

Wheatland Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting

January 23rd, 2019

Attendance:

Amy Van Vliet
Michelle Rushford
Rob Pirie
Nicole Gordon
Stephanie Sweere

Angie Boyd
Danna Hanni
David Porter
Sheri Porter
Melissa Piche

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Nicole Gordon

Approval of previous minutes

Motion by Melissa

Second by David

All in favour. Motion passed

Principal's report

Amy Van Vliet

-The Education Plan was presented to the Board on Jan. 22nd.

- Paper copies were handed out at the PAC meeting. The Education Plan can be found on the Wheatland Elementary website under the documents tab or follow the link

<http://wheatland.ghsd75.ca/documents/general/2018%20AERR%20and%20Three%20Year%20Education%20Plan.pdf>

- the Education Plan is normally presented in November. This year's plan has a different look than in past years; it looks more like a newsletter.
- the results from the Accountability Survey are highlighted on page 2
- page 6 highlights the Math Minds program, and provides the results of the Grade 6 Math PAT
- page 8 has a "shout-out" to PAC
- the Education Plan highlights the 4 pillars at Wheatland Elementary (Leader in Me, Math Minds, STEAM, Montessori)
- Rob Pirie (a School Board Trustee) commented on the big jump in Citizenship Opportunities (found on page 3 of the document); up to 96% from 87% the year previous. Michelle replied that the increase may be due to the fact that the School Leadership Council has been expanded to include all grade levels, so Leadership opportunities at the school have also increased.

- Jan. 31 is a PD Day. One of the things the staff will be discussing that day is the new curriculum (kindergarten to grade 4) that will be rolling out. Right now the curriculum is content-based. The new curriculum is more concept-based. This will allow for more student/teacher/parent choice in what is taught. This new curriculum aligns nicely with Golden Hills' Powerful Learning model.

Michelle Rushford

- the school musical this year is "The Rockin' Tale of Robinhood", which is a brand new play that just came out in 2018.

- Choir practices have already begun
- There are lots of lines
- There are 37 significant parts in the play

- The first rehearsal with actors was today
- There are lots of ways for students to get involved in the play beyond acting roles and the choir: dancers, set production, lighting crew, sound crew, etc.
- 150 students are expected to participate in the play
- The play will be performed on March 14. There will be an afternoon and evening performance that day, and it will be free to attend

Reports from committees

Hot Lunch – Stephanie Sweere

- Profit for Sept/Oct hot lunch was \$1061.05
- Profit for November hot lunch was \$1407.11
- Profit for December was \$572.09. December only had 4 hot lunch days.
- The profit from Booster Juice gift card fundraiser was \$239.85 (not as successful as last year's)
- Stephanie reported that the cost to PAC for hot lunches has increased, but she has not raised prices that parents have to pay. It was agreed that this is fine because hot lunch consistently brings in a profit despite the rise in costs to PAC.

Treasurer's report – Angie Boyd

- \$5050.11 is in the account (as of December 31, 2018) -
- Casino account is at \$2730.46

Fundraising report – Melissa Piche

- Fundraising committee has decided not to go ahead with another gift card fundraiser in the spring as was discussed at the November meeting
- The gift card fundraiser will continue to take place in the fall. The plan is to start working on that fundraiser in June so that it will be ready to roll out early in the fall.
- They plan to do a Pizza Hut fundraiser in the spring. The details of this fundraiser still need to be ironed out. Stephanie explained that the information she has right now is that the owner of Pizza Hut has gifted PAC with Pizza Hut coupons that PAC can sell at whatever cost they choose and then keep all of the profit. This fundraiser will be run through the Hot Lunch program (like the Booster Juice fundraiser). Information about the fundraiser will be sent out prior.

New business

Nicole has found that many people are not aware of all of the events and programs that PAC supports at the school (either money that PAC donates to an event/program, or help in running an event, etc). She would like to increase attendance at PAC meetings as well as increase the number of volunteers to help out with PAC supported/run events. Angie suggested sending out a notice similar to the one that went home at the end of the school year last year to recruit volunteers for the playground and casino. The notice would outline the programs/events that PAC is supporting in the next couple of months, and a request for volunteers would be included. The plan is to send a notice home in February that includes events up to the end of March, and then send another one

home in the spring that would outline events to the end of the school year. The notices will also include any volunteer opportunities available to pay back the hours that we owe the Lions for their donation towards the playground. Angie has volunteered to create the notices.

Staff Appreciation Week will be March 25-28

Family Dance

- Was not held last year due to scheduling conflicts
 - PAC would like to have a dance this year
 - Possible dates are Feb. 28 or March 1 -> the date depends on when Mike Smith is available to DJ
 - Melissa and Stephanie have volunteered to coordinate
 - Motion to spend up to \$500 on supplies needed for the dance (gift card for Mike, hot dogs, candy bags, glow sticks, water, etc) made by Melissa 2nd by Stephanie
- All in favour. Motion passes.

Rob Pirie wants everyone to know that they can contact him if they have any questions or comments regarding the School Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 by Nicole Gordon

Casino meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:02 by Nicole Gordon

We did not need to use the money from the general account that was motioned to be placed into the Casino account at the November meeting because we got an advance on our Casino funds.

The owner of the playground company did not cash the cheque we wrote to cover the playground expenses. When Angie sent the cheque to the company she also included a letter outlining the issues PAC had with the playground construction that resulted in PAC going over budget. The owner of the company responded to that letter by telling Angie he was not going to cash the cheque until they had a meeting to discuss PAC's concerns. This meeting took place in December. At the end of the meeting it was agreed by all present that the issues we had resulted in PAC having to pay an additional \$1000.00 above the original estimated costs. So, the company has reduced the amount we owe them by \$1000.00. A new cheque reflecting that change was issued to the company.

The money from the Casino should be coming in the next month to month-and-a-half. We won't know exactly how much money we're getting until the end of the quarter, but Angie is guessing it will be around \$35 000.00.

Melissa asked how things are going with regards to paying back the hours that we owe the Lions for their donation to the playground. Angie did not have the current number of hours that have been paid back with her at the meeting. We owed 150 hours, and Nicole looked back at the September minutes and saw that at that time 95 hours had been paid back. More hours have been paid back since then with people helping out with the Celebration of Lights and Santa's Cottage. The hope is

that the remainder of the hours we owe will be paid back in 2019. Angie is in contact with the Lions and will continue to let us know when volunteer opportunities come up. She is going to look into whether or not the Lions need volunteers for their 80th Anniversary Celebration that is taking place on Feb. 16. We'd like to let the Lions know when their "Pride Rock" sign will be put up in front of the climbing rock. This will happen in the spring when the weather is warmer. Melissa and Angie will discuss this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm by Nicole.

Next meeting: February 27 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.