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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"*

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**Norwood Parent Council Meeting Minutes, March 19, 2024**

1. Call to Order - *6:06 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 February Meeting *Approved*
5. WRPS Board Report - Trustee Laura White - [Board Highlights](#) were presented by Trustee White
6. Principal's Report
  - 6.1 New Build for Norwood *Charlene shared that preliminary planning would occur during the next year for a new build to replace Norwood School. Parents discussed how this may impact their planning and fundraising allocations over the next few years. It will need to be considered when engaging in any long term planning.*
  - 6.2 Celebration Choir - Spring Performances have started - *A list of performances was shared for the school choir.*
  - 6.3 Grades 4-6 Floor Hockey - *The 1st annual grades 4-6 floor hockey tournament was a huge success. Norwood was able to send two co-ed teams to the event.*
  - 6.4 Grades 7-8 Badminton - *The badminton has begun practicing for the season. They will take part in a tournament in Wetaskiwin. Successful teams will then compete in a*

*second tournament. The team is being coached by Mr. Bjornnson and Mr. James are coaching the team.*

6.5 Enrollment/Staffing Update - *no changes since the last meeting*

6.6 Kindergarten Open House, March 20, 2024 - *Charlene reported that registration is open and the open house will be a chance for parents to see our school and meet the teacher*

6.7 Goose Moon Celebration, March 20th @ 2 - *Students and staff will be celebrating spring with a Goose Moon Celebration. This indigenous ceremony celebrates the coming of spring. Brad Rabbit will join us for a prayer and smudge ceremony along with other special guests and students performing a song. Students will enjoy a feast with gift giving.*

7. Business Arising from previous meeting(s)

7.1 School Logo has been chosen a new school logo was shown to parents; *Charlene will be opening an online merchandise store that will display the new look North Stars*

7.2 Spring Market Report - *Several members reported on the success of the Spring Market. The partnership between the Wetaskiwin Arts and Music Festival and Norwood Parent Council was successful. Both groups made over \$1000 at the event. The vendors were very happy with the day.*

8. New Business *Charlene let council members know that the following items would be considered at their upcoming staff meetings. Parent input on these topics will be appreciated. Parent Council would like to host another BBQ on the last day of classes. Parents agreed to think about awards and farewell and bring ideas to the next meeting.*

8.1 Awards

8.2 Spring Open House

8.3 End of Year Activity

8.3 Grade 8 Farewell

9. Treasurer's Report - *Shelby presented the treasurer's report - The Carter's Cookies fundraiser added over \$1500 to the Parent Council account bringing the total to \$7094.53. The Casino account balance is \$3482.83.*

10. Additions to the Agenda

10.1 - *School Dance The gym and DJ have been booked for the dance on May 24th from 6-8pm. The Parent Council will have a small concession and will give out glow sticks.*

10.2 - *Handicap Parking Signs - update - Charlene has requested that signs be put up to identify stalls in the staff parking lot. WRPS transportation department wants to increase the bus lane area in front of the school to allow better bus parking*

10.3 - *New Social Studies Curriculum - a new Social Studies curriculum K-6 has just been released by the government.*

11. Next Meeting: *April 23, 2024*

12. Adjournment: *7:09pm*