

Wheatland Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting

March 28th, 2018

Attendance:

Nicole Miller

Amy Van Vliet

Michelle Rushford

Rob Pirie

David Porter

Andrea Hazelwood

Sheri Porter

Carolyn Clark

Kelly Quinton

Meeting called to order at 6:10 by Nicole Miller

Approval of previous minutes

Motion by David Porter

Second by Kelly Quinton

All in favor

Motion passed

Principal's report

Amy Van Vliet

*The 2019/20 draft calendar was passed out at the meeting. If anyone has feedback on the calendar, they can email Amy and she will pass on the feedback to the Division

*Golden Hills is looking at providing an enhanced Before/After School Care program.

Information about this program was sent out by the school in paper form. The Division wants to get feedback about the program right now, and to get an idea of interest in the program. Any comments, questions, and feedback about the program can be directed to the Division.

*There is no new information about the new school. There was supposed to be a Principal's meeting today, but it got postponed until after Spring Break.

*Wheatland Elementary will be advertising all around town to promote all of the good things that the school has to offer

*The signs will have the school phone number listed up until the end of June, and then they will list the school website for the summer months. If we see a sign in July or August that still has the phone number, please let Amy know

*A school-wide lip dub is in the works. A video featuring students at the school will be released by the end of the year

Michelle Rushford

*Admin from Crowther Memorial and George Freeman schools will be coming to speak to the grade 6 students on April 10. There will be open houses at those schools the following week.

*The "WE Bake for Change" event organized the Student Leadership Council was a success

*The school looked into Alberta Health's regulations prior to organizing the event

- 1200 baked goods were donated
- The entire Student Leadership Council (students from grade 1-6) handled the entire Bake Sale
- \$600 was raised. It was split evenly between the Wheatland Food Bank and the WE School's program to combat hunger internationally

*Chocogram sales happened in February. The Student Leadership council ran this. The Student Council makes sure that every student in grade 3-6 gets at least one chocogram.

- *The money they raised was donated to the WE Education Pillar
- *The Student Leadership Council and the Eco Avengers are teaming up on a water conservation initiative
 - *The initiative will culminate with a Water Walk Day on April 26 (students will carry a certain amount of water while walking around the track)
 - *They are still deciding how much water each student should carry and what will happen to that water once the walk is complete
- *The musical was a success. The school appreciates PAC's support with the musical. Money that was donated from PAC went towards things like paint, costumes, sheet music, headsets, etc. The school also received private donations that helped make the production a success.

Old business

Musical - The headsets used in the musical (purchased with PAC funds) were very much appreciated by the school.

Family Dance – could not find a night that worked, so the dance did not go ahead. Amy has suggested that a date be picked earlier so that groups booking the school cannot book on the date of the dance.

The next Preventative Lice Check (to be run by Angie Boyd) will be held after students are back from Spring Break, likely on April 11.

Reports from committees

Hot lunch program – Stephanie Sweere (not in attendance)

*The order period for Booster Juice fundraiser will show up from April 1-20. A note will go home with each student before Easter break. In the past, it has only taken 1-2 weeks for our vouchers to come in and a very short amount of time for me to get them organized and handed out.

Does the Parent council wish to purchase anymore at this time. A booklet of 20 vouchers is \$72.50 at cost (which would be all the council has to pay) they sell for \$100.00 so it would be a great deal for more student draws and end of year give-a-ways. We already have 10 purchased and we have thought to use some towards our council babysitters as a thank you.

Treasurer's report – Andrea Hazelwood

Bank balance is \$19,280.96

Casino account is \$20,741.47

New business

Western Day

- Will be held on May 25
- Mrs. Muenchrath is organizing it this year
- PAC is having difficulties recruiting volunteers to help out with school events, so the school will be organizing the event and PAC will be reimbursing the school for expenses (pancake mix, syrup, etc)
- Motion made to give the school up to \$700 to reimburse them for supplies needed for Western Day by Kelly Quinton

Second by David Porter
All in favor.
Motion passed.

Staff Appreciation Week

- This event has been held in this month previously but a date has been scheduled for the last week of May.
- Due to lack of volunteers, PAC will not be able to cover recess supervision this year, but will still be providing food and drinks all 4 days that week
- Nicole has volunteered to organize/run the week
- Andrea motions that up to \$1000 be spent on expenses for Staff Appreciation Week

Second by Kelly Quinton
All in favor.
Motion passed.

Project Hope Foundation

- We missed the gala, but we can still donate to the Foundation
- More students are participating in Project Hope at Wheatland than last year
- Kelly Quinton motions to donate \$1500 to the Project Hope Foundation

Second by David Porter
All in favor.
Motion passed.

Council of Councils was held on March 27.

- Rob Pirie, a Trustee, spoke to us about that meeting (Angie Boyd and Scott Mulek attended the meeting, but were not at the PAC meeting tonight, so they could not report on it)
- Members from Parent Councils and the School Board were present at the meeting
- There was discussion about how there can be more meaningful engagement between the Board and parents. One suggestion was that Trustees could attend PAC meetings.
- Not many people know what a Trustee does. They are looking at sending out info about a Trustee's role using social media, etc.
- Rob has attended Wheatland Elementary's Remembrance Day Ceremony, Christmas concert, and the musical
- Rob mentioned that parents can contact him anytime with any concerns/questions (his contact info is listed on the Golden Hills website)

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 by Nicole Miller

No Casino meeting tonight

Next meeting April 25 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.