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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*, February 20, 2024

1. Call to Order - *6:05 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 January Meeting *Approved*
5. WRPS Board Report - Trustee Laura White
Trustee White thanked Norwood parents for participating in the school consolidation process. Funding information will be released by the government at the end of February and decisions regarding school consolidations will be made in March. The Board would like to set aside time at their meetings to hear from parent council delegations. There was a discussion about low participation rates from the community throughout the school consolidation process.
6. Principal's Report
 - 6.1 Celebration Choir - upcoming performances - *The following performance dates were shared: March 18th - Good Shepherd Home, April 9th - SingAble, TBA - Camrose Music Festival, April 23 - Camrose Grand Concert, April 25 - Wetaskiwin Music Festival, May 4th - Wetaskiwin Grand Concert, May 30th - Provincial Music Festival*
 - 6.2 Grades 4-6 Ski Trips, February 21 & 29 *It was reported that 38 students would be attending this year's ski trip.*

- 6.3 Grades 7-8 Basketball Tournament *The Norwood boys basketball team is having a very successful season. They attended the WRPS tournament and will be hosting play-offs at Norwood.*
 - 6.4 Enrollment/Staffing Update *Enrollment increased by one student. Mrs. Lampinen will continue teaching in Grade 3.*
 - 6.5 Kindergarten Open House March 20, 2024 - *Time is TBA*
 - 6.6 Registration for 2024-2025 school year is now open - *new registrations are now being accepted*
7. Business Arising from previous meeting(s)
 - 7.1 School Logo - *There are a few school logo choices that will be shared with students before a selection is made*
 - 7.2 Classroom Book Purchase - *Books have been ordered for grades k-4 in order to create classroom libraries. The scholastic credit of \$772 was provided by the parent council to help pay for the books. A possible Spring Book Fair for next year was brought forward.*
 - 7.3 Spring Market - tables, wifi - *There is a possibility of having over 35 vendors. Donations for raffle items for the baskets have been slow. Charlene will check with the high school about borrowing tables from the high school. Discussion regarding wifi use determined that it would be best for vendors to use their own data. They do not have the ability to sign on to guest wifi.*
8. New Business
 - 8.1 School Spirit Wear - *Once the new logo is chosen a school spirit wear shop will be set-up. The Parent Council would like the school to run the shop.*
9. Treasurer's Report - *The report was presented by Jill. A deposit of #351 was made from the Little Caesars Fundraiser. The PC fund is now at \$7675.43. There have been no changes to the Casino Account.*
10. Additions to the Agenda
 - 10.1 - Hot Lunch - *The BP hot lunch date will be March 1st, The next hot lunch will be March 21st.*
 - 10.2 - *PC would like to have teacher input on use of funds that are raised. Charlene indicated that there is interest in using the funds to help support extracurricular activities like sports and choir. Teachers will be asked for their input.*
 - 10.3 - *There will be a school dance on May 24th. It will be a family dance for all grades. Grades 1-6 must be accompanied by a family member. PC will hire a DJ at a cost of about \$500 (possibly "Smooth Spins with DJ Elmer") and have a small concession.*

10.4 - Hockey Hooky - funds for the Ben Stelter Fund are being raised through the Oilers ticket contest. TPC has entered a team into the floor hockey tournament.

10.5 - Carter's Cookies fundraising is under way. The goal is to sell at least 600 cookies.

11. Next Meeting: *March 19th*

12. Adjournment: *7:13 pm*