

Wheatland Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting

April 25th, 2018

Attendance:

Nicole Miller
Amy Van Vliet
Michelle Rushford
Rob Pirie

David Porter
Jenny Bakken
Melissa Piche
Angie Boyd

Meeting called to order at 7:12 by Nicole Miller

Approval of previous minutes

Motion by Angie Boyd
Seconded by Melissa Piche
All in favor
Motion passed

Principal's report

Amy Van Vliet

- staff is looking towards the end of the year with lots of events planned (field trips, special days, etc)
- part of the school's portion of the fundraising money from the gift card fundraiser will be used to help pay for transportation costs for field trips
- the school is still working to promote all the good things that are happening at Wheatland (signs around town, social media, etc)
- the school is trying to get an idea from parents as to whether they plan to send their children to Wheatland next year so that they can plan for staffing and budgets, etc
- the video celebrating Wheatland has been recorded. It features all staff and students at Wheatland. The video will be released towards the end of the year

- Michelle Rushford – the Science Fair was a success. The number of Division II participants was up compared to last year. Students had the chance to attend a “Science Club” during lunch, which included hands-on science activities and a focus on the scientific method. Science Fair projects were worked on at home
- The Student Leadership Council and the Eco Avengers are still working together on a water conservation initiative. There is a focus on how we in North America use water, as well as water scarcity in some parts of the world. The Water Walk will be held at the end of May (this has been moved from the end of April to provide enough time to plan it properly)
 - the grade 5/6 Basketball tournament was a success. All the Wheatland teams made it into the playoff portion of the tournament, and one team made it into the championship game. A lot of Wheatland students go on to participate in Junior High sports programs.
 - PATs will be starting soon. The grade 6s will be writing the Language Arts Part A during the second week in May

Old business

Western Day – only 3 people contacted Nicole stating that they would volunteer. 6 volunteers are needed, so another request will be going out. Mrs. Muenchrath has asked if someone from PAC can pick up the groceries; Shelly Neal has volunteered to do the shopping. Angie Boyd will take care of making gluten free pancakes during the event.

- Mrs. Muenchrath and Mr. Pederson are organizing Western Day this year and they are going to include a First Nations, Inuit, Metis portion to the event. Bannock will be served alongside the pancakes. They plan to provide students with some education about bannock as well. The staff will be making the bannock.

Staff Appreciation – Melissa Piche has volunteered to help Nicole. Nicole will place the orders for food, and Melissa will pick it up and set it up each day. We also had two other volunteers offer to help with this event.

Reports from committees

Hot lunch program – Stephanie Sweere (not in attendance)

- \$425 was made from the Booster Juice fundraiser. This money was raised to help reimburse the PAC for the headsets that were purchased for the musical.
- there were 202 orders in April with a profit of \$1006.99
- there were 213 orders in May with a profit of \$1241.00
- it has been very difficult to get volunteers to help out with the Hot Lunch program. A request for additional volunteers will go out on social media.

Treasurer's report – Andrea Hazelwood (not in attendance)

Bank balance is \$22,134.34

Casino account is \$20,741.93

New business

There will be a pre-k and kindergarten orientation happening in mid-May. The school will be putting together a welcome package for the new pre-k and k families. 5 for Life will be helping to support the pre-k packages.

- Motion made to reimburse the school up to \$250.00 to pay for books to put into the kindergarten packages made by Melissa Piche
- Seconded by David Porter
- All in favor. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 by Nicole Miller

Casino Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Nicole Miller

Angie gave an update on the new playground equipment. There has been a down payment made on the new equipment. We applied for \$59,527 in grants, \$40,000.00 was put in by Parent Council and we received a \$10,000.00 donation from the Strathmore Lions in return for 150 volunteer hours. We received 100% of the requested grant amount. The total cost for the new equipment is \$111,000.00.

4 pieces of equipment are guaranteed to be installed. There will be a large modified play structure called "Play Strong" that was on sale last year for Blue Imp's 100th birthday (in purchasing this we received a slide for free), beehive and a big climbing rock. The play structure and the big rock are both geared for Division II students, while the beehive is for all students. It is hoped that if enough money can be saved through donations, etc, that a double-disc swing may also be purchased.

The new equipment is scheduled to be installed on October 12 and 13. Volunteers will be needed to help install. A request will go out via social media. It will also be discussed at the Meet the Teacher night in the fall.

We agreed to donate 150 volunteer hours to the Lions in exchange for their \$10,000.00 donation. So far 45 hours have been paid back. The next big event that we can help volunteer for will be a road clean-up. A request for volunteers will go out on social media.

A plaque for the big rock will be made to recognize the Lions for their \$10,000.00 donation towards the project. That rock will be named "Pride Rock" in their honor. Melissa Piche has volunteered to look after having the plaque made.

Casino meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Next meeting May 16 at 7:00 at Wheatland Elementary

These minutes are considered to be a true and accurate account of the meeting discussions. Any errors or omissions must be reported to the Secretary before the next meeting.