

Wheatland Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting
April 17th, 2019

Attendance:

Amy Van Vliet
Stephanie Sweere
Nicole Gordon
Angie Boyd

Danna Hanni
Sheri Porter

Meeting called to order at 7:06 by Nicole Gordon

Approval of previous minutes

Motion by Stephanie
Second by Danna
All in favour. Motion passed

Principal's report

Amy Van Vliet

Holding Leadership Day during the Student Led Conferences went well. The staff will be discussing when to have it next year. There was feedback that the live performances were missing this year, so staff would like to be able to incorporate that back into it next year.

Principals are planning budgets for next year, but nothing is firm as of yet due to a number of factors (the change in government, etc). Wheatland Elementary will be losing a few students next year because some students are transferring to George Freeman, and some students are moving away. There are less kindergarten students registered than normal, because some parents are choosing to send their kids to George Freeman. All schools in Strathmore have less kindergarten students registered due to the fact that there is another school open to go to now. There may be some changes in the fall as far as class size/staffing, etc, but nothing is decided as of yet.

Western Day will be changing this year. Wheatland Elementary will be celebrating National Aboriginal Day on June 21st. Joy and Don are taking the lead on organizing the day. There may still be a pancake breakfast. More details will come at a later date. The school will need PAC's support, but they don't know exactly what they will need at this time.

The Volunteer Tea will be held in the morning of May 31st. More details about that event will be coming out. Invitations will be going out when we're back from Spring Break.

Reports from committees

Hot Lunch – given by Stephanie Sweere

- Profit not available as of yet because we are mid-month and there are still cheques that need to clear, etc.
- There were a few changes to Hot Lunch this month:
 - o 2 hot dog days were offered. There have been 178 orders just for the hot dog days so far (deadline is tomorrow – April 18th)
 - o Gluten free and vegetarian options were offered (gluten free options cost a bit more to the people who ordered them, so the profit for PAC remains the same)
 - o An additional button was added that allowed people to make an optional donation. This money is to be used for various food programs offered at the school (complimentary breakfasts, School Fuel, etc). \$65 has been donated so far

- Angie has created a poster to put on social media that will help explain this new donation button. Amy and Michelle are reviewing it to give feedback before it gets posted. Angie and Stephanie are hoping to get it sent out/posted in time for the next order period.
- Stephanie had a meeting with Victor from Pizza Hut. There will be a fundraiser happening similar to the Booster Juice ones that have been run in the past. Parents can buy a \$5.00 coupon that is good for 5 pizzas - \$2.50 will go to PAC and \$2.50 will go to Pizza Hut for every coupon sold. Victor has been extremely supportive of PAC and the school.

Treasurer's report – Angie Boyd

- nothing to report at this time because it is mid-month, so the balance is unavailable until cheques clear, etc
- Angie has had to redo PayPal under a current email address. She is waiting on verifications to get it set up. Redoing it under the current email address will mean that it will be easy to transfer Hot Lunch duties to future members of PAC
- Angie has also signed up for Bambora, which will allow different payment options other than PayPal when buying Hot Lunch. Parents will be able to use credit cards, apple pay, etc. These options will be offered on the Hot Lunch order page, along with PayPal. Bombora is cheaper than PayPal, and any money spent using those options goes directly into the PAC account. They are also very easy to deal with when issues arise, etc.

Old business

Staff Appreciation Week went well. PAC was able to provide a full supervision schedule which was made possible by parents volunteering to come in each day to go out on supervision (we were unable to do that last year due to lack of volunteers). New/different food options were provided this year, which seemed to go over well. The staff loved the boneless chicken wings platter. Nicole and a couple of other volunteers made food on the Wednesday, and food was able to be provided for lunch that day as well as for supper for Student Led Conferences that evening.

New business

PAC will send out another notice to recruit any volunteers that might be needed to help out with the National Aboriginal Day being held on June 21st.

The Council of Councils Meeting was well worth going to. Members from our PAC sat with PAC members from other schools, and they had a chance to share ideas/concerns with each other. Trying to increase attendance at PAC meetings was discussed by our representatives and the school they were sitting with (Westmount). One idea that was discussed was offering some sort of incentive to people who attend meetings. Stephanie has suggested using Hot Lunch as an incentive – for example, anyone who attends a meeting enters their name in a draw to win a \$20 credit towards Hot Lunch. This will be discussed at the May meeting.

May 9th (the week after everyone is back after Spring Break) will be the Preventative Head Lice Check Day. Angie will send out a notice if she needs volunteers for this day. Ever since these preventative lice checks began at the school, the number of cases of lice have gone down in the school, so they seem to be working.

June 12th or 19th are possible dates for the final meeting of the year. The date will be decided for sure at the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 by Nicole Gordon

Casino meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:57 by Nicole Gordon

Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm by Nicole.

Next meeting: May 15th at 7:00pm 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.