

Wheatland Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting

October 17th, 2018

Attendance:

Amy Van Vliet
Michelle Rushford
Nicole Miller
Stephanie Sweere
Angie Boyd

David Porter
Sheri Porter
Jenny Bakken
Shelly Neal

Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Nicole Miller

Approval of previous minutes

Motion by Stephanie

Second by Angie

All in favour. Motion passed

Principal's report

Amy Van Vliet

-Amy, Michelle, and 3 other teachers from Wheatland (representing Div I, Div II, and Montessori) attended a Leadership PD session in Calgary yesterday. Peter Gamwell was the presenter. The session was about igniting and encouraging curiosity in students and in teachers, as well as challenging assumptions of the current education system. It was inspiring and encouraging to see and listen to examples of this type of program already in place in other schools as it affirms that Wheatland is already doing a lot of this type of programming. Peter Gamwell will be meeting with the team from Wheatland to help them tweak/plan what is happening at Wheatland.

Michelle Rushford

- We Scare Hunger will be happening soon. Strathmore Ford is partnering with Wheatland in this endeavor again this year. Strathmore Ford picks up the food from Wheatland and takes it to the food bank. They have also made donations to Wheatland in the past (sponsoring Hot Lunch for students in need, for example. This was the students' idea. Initially Strathmore Ford wanted to provide a pizza party for the whole school, but the students wanted to be able to help others with the donation, so they thought of the Hot Lunch idea).

- The talk of sponsoring hot lunch prompted a question regarding what is being done at the school the other days of the week for kids who may not have lunch, or perhaps have forgotten it. Amy and Michelle told us that there are supports in place at the school so that no child goes hungry, no matter the day of the week.

- The Grade 1-6 Leadership Council is in place now. Their first initiative is the We Scare Hunger event. They want to inspire the school to meet the goal of gathering 3000 items in donations by providing some sort of incentive. The goal of getting 3000 items has not been met since 2011. The incentive they'd like to have is a Halloween movie day (they'd like to watch Hotel Transylvania 3), but they wanted to run that idea by PAC first since that is our incentive for the gift card fundraiser. PAC has said that it is fine for them to go ahead with a movie as an incentive as long as they don't approach Rona for popcorn. Stephanie also suggested that a free hot dog day might be a good incentive, and has volunteered to help them with

that event if they choose to go that route. Michelle will mention this idea to the Leadership Council to see if they might be interested in that.

- the staff at Wheatland want to express their appreciation to PAC for the new playground equipment. There is a schedule in place right now that ensures only certain grade levels are allowed on the new equipment at one time. This is to make sure the equipment is used safely. Once this "honeymoon period" is over, a new schedule will be worked out so that divisions or grade levels rotate through all of the playground equipment, so that all children at the school have access to playground equipment at all times (they are still working on that schedule).

Reports from committees

Hot Lunch – Stephanie Sweere

- there are 9 days in November. There have been 159 orders so far.
- Legends is doing a meat lasagna in November, and a spaghetti in January
- the grade 6 helpers continue to be a huge help in making hot lunch days go a lot quicker for the parent volunteers.
- the Booster Juice fundraiser will be on the December order

Treasurer's report – Angie

- \$10 875.96 in the account (does not include hot lunch)
- Casino account is at \$80 280.59

Fundraising report – given by Nicole (Melissa not in attendance)

- Running the same as last year with individual prizes as well as prizes for top selling homeroom and a participant party
- Whole school prize is the movie day. The plan is to do a Christmas movie again. We will ask Rona for popcorn again.
- Melissa is approaching Joyland Theatre about getting movie combo packs as prizes. Dairy Queen will also be approached.
- Notes went home last week. Forms are due back on November 1.
- Gift cards should arrive the week of November 19. Gift cards will be picked up at Parent Teacher interviews on November 28&29.
- Volunteers will be needed to sort through the order forms and count money when the forms are returned on November 1
- Volunteers will also be needed to count and sort the gift cards when they arrive
- The grade 6s are making posters to advertise the fundraiser
- The fundraiser is being advertised on the school Facebook page as well as on the PAC Facebook page

New business

Parent Teacher Interviews November 28 & 29

- PAC provides supper for teachers on the first night
- Staff would like the food set up by 3:00pm on the 28th
- Nicole has volunteered to organize ordering the food, picking it up, and setting it up. Stephanie has offered to help her.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 by Nicole Miller

Casino meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:02 by Nicole Miller

Angie Boyd – Casino Coordinator

The schedule is looking good for the casino (being held on Nov. 23&24). A few more people are needed to act as "on call" volunteers.

Playground

- Still waiting for some invoices to come in. It looks like we will be spending more money than we thought, due to increased freight charges (there was a \$2000.00 increase in freight charges compared to the estimate we were given a year ago). We also ended up paying for some things that we thought we could get donations for.
- One of the knuckles that was sent for the Beehive was incorrect. A temporary fix has been done (this fix has been approved as being safe). A permanent fix will be happening when the company sends the correct knuckle, but this won't be done until the spring. This will not cost us anything as it was the company's error.
- The gravel was not spread around the new climbing rock after it was installed as was expected, so Angie went to the school to do this herself. As she was working on this task a lot of grade 6 Maintenance Leadership Students lined up to help her. They did a great job.
- More gravel is needed for around the new climbing rock as well as under the new monkey bars. Golden Hills will be bringing more gravel for these locations, and may be covering the cost for the gravel as well. Huxted has agreed to keep the fencing up around the new climbing rock until the gravel has been put into place.
- Angie will be sending a letter to the playground company to address our concerns with regards to the extra costs stemming from mistakes and miscommunications made by the company.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 by Nicole.

Next meeting: November 21, 2018 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.