



**Norwood School
Parent Council
2024-2025**

Vision

Norwood school is a thriving community where empowered students reach their full potential, becoming confident learners and compassionate citizens who impact the world.

Mission

Empowering students to thrive in a culture of innovation, collaboration, and continuous improvement.

Motto

Reach Your Potential, Change the World: Start your journey here.

Norwood Parent Council Minutes November 19, 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. Welcome and Introductions:

4. Consideration of Agenda/ Additions to the Agenda (add to item 10)

No additional items added

5. Trustee Report - Laura White - Board Update

Trustee White reviewed the [Board Meeting Highlights from November 6, 2024](#)

6. Superintendent Report - Mike Wake

Mr. Wake provided an update on the planning for a new school to be built on the current Norwood site. Committees have been formed with a lead appointed at the district level.

Members will be added to these committees in the near future. Members will include students, parents, and staff.

7. Treasurer's Report

Jen reported the following balances for the accounts: Casino Account \$31505.28 - funds spent during the past month include the purchase of a tent and library upgrades. The general account has a balance of \$5076.28 - funds spent in the past month include a purchase of chips for hot lunch.

8. Principal's Report - School Update -

- Professional Development Focus for 2024-2025: Effective Feedback, Core Competencies
Ms. Saunders provided an overview of the focus of teacher professional development on upcoming PLC Days
- School Swim Program - grades 1-3
We have requested a school swim program for our grades 1-3 classes; we are waiting for confirmation from the city of Wetaskiwin. PC decided that the swim program would be a user program and that if bussing was required they might consider helping with the cost of bussing.
- Student Appreciation Week
Staff at Norwood have decided to recognize the academic efforts and great behaviour of our students. A week of recognizing and appreciating our students will take place from November 25- November 29th. PC agreed to donate \$25/class to be used for student appreciation.
- Christmas Concert - December 17
The concert will be held on the 17th with an afternoon and evening show, time TBD. PC formed a decorating committee to help with the concert. They will also be hosting a "Best Seats in the House" contest and possibly a 50/50 draw.
- 12 Days of Christmas - theme days
Norwood will once again have the traditional 12 days of Christmas theme days. Parents were asked to check Insta and the website for updates on theme days.
- Winter Break Field Trip
Teachers are considering taking students on a field trip or having an in-school activity before the winter break. Grades 5-8 are inquiring about going to the Leduc Recreation Centre. Mr. James is inquiring about an in-school Christmas carnival for the K-4 students.
- Lifetouch Service Agreement
We have received a request from Lifetouch to continue their services for the next two years for school photos. Feedback from parents has been positive and they agreed they should continue with Lifetouch. It was suggested by the parents that helped out with picture day that they set-up two portrait stations to be more efficient.

9. PC Chair Report

- Hot Lunch
December Hot Lunch will be McDonalds on the 19th. A bonus hot lunch from Booster juice will be added on the 12th.
- Staff Appreciation
PC will be delivering coffee and treats to teachers one morning before the winter break!
- Swimming Lessons
Jill presented information about Swim Programs being held at other schools. Other schools have implemented a user pay system, it was agreed that Norwood would try the same payment method.
- School Start
School Start was used last year for online ordering of school supplies. Feedback was positive and we will renew the service for next year.
- Grants
PC is considering applying for various community grants. Possible uses for grant funds would be sensory equipment upgrades for ALS.
- COSC Recap
[Minutes from the October COSC meeting](#) were presented by Jill.
- Book Fair Recap
The book fair was very well successful again this year selling over \$4000 worth of books and supplies. The profits made allowed PC to donate several books to our school library and give each teacher 3 books for their classroom collection. They were also able to add \$600 to our scholastic account.

10. Additions to the Agenda

11. Next Meeting: *January 21, 2024*

12. Adjournment: *7:09*