

# Wheatland Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting

October 18th, 2017

## Attendance:

Nicole Miller  
Amy Van Vliet  
Michelle Rushford  
Stephanie Sweere  
Melissa Piche

Angie Boyd  
David Porter  
Sheri Porter

Meeting called to order at 7:08 by Nicole Miller

## **Approval of previous minutes**

Motion by Angie Boyd  
Second by David Porter  
Motion passed

## **Principal's report**

- Amy Van Vliet -STEAM Team has STEAM carts ready to go
- Each cart has different challenges and materials for students to use to complete the challenges
  - Each cart is set up for kindergarten to grade 6, so each cart can be used in all classrooms
  - Teachers can sign out the carts for 3 days at a time from the library
  - The carts will be updated periodically to change things up
- Michelle Rushford -getting ready to start the WE Scare Hunger campaign
- Will run Oct. 23-26, and Oct. 30
  - Will be supporting the Wheatland Food Bank and the Strathmore and District Christmas Hamper Society
  - Strathmore Ford is partnering with the school in this campaign again this year
  - Media has already reported on the campaign; hopefully they will come out when the actual campaign takes place
- Meeting with the full School Leadership Council (grades 1-6) in the loft weekly
    - School Leadership Council is looking into participating in more WE campaigns such as a global awareness campaign with a focus on water
  - Wakapa the school mascot has not made its appearance yet. Hoping to have Wakapa ready to appear in November

## **Old business**

### Big Crunch at Active Living Day

- Apples purchased for \$0.97/pound; \$180.97 spent on apples
  - A dozen "bad" apples (bruised, etc) were given to the kindergarten class to make apple sauce
- 10 "good" leftover apples were put in the staff room

- Mrs. Stovka's grade 4 class composted the apple cores
- 2 volunteers helped out with the Big Crunch station, which worked well

### **Reports from committees**

Hot lunch program – Stephanie Sweere

- September and October orders were all together
- 175 orders were placed in September, 203 orders were placed in October
- Profit for September/October was \$1523.42
- 129 orders for November have already been paid, ordering is open until the 20<sup>th</sup>
- 113 Booster Juice vouchers have been ordered so far, with a profit of \$141.00 -> there was some confusion from a few parents about what they were actually ordering with the fundraiser; plans to do the Booster Juice fundraiser again in the spring
- Motion to buy 10 vouchers (\$50) to use as prizes, etc made by David Porter
- Seconded by Melissa Piche
- Motion passed

Treasurer's report – Andrea Hazelwood (not in attendance)

- \$9257.75 in the account
- plan is to create a budget for typical events (Big Crunch, Western Day, etc)

Fundraising Coordinator – Scott Mulek (not in attendance)

- Prizes in place:
  - ✓ Cathy Heggs from Calgary Fire has donated 10 hats, 10 fire ducks, and 10 paracord bracelets
  - ✓ Will be buying 10 kids combo packs from Joyland Theatre
  - ✓ Buying iTunes cards
  - ✓ Pizza party for the top-earning homeroom
  - ✓ If the \$10,000 fundraising goal is met, the whole school will get a movie afternoon
- Movie afternoon to be held on December 22 (last day of school before Christmas break) to coincide with Pajama Day
  - ✓ Will be asking Rona to provide popcorn
  - ✓ Will be asking for parent volunteers to help supervise the movie to free up teachers to spend time in the classrooms
  - ✓ It will be a Christmas movie; choices of movies will be given to the School Leadership Council to vote on
- Fundraiser will be advertised on Facebook once/week; posters are up at the school and fundraiser is mentioned in the announcements every other day

### **New business**

Volunteers needed to help the Lions set up the Celebration of Lights at the Ag Grounds. Volunteer hours used to help set up the lights can be used to pay back the 150 volunteer hours we owe the Lions in return for their \$10,000 donation for new playground equipment. Volunteers are currently working Friday to Sunday. We can let Melissa Piche know when we are available and she will arrange it with

the Lions and Angie Boyd will keep track of our hours. An email and a Facebook post will be going out to ask for volunteers.

An email will be sent out to all volunteers (volunteering at the school) to make sure they get their Criminal/Child Welfare Check completed. (This is not needed to volunteer for the Lions)

The grade 2A, 2B, and 2/3 Montessori classes sent a letter asking that we donate \$200 to the Western District Historical Society. These classes got to participate in an excellent field trip put on by the Society, at no cost to the school. The classes got to go on a trial run of the Society's new "On this Spot" app, which is a historical walking tour of Strathmore. The field trip was a huge success and the Society put in a lot of effort to make it special for the students. They even provided lunch and bussing for students. The grade 2A, 2B, and 2/3 Montessori classes would like the \$200 donation made to help the Society cover the costs for the 67 students who went on the tour.

- Motion to donate \$200 to the Western District Historical Society made by David Porter
- Seconded by Angie Boyd
- Motion passed

PAC will be providing supper for teachers on the first night of Parent Teacher Interviews (November 21), 4pm-7pm

- \$150 was spent last year, but there wasn't quite enough food and no drinks provided, so consensus was that more food will be provided this year and drinks will be provided as well
- Angie Boyd has volunteered to coordinate the supper
- Motion for \$250 to spend on food for the supper made by Angie Boyd
- Seconded by David Porter
- Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 by Nicole Miller

### **Casino meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:01 by Nicole Miller  
Angie Boyd – Casino Coordinator

Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 by Nicole Miller

Next meeting November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 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.