

Wheatland Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting
March 20th, 2019

Attendance:

Amy Van Vliet
Michelle Rushford
Stephanie Sweere
Nicole Gordon
Angie Boyd
Shelly Neal

Danna Hanni
David Porter
Sheri Porter
Jenny Bakken

Meeting called to order at 7:07 by Nicole Gordon

Approval of previous minutes

Motion by David
Second by Angie
All in favour. Motion passed

Principal's report

Amy Van Vliet

Learner Profiles (report cards) will be going home on March 22nd. Wednesday March 27 is when the Student Led Conferences (open house format) will be held, in conjunction with Leadership Day. Information about this will be sent home with the Learner Profiles. There will also be time set aside on the 27th for one-on-one meetings between parents and teachers if the teacher OR the parent requests it. The Book Fair will be happening on March 26 and 27, so it will be open the night of the Student Led Conferences. The school is hoping for great attendance that night.

Michelle Rushford

The musical (The Rockin' Tale of Robin Hood) was a success. LOTS of students were involved in the play, in all facets of the production: performers, back stage, set design, sound, photography/videography, etc. This student participation ties in to the school being a Leader in Me school - there were lots of opportunities for students to participate in and be leaders with the play. The school appreciates the support of PAC with the annual musical, and appreciates all of the parent volunteers who helped out.

The photography company that takes the school photos sent a photographer to take pictures during the afternoon performance. He took pictures of behind the scenes as well as the actual performance. He took over 2000 photos (the school has not had a chance to look through them all yet).

Reports from committees

Hot Lunch – given by Stephanie Sweere

- Profit for February hot lunch was \$357.03
- The profit to date is \$3134.92
- There will be a few adjustments made to the menu that is offered starting in April. Legends will no longer be offered.
- Stephanie is talking with Tim Drover at the high school. He is working with her to come up with some budget friendly and kid friendly additions to the menu
- Stephanie wants to tweak the menu in order to increase the number of orders that are placed each month. One idea is to offer the most popular menu items (Macdonald's, and hot dogs from Sobey's combined with a Booster Juice Smoothie) a couple of times a month

- We agreed a couple of months ago not to increase prices that parents are paying for meals even though costs for us have gone up, so Stephanie is looking at other ways to increase profit made by Hot Lunch

Treasurer's report – Angie Boyd

- General Account - \$13 344.33
- Casino Account - \$46 069.55
- both accounts are reconciled up to today's date (March 20). The totals do not include expenses or profit for March hot lunch

Family Dance – Stephanie Sweere

- Expenses came to \$586.75, which was slightly over the \$500 budget. The expenses included water, chips, hot dogs, glow sticks, candy, etc
- Earnings from the dance was \$738.55
- Profit - \$151.80
- The intent of the Family Dance is not to make a profit, but to provide families with an inexpensive, fun evening out. Next year Stephanie would like to call the dance an "Appreciation Dance", where each student would receive a token to redeem for a hot dog, bag of chips, and a drink free of charge. The idea would be for PAC to show our appreciation for the families at the school for their support with PAC's fundraising efforts (hot lunch, gift card fundraiser), and provide a completely free evening.

New business

Western Day is coming up in May. A date has not been set as of yet. The Calgary Stampede usually coordinates with the school to help out with the pancake breakfast, etc, but Amy and Michelle are unsure if that has been set up for this year. They will check into this, and get back to us. It was suggested that if the Calgary Stampede is not going to be involved that we contact the Lions to see if they could help with the pancake breakfast.

The Council of Councils meeting is taking place on April 2 from 5:30-7:30 at the Civic Centre. Stephanie, Angie, and Shelly will be attending.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 by Nicole Gordon

Casino meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Nicole Gordon

Amy and Michelle would like to review what the guidelines are for what can and cannot be bought with casino funds. At the moment they are thinking that they would like to spend the money to update the technology at the school. The ipads and chromebooks that the school currently have are older and are starting to show wear and tear. Div I students have ipads and Div II students have chromebooks. There is one cart of ipads or chromebooks for each grade (so, there is roughly one device per 2 students). These devices are used frequently in the classrooms, and it is the school's responsibility to pay to maintain them. Amy and Michelle will be asking the teachers for input as to how they'd like to see the casino money spent, but they are thinking that technology will most likely be high on the teacher's wish list. The school will prepare a proposal to present to us.

Angie mentioned that a few people commented that they missed not having the 50/50 draw at the musical, and Michelle said she heard that as well. There was a discussion about running a 50/50 draw again next year at the musical, or possibly at the Christmas concert as well. There are very specific rules we have to follow when a 50/50 draw is held.

The school would like to purchase choir shirts. They'd like to have shirts that are all one colour. The shirts would be worn by the running team as well. Michelle has received a quote from a local company of \$14.95/shirt, and she is hoping to order 60 shirts. Angie is going to talk to a different local company to see what their quote might be, and Stephanie also has a contact that she is going to get in touch with. It is possible that the school would like help from PAC in purchasing the shirts.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm by Nicole.

Next meeting: April 17th 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.