

## Wheatland Elementary School Council Meeting

Date: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Room 144

### Attendance:

Sheri Porter

David Porter

Kelly Quinton

Jenny Bakken

Rona Jackson

Andrea Hazelwood

Heather Fabris

Angie Boyd

Linda Tucker

Ryan Hunter

Colin Lenox

Shelly Neal

Nicole Miller

Michelle Rushford

### **PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**

*1. CALL TO ORDER: at 7:12 pm by Nicole Miller*

*Presentation from CMJHS*

*Linda Tucker, Ryan Hunter, Colin Lennox, Jenny Bakken*

*- Option classes for incoming grade 7's by the time you get to grade 9 there are 12 different options. We want them to experience different things while they are at the school. First time ever they have a student council, and a variety of other clubs. BYOD (device) to school, to implement technology use in the classroom. Some are available if you don't have your own, to use as a learning tool.*

*- Understand that the step from grade 6 to 7 is very big and working on the transition for all. Start off with info meetings, (Put in paper under transition planning that outlines all of their steps they take to transition the students)*

*Where to find information about the school? Join the FB page. They will get option forms that parents have to sign and on the back of the form for the parents, info on their child, to help make this transition easier. (Any special needs, etc). Very open to what will work for your child*

- What's a great way to welcome the new grade 7's: mission statement: united in our diversity, passionate in our learning, confident in our future. Did a camp week to get all those students together and working together. Help to alleviate parent and student nerves. The camp had great reviews from the students and was a big success. They showed a video about their camp week as well. To see that there are a lot of possibilities at the new school and new grade to be excited about rather than fear.*

*Very heartwarming to hear their doors are always open and that they are very excited to see all the new students come through their doors.*

*Question was asked about what a pod is? The school is broken up into 3 sections. 7, 8, 9, inclusive Ed (option pod etc) with its own coordinators for a better chance to know the students more individually.*

*The camp will be annually with a cost, but hopefully their PAC will help fund in the future. They need parent volunteers. Camp is in Sylvan Lake.*

## 2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion to accept from Angie

Seconded from Kelly

Motion passed.

## **CASINO MEETING**

Coordinator - Angie Boyd

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:39 pm (*snuck into the middle of regular meeting, to accommodate the junior high in being able to go first and get out of meeting*)

*Update about the Gains meeting that Angie and Nicole were able to take. Very informative*

## 2. NEW BUSINESS

\*Playground Update

*Approx. \$30,000 has to be spent/earmarked to be spent by next February. There are grants available that will 100% match any money that we can put forward, as well as will match any that is donated (from excavation companies etc for the work they will need to do) We are looking at doing one of the beehive structures. The quotes are coming in from 2 different designers right now around \$35000 total. Discussed moving the wobbly totters and integrated more into the existing playground, and having two different areas we can put some new equipment.*

*Is this the direction we want to take with the casino money for Angie to keep looking into?*

*Brought up by Heather Fabris that in Brentwood they alternate between the divisions/students whose turn it is to use the new equipment and change it up every recess/month.*

*We are not looking at until building until spring/summer 2018, to have all our grants and funding in place.*

*Mrs. Rushford brought this info to our student council as well as a possibility that we were doing this and would be looking for their feedback, which they were excited to be a part of.*

*The interest exists to keep looking into the playground expansion, so we will continue with our quotes.*

*Rona has said that she could get us a contact for the Lions as we have emailed them, but are still waiting to hear back.*

*Motion to spend casino funds on playground expansion  
Shelly Neal preliminary \$30,000 budget  
Seconded David Porter  
Motion passed*

ADJOURN MEETING – 8:00 pm (continued with PAC meeting)

### 3. PRINCIPAL/STAFF REPORT

*Mrs. Rushford thanked the PAC for the money given to support the Fine Arts Musical, which went towards such items as coroplast for trees/wings, elastic, sheet music, etc.*

*Mrs. Rushford had her first Full Student Council Leadership meeting with the reps from all the grades. (Except 1B) Three major projects discussed.*

- 1. Buddy Bench*
- 2. New playground info*
- 3. Conversation about STEAM – we need our own symbol, so the kids will design one that belongs to our school. The kids were all very excited and full of ideas.*

*Jeff Warner will be coming back to do coding and robotics, March 24<sup>th</sup> and possibly a second date*

*Math Minds update, funding is in place through Suncor, that we will be able to maintain our partnership with U of C for next year.*

### 4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

TREASURER – Andrea Hazelwood

\$6532 balance

*Andrea brought up that she would like people to submit receipts and then you get a check. A lot of discussion on this matter from both sides, but a lot of the feedback is to do it this way from now on.*

*Reimbursements are to be done after a receipt has been given to the treasurer.*

*Motion Heather*

*Seconded Kelly*

*Motion passed*

*Hot lunch coordinator and treasurer will need to meet to discuss how checks will be written for the hot lunch program so that both positions can excel.*

### 5. HOT LUNCH

*Stephanie is not able to make it tonight, but she reported on Feb last month, and March is not ready to report till the April meeting*

*\*Motion to renew hot lunch online program before July 31 to take advantage of the \$50 discount.*

*Motion to purchase program Shelly Neal*

*Seconded Angie*

*Motion passed.*

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

\*Family Dance – made \$315

\*Musical

*Money that PAC gave went towards costumes and set design and was very appreciated.*

\*50/50 raffle – made \$338 for the casino account and \$140 for the general account

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

\*Project Hope has asked if we would do a donation again this year (last year was \$100/student at \$1500, this year there are 18 students taking part).

*Motion to spend \$1500 David Porter*

*Seconded Shelly Neal*

*Motion passed*

\*Spring lice check – date April 26<sup>th</sup>. Need 2-3 volunteers. Angie Coordinating

*Volunteers Kelly Quinton*

*Shelly Neal*

*Natalie Wyatt*

\*Criterion movie fundraiser

*Better feedback to do this one. Heather is going to ask Brentwood what they did; Shelly is going to ask the Catholic school. We are going to set up a committee and start looking into fundraiser.*

\*Little Caesar pizza kit fundraiser

*No interest to do this one at this time*

8. NEXT MEETING (April 26<sup>th</sup> and Shelly will be standing in for Nicole)

9. ADJOURNMENT at 9:18 pm by Nicole

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.