

## PAC AND CASINO MEETING

October 14, 2020

Meeting called to order by Susanne at 6:05 pm

Meeting done Via Zoom due to Covid restrictions and social Distancing\*

### Attendance:

1. Amy Van Vliet
2. Michelle Rushford
3. Susanne Moskal
4. Laura Burgoyne
5. Melissa Piche
6. Shelly Neal

Angie (Treasurer) was unable to attend due to Family Emergency.

Accepting of Last minutes minutes (September 16, 2020)

-No Changes to last month minutes were made.

### Additions to Agenda:

- Previous signing officers are still listed on the ATB WES PAC account. Any previous signing officers that are no longer executive members of the WES PAC will need to be revoked and the new signing officers will need to be appointed and added to the account.

### Old Business:

#### Fundraising update:

- Fundraising will need to be different in 2020 from previous years, with an openness to new Fundraising ideas as well as modifying current Fundraising opportunities to fit within the new protocols.
- Amy and Michelle are open to the possibility of new Fundraising possibilities but all new ideas must be presented to them prior to being planned or implemented, to ensure they are viable and will fit within the new guidelines.
- Limited volunteers will mean that the volunteers may need to volunteer more hours.
- If we can predetermine the amount of volunteers required ahead of time we can plan and make arrangements for the volunteers needed that comply with the new guidelines; also we will need to have back up volunteers in place incase our frontline volunteers are unwell.
- Suggestions to making the Gift Card fundraiser work for Wheatland are as follows: Limit the stores offered to only Sobeys and Co-op to avoid the complications to using Tina's No-frills like last year. Tina's No frills have also lowered their donation percentage to only 3% this year. Possibility of doing more than one Gift Card fundraiser. One in the Fall/ Winter and the other in the Spring.

-Idea was presented to look into the possibility of having payments for the Gift Card fundraiser run through the KEV- Amy and Melissa will look into this possibility.

-Distributing Gift cards: A potential school entrance can be isolated for the purpose of handing out gift cards to the parents. They can be handed out to families by designated pickup times. Physical distancing, gloves and mask protocols will still be in place.

- Volunteers must be healthy before entering the building and we must have alternates available in case someone becomes sick.

- A flyer was sent out requesting volunteers. A few have been returned to the school already and more are expected in the upcoming days. Once we are able to look at the volunteer forms we can move forward at getting volunteers in place for starting the Gift Card Fundraiser.

#### Hot Lunch Update:

-WE STILL NEED A HOT LUNCH CO-ORDINATOR

- Volunteers need to be preapproved and a back up plan needs to be in place in case they become sick.
- Will need to consider limited food options and possible decrease in frequency of hot lunch days due to Volunteer restrictions
- Michelle commented that the School Fuel Program will be starting in the End of October. The volunteers come into the school from 8:05- 8:20 before the children arrive at the school to put the breakfast items into bags and baskets and have them delivered to the classrooms prior to the kids arriving. Trying to structure the Hot lunches like the School Fuel Program may be an option.
- Need to be thoughtful of what food items are low maintenance and would be ready to go without much preparation.
- Grade 6 leaders could be available to help distribute the Hot lunches using proper protocols such as using gloves and masks while distributing the hot lunches.
- Due to staggered lunch Recesses the hot lunch volunteers would need to be in the school for a longer period than in previous years. The expected time to volunteer would be arriving at 11:45 am and leaving the school around 1pm after sanitizing the bins. Children eat their lunches in 3 different groups between 12- 12:45 pm.
- We could ask the Janitor if they could sanitize the Canteen.
- New news from AHS- they have lifted the criteria from NO Volunteers in the school, to now allowing limited volunteers in the building if proper planning and protocols are in place.
- Need to lower expectation of amount raised from Hot lunches due to possible decreased frequency and options related to safe food choices.

#### Principal/ Associate Principal Report- Amy and Michelle

- Composting, paper and bottle recycling are up and running in the school.
- The kids are excited to be back to school and to have some of the programs up and running. The kids are also asking about the possibility of doing plastic recycling as well.

- Our first School assembly went well. We were a little apprehensive about doing the Assembly Via Zoom but everything worked out well. Our feedback from teachers was that it went well and it felt good to have the Assembly streamed straight to the classrooms.
  - In previous years we have invited parents to the assemblies if their children were receiving awards. This time we had sent out invitations for these parents to attend the Assembly virtually by Zoom.
  - Question presented by Shelly regarding Assembly. Is it possible for the parents of Grade 6 leadership students that will be speaking or presenting in an assembly to also be sent invitations to join the online zoom assembly? Both Amy and Michelle acknowledged that that was an acceptable request and would send out invites to those parents as well in the future.
  - We are still catching students being a leader around the school and giving tickets for these students in the monthly draw for a Leader Pizza Lunch. This year we have had to change it from a potluck style pizza lunch to individual pizzas for each recognized child as well as continue social distancing protocols. This will still be taking place monthly.
  - Safety Patrols are now trained and ready to go. You will be seeing them out at the crosswalks helping direct traffic.
  - Things to look forward to. On Halloween Amy and Michelle will be going class to class to take photos of all the costumes the kids will be wearing since they will not be able to parade around the school. We will be putting them all into a slide show and showing it in the classrooms so that everyone can see each other's costumes.
  - soon we will be having some Grade 6 Leadership students helping with recess supervision. Being present to hand out band aids, assist students and support the supervising teachers.
  - News about our annual Food Bank Drive will be coming out at the end of October.
  - Teachers are in process of nominating classroom reps for Leadership.
  - AHS new release of Daily Screening tool has been uploaded to the school website. Additional information will be emailed to the families in the upcoming days but can be viewed now on our website. The biggest changes are that 5 major symptoms have been identified as the most important to be screening for. These five symptoms are noted by Asterix on the new screening tool. The other symptoms are still important but are harder to identify and classify. If any student has any of the 5 identified symptoms, they are required to quarantine for 10 days and follow all the AHS guidelines. Any preexisting conditions need to be notified to Amy and Michelle so a health benchmark can be established for each student with preexisting conditions.
- Strathmore has had low positive cases in our community, but it is important with more cases rising in our province that we still stay vigilant and keep up our safety protocols.

#### GHSD Calendar 2021/22

- The calendar for next year is pretty standard with the exception of the change of Christmas holidays due to the Christmas holidays and the Highschool Diploma Exams. Also it was noted that School starts on Sept 1, which is earlier than normal. With the structure of the school year, we need to start before the September long weekend but are thankful that we are not starting in August.

- Please look over the calendar and if you have any questions or concerns please email Amy or Michelle to discuss before the Calendar is presented before the Board of Trustees for Approval for the 2021- 2022.

#### New Business:

- a) Bylaws- to be tabled until next months meeting since Angie (treasurer is absent)  
-Please note that the new Bylaws will need to be Circulated before they can be voted on.
- b) New Positions- Still looking for President and Hot Lunch Co-Ordinator. Shelly was asked if she would consider stepping up as President for her last year at Wheatland. While Shelly has extensive experience being on the WES PAC council she noted that she has a very busy schedule and would continue to help in the back ground, at meetings offering her council and knowledge but would not be able to take an executive position at this time.
- Will need to review Volunteer forms that are being returned to the school to see if anyone is willing to step into any executive positions
- This will be tabled until next months meeting until there are more candidates and people to vote on the matter.

Next Months Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm Via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:04 pm

#### Casino Meeting

- Was not held due to the fact that Angie was not present due to Family Emergency.
- Will be tabled until the next months meeting.
- One item was brought up regarding the Parent/ Interviews. PAC normally contributes to providing a meal for the teachers as they are at the school long hours. It is in the budget for this year and will be provided. Amy will give ideas of what would be appropriate food options within the safety protocols. Parent/ Teacher interviews is tentatively scheduled for Nov 25-26, so budget for this can be discussed and voted on at the next PAC meeting.