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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, January 23, 2024

1. Call to Order - 6:00 pm
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 November Meeting - [minutes approved](#)
5. WRPS Board Report - Trustee Laura White - *Trustee White was unable to attend. Her report was read by Charlene Saunders. Highlights of the report included:*
 - *Compliments on the wonderful Christmas concert and activities held at Norwood*
 - *Board Policy - the board routinely reviews policies. Administration routinely reviews policy. Ms. Saunders collects parent feedback. This feedback is encouraged and an important avenue for parental influence.*
 - *Alberta Education Assurance Survey is out - parents of grades 4 & 7 are encouraged to participate.*
 - *School Community Consultation - parents are encouraged to register and participate.*
 - *COSC Meeting - January 31st*
6. Principal's Report
 - 6.1 Principal Evaluation Process - parent input - *Ms. Saunders encouraged parents to be a part of the principal evaluation process. Parents can complete a survey online.*

Some parents indicated that they did complete the survey. Their feedback was that the survey was easy to complete but did not allow for very rich feedback. A lot of questions asked for an agree/disagree response and were situational. It may be more helpful to have some open ended questions.

6.2 Grades 5-8 Field Trip - *The Unauthorized Biography Series Information was shared about the upcoming field trip for grades 5-8 students. The show is presented at the theater in Camrose. Its focus celebrates the world's greatest cultural icons through biographical rap songs.*

6.3 Grades 5-6 Basketball Tournament - *The grade 5-6 basketball teams (one girls team & one boys team) will be participating in the WRPS tournament.*

6.4 Quarter 2 Progress Reports - Available Feb. 5 *Progress reports will be available to print from the parent portal this year. A paper copy can be requested from the school office.*

6.5 Enrollment/Staffing Update - *a new EA was hired for the ALS program - Ms. Forth, enrollment remains the same*

7. Business Arising from previous meeting

7.1 Family Ski Night - *Due to lack of snow Family Ski Night will likely be canceled. Gwynne ski hill has been unable to open, if they are operational later in the year we can check into a new date for Family Ski Night.*

7.2 Slide Purchase - *the slide purchase will go ahead in the spring with the WRPS maintenance crew installing the slide.*

7.3 Classroom Book Purchase - *Ms. Saunders reported that the grades K-4 teachers have been given funds to support the purchase of books for classroom libraries. The intention of the classroom libraries is for home reading programs. Teachers will be ordering the books shortly after the teachers' convention.*

8. New Business

8.1 Administrative Procedures (AP) *The following AP's were sent out to PC members prior to the meeting (copies were also available at the meeting). Ap's were reviewed, feedback can be emailed to Ms. Saunders by the end of the month.*

- AP 219 Draft Special Projects
- AP 143 Draft Revisions Social Media Usage
- AP 177 Draft Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity
- AP 178 Draft Student Names
- AP 317 Draft Bed Bugs
- AP 316 Draft Head Lice
- AP 407 Teachers Professional Learning Funds

8.2 School Reconfiguration Meeting - January 24th @ 6 - *parents were encouraged to attend the meeting and voice their opinions*

8.3 Calendar Consultation - *some parents had already given feedback on the calendar and this information was relayed at the last leadership meeting. There was feedback*

that starting after the long weekend was favourable. There was also feedback that having a PD day on November 1st would be preferable (perhaps switching it with Oct. 11)

8.4 School Logo - *different logos were presented to the parents. Parents chose a logo that they preferred. The logos will also be presented to staff and students during the month of February.*

9. Treasurer's Report - the treasurer's report was presented by Jill

- *Cheques were ordered for both accounts at a cost of 149.56*
- *Movie Night Concession raised \$134.55*
- *Best Seat in the House raised \$427*
- *Casino Account balance = \$2615.53*
- *Parent Council Account balance = \$7314.43*

10. Additions to the Agenda

10.1 Handicapped Parking - concern was raised over the handicapped parking stalls not being visible during the winter months. There is no upright sign for the stalls and they are often covered in snow.

10.2 - Family Dance - interest in hosting a family dance was expressed. A possible date for the dance would be April 25th.

10.3 - February hot lunch will be Boston Pizza

10.4 - Spring Market - we will book the gym for set-up on the Friday evening before the event. We will also need to check and see if the school has enough tables or if we will need to borrow some for the event.

11. Next Meeting: *February 20th @ 6:00*

12. Adjournment: *6:50 PM*

