

## Norwood Parent Council Meeting Minutes, April 23, 2024

1. Call to Order - *6:05pm*
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 March Meeting  
*Minutes Approved*
5. WRPS Board Report - Trustee Laura White  
*Trustee White presented the Board Meeting Highlights*
6. Principal's Report
  - 6.1 Enrollment/Staffing Update - *Charlene reported that Tanya McFarland accepted a Principal Position at Pipestone School for the 2024-2025 school year. The process of hiring a new VP for Norwood school is underway.*
  - 6.2 Celebration Choir - Norwood has advanced to Provincials - *The Norwood choir was nominated to provincials by both the Camrose and Wetaskiwin Music Festivals. Provincials will occur on May 30th in Edmonton.*
  - 6.3 Grades 7-8 Badminton - *The junior high badminton team did very well at the district badminton tournament: 2 bronze, 1 silver*
  - 6.4 Legion Writing Contest - *Two grade 5 students placed 1st & 2nd place in the Legion Remembrance Day Essay contest*
  - 6.5 May Madness - *Working on Wellness throughout May - several theme days and events have been planned throughout the month for both students and families. All of the events will be coming out in the May newsletter. We are hoping to promote wellness and school spirit.*
  - 6.6 Kinder Grad - *Kinder grad will be held the afternoon of June 18*
  - 6.7 WHA *will set-up an info booth during PTI's to provide information on the hockey academy programs*
7. Business Arising from previous meeting(s)
  - 7.1 Awards Ceremony - *A discussion of presenting awards at the end of the year was had. Parents indicated that they would like to see some version of an awards ceremony at the end of year. It was also suggested that parents of those students receiving awards be invited ahead of time. Charlene discussed the school philosophy of celebrating learning and recognizing those values and behaviors that are needed for success. Staff will be working on a plan for a celebration of learning.*

7.2 Grade 8 Farewell - Possible dates: June 6th, June 13th - Mrs. Pezderic will be organizing two events for our grade 8's. The first will be a field trip to West Edmonton Mall. The second event will be a family celebration during the evening.

7.3 Student Assembly - Motivational Magic, Thursday, June 25th - This assembly focuses on building character. All students will attend along with any parents who are interested. The Parent Council has generously donated money for this assembly.

8. New Business

8.1 Lifetouch Photography - Parent Council has agreed to continue with Life Touch for the 2024 - 2025 School Year

8.2 Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal (IMR) funded maintenance projects - The expenditures for IMR & CMR were shared for the past 5 years

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8.3 School Supply Lists & Online Platform - Parents provided the following feedback on school supply lists: The staples online ordering was difficult to complete and the choices were limited (often to more expensive items). They recommended not using this service again. Parents requested that teachers update their supply lists and simplify them. Too many specific items are requested; some are hard to find and others are expensive or in too large of quantities.

9. Treasurer's Report - Shelby reported on the balances in the accounts: Parent Council account - \$8598.27, Casino Account \$4171.92. The Parent Council will be spending \$4263 towards various school events/equipment this year.

10. Additions to the Agenda

10.1 Hot lunch - May hot lunch will be from BP on May 23, 2024. June hot lunch will be from McDonalds on June 13, 2024.

10.2 Cheryl expressed an interest in having a Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser for next year.

10.3 - AGLC update - Jill reported that the society by-laws are all aligned with the AGLC requirements

10.4 - Family Dance - The Parent Council has everything ready to go for the dance. A small concession will be run by parents, the school will contribute popcorn. Charlene reported that grades k-6 students must be accompanied by an adult family member. Junior High students can attend on their own but must be picked up by parents or given permission to walk home if they are leaving the dance early.

11. Next Meeting: *Tuesday, May 21st*

12. Adjournment: 7:04 pm