be a problem. This is a problem at other city schools as well. By-law officers will continue to come to Norwood School when available and the awareness campaign will continue*

7.2 Christmas Tree Auction/Best Seats in the House - *it was decided that the Christmas tree auction would not be held this year, instead we would concentrate on the Best Seats in the House fundraiser for the Christmas concert. Ken's furniture will donate a couch once again*

7.3 Indigenous Taco Lunch - *Mr. James reported on the success of the taco lunch, it was noted that our local RCMP officers helped served the lunch*

7.4 Family Swim Night - *Family swim night had a good turnout. There was a teen swim on Friday night and a younger group on Saturday. Payment for the event was confusing - many families did not pay online and were let in for free at the pool. This resulted in a shortage of payment that the school has agreed to cover.*

8. New Business

8.1 AP 308: Independent Student, AP 492 Extra-curricular Involvement (Approved) - *APs were reviewed - available on WRPS website*

8.2 Administrative Procedures (AP) - AP 316: Head Lice (Draft - open for feedback) *Parents in attendance provided feedback and were encouraged to email any feedback they had to the principal. Feedback collected from the meeting - several parents were concerned with point #6 "DO NOT send letters out to other parents." The parents stated that they do want to be informed if a student in their child's class has lice. This allows them to take extra caution that they would not take on a daily basis (for example they might use different products on their child's hair). Parents said that if the District's goal is to value the role of the parent then families should be made aware - if you are aware then you can take enhanced measures. It was also brought up that although the attendance of the student with lice may suffer, if the lice spreads through the class the attendance of other students will also suffer.*

8.3 Family Movie Night - *Family Movie Night will take place on Dec. 7 at 6PM, students will choose a movie next week. A large inflatable movie screen has been donated for the event by FCSS. The Parent Council will run a small concession consisting of pop, popcorn and cookies. Admission will be free. Students must be accompanied by an adult family member.*

8.4 Society Update - *the society status has been granted*

8.5 12 Days of Christmas- *Norwood will have 12 Days of Christmas fun before the holidays. The 12 days starts on Dec. 6th and includes theme days, movie night and the concert.*

8.6 December Hot Lunch - *Hot lunch will be a Happy Meal from McDonalds. The meals will cost \$6. Hot lunch will take place on Dec. 19th*

9. Treasurer's Report -*The society transferred their accounts to ATB. The Parent Council fund has \$6920. The Casino fund has \$2615.53.*

10. Additions to the Agenda

10.1 - Wetaskiwin Arts/Music Festival Society - Amilia Brens presented to the group on behalf of the Society. They would like to partner with the Parent Council to run an Easter Market at the school. The partnership would also be a fundraising collaboration. The Spring Market would occur a couple of weeks before Easter and would include various artisans and vendors. Parent Council agreed to consider the proposal and would seek volunteers at their next meeting

10.2 - COSC - Jill attended COSC and provided a report: Norwood is on track with other councils in the district - Feedback on the calendar survey will be coming out, specifically on the start date of school and the November break - Our superintendent also expressed that he is willing to attend PC meetings if invited - the next COSC meeting will be in January and will include budget consultation

10.3 - Family Ski Night - The Gwynne Ski Hill will be booked for Feb.

11. Next Meeting: *January 23rd, 2024*

12. Adjournment: *7:27 PM*