

Wheatland Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting

September 19th, 2018

Attendance:

Amy Van Vliet
Michelle Rushford
Nicole Miller
Stephanie Sweere
Angie Boyd

David Porter
Sheri Porter
Andrea Hazelwood
Melissa Piche
Danna Hanni

Meeting called to order at 7:08 by Nicole Miller

Approval of previous minutes

Motion by Melissa

Second by Andrea

All in favour. Motion passed

Principal's report

Amy Van Vliet

- Same numbers as last year for enrolment, so the school is able to continue with programming such as LAC, having a Phys. Ed. specialist, Social Emotional program, etc

- Krista Van Nest is the new Phys. Ed. teacher

- communication between the school and parents will be changing. Golden Hills is moving to a paperless system. Information will be going home to parents in the next little while explaining how this new system will work. Parents will be asked to create a Power School account. Things such as demographic forms and FOIP will now be done online, instead of paper forms being sent home. The school will need a current email address for all parents so that this new system can be put into place.

- the upcoming PD Day on Friday Sept. 21 is Institute Day. All teachers in the Division are meeting in Three Hills. There are a wide variety of sessions for teachers to choose from to attend (tech, behavior, first nations, subject specific, etc)

- the Collaborative PD Days are set up so that all teachers in the Division teaching specific grades meet together (so all grade 3 teachers are together, and all grade 6 teachers are together, and so on). On these days teachers from different schools work together in groups on various projects to help improve student learning in the classroom (examples include: book study on a specific learning program/strategy, developing critical thinking activities, subject specific planning, etc)

Michelle Rushford

- grade 4 compost leadership team already up and running

- parts of the grade 6 leadership team are already running -> Safety Patrols, hot lunch helpers

- there is a newly elected Student Leadership President

- the rest of the leadership council (grades 1-6) will be starting up soon

Reports from committees

Hot Lunch – Stephanie Sweere

- for the 2017/18 school year there was \$51 166.25 in revenue, \$41 747.16 in expenses, and a \$9 419.09 profit. This works out to be roughly a \$1 177.40 profit per month.
- September 2018-165 orders were placed for only four days of hot lunch with a revenue of \$2 294.25 (profit still to be determined)
- October (9 days) – so far there have been 176 orders
- possible new vendors: Quesada and Legends. Stephanie will be meeting with managers from both restaurants in the near future
- Pizza Hut has given us a deal on pizzas. They give us pizzas at below cost on the condition that we don't offer pizza for hot lunch from other vendors.
- the grade 6 helpers have been a huge help in making hot lunch days go a lot quicker for the parent volunteers.

Treasurer's report – Andrea Hazelwood

- \$7 948.00 in the account
- Casino account is at \$80 274.00, \$50,000 of which is a deposit from the Alberta government from the grant we received for the playground

New business

A budget has been created that states how much money PAC has historically received and spent. Nicole would like that budget approved so that money for expenses that are spent year-to-year is available ahead of time to be spent on specific events.

- Motion to approve the proposed budget pending funds available (based on the gift card fundraiser) and excluding any emergency expenses made by Stephanie
- 2nd by Angie
- All in favour. Motion passes

The idea of having meetings every 2 months was discussed at the June meeting. The consensus tonight is to keep meeting every month, so that will continue. Meeting dates will continue to be scheduled on the same dates as Staff Meetings

School picture day is Monday September 24,

- 4 volunteers are needed to help out on Monday
- There is a new company doing the photos, and they are offering sibling photos as well
- There may be a possible incentive for parents who volunteer that day
- Angie has volunteered to help out in the morning. Nicole will send out an email asking for additional volunteers.

Food/drink for the volunteers helping with the playground installation

- We want to provide snacks/lunch/drinks for the volunteers
- Stephanie and Melissa have volunteered to make snacks and lunch for the volunteers (Melissa will provide Friday's, Stephanie will provide Saturday's)
- We're looking at 20 volunteers for each day
- PAC needs to supply drinks, plates, napkins, and cutlery

- Motion to spend up to \$300 on water, coffee, paper plates, and cutlery made by Melissa
- 2nd by David
- All in favour. Motion passes.

Flower Bed – Melissa Piche and Vicky Smith

- Propose that the flower bed be rejuvenated
- Want to have raised flower beds and vegetable gardens built
- The Montessori students would maintain the boxes through the school year, and Melissa and Vicky have volunteered to water during the summer
- There is a grant we could apply for – Vicky is looking into this
- Also want to approach a school that has a shop class to build the boxes
- Motion to spend up to \$400 to rejuvenate the flower bed (buying the wood, soil, etc for the boxes) made by Stephanie
- 2nd by Sheri
- All in favour. Motion passes

Strathmore United Way – Angie

- United Way responsible for the Tools for Schools program. They donated a box of leftover supplies to Wheatland. Leadership council will write a thank-you note
- United Way would like to be the recipient of funds raised during one of our Booster Juice fundraisers. This organization helps many programs in Strathmore, including Roots of Empathy (which has been run at Wheatland). They will have to submit a letter to make a formal request to receive that fundraiser money from PAC.

Elections of the Executive

Nicole Miller offered to stand as president, no other nominations, Nicole Miller as president by acclamation

Vice President position is open. Stephanie is nominated for the position, no other nominations are made. Stephanie accepts.

Andrea Hazelwood has stepped down as treasurer. Angie is nominated. No other nominations are made. Angie accepts the position.

No new nominations for secretary. Sheri Porter remains secretary by acclamation.

Casino Coordinator – Angie Boyd
Fundraising Coordinator – Melissa Piche

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 by Nicole Miller

Casino meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:12 by Nicole Miller

Angie Boyd – Casino Coordinator

- 95 hours (out of the 150 hours owed) have been paid back to the Lions in exchange for their \$10 000.00 donation to our playground. A Lions member told Angie that Wheatland has been the best organization that they have donated money to. The Lions member went on to say that every other organization they have donated money to has “taken the money and run”, and have not made any effort to pay back the volunteer hours. The Lions are very pleased to have helped out Wheatland, and are happy with our efforts to pay back the volunteer hours we owe them.
- The next opportunity to pay back hours will be helping out with the Christmas lights at the Ag Grounds.
- The Lions would like a formal ceremony for their “Pride Rock” sign. We’ll have that ceremony after installation is complete
- Details need to be finalized for the playground build (who is doing the excavating, lining up necessary equipment, calling “Before You Dig”, etc). The maintenance department from the Board office are asking for specific details about the installation. Angie will set up a meeting with the playground designer so that all of these details can be worked out.
- 3 new wobbly totter bases have been ordered so that they can be installed after they are moved to their new location
- A disc swing has been ordered. A location for the disc swing needs to be decided upon.
- The Casino is on November 23 & 24. Volunteers are still needed. A letter asking for volunteers went home today.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29

Next meeting: October 17th, 2018 at 7:00pm

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.