

# Wainwright High School

## Council Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2021 via Zoom

Attendees: Lyndsey Challenger, Jason Dahlgren, Stephanie Dahlgren, Vince Hill, Brenda Carpentier, Eryn White, Sandra Grunow, Karli Setzer and Ava Herbert.

Called to order at 7:02pm

Correspondence: ASCA Newsletter

Secretary's Report – Stephanie Dahlgren: minutes available on website

Treasurer's Report – Lyndsey Challenger: no new transactions since last report

School Trustee's Report – Stephanie Cooper: unavailable for meeting

Student Council Report – Ava Herbert: a variety of topics were discussed at their most recent meeting, respect for the school building, trash concerns, school beautification, student parking lot and school activities. Ava reports that the I See Food program is still running at the school. There has also been some discussion about the dress code. Ava reports that with the cooler weather it has not been much of an issue currently, however, typically in the warmer months there are some concerns. Vince Hill states the current dress code is that no alcohol, drug, discriminatory or hate items of clothing are tolerated. The expectation is that kids dress "modestly". There was much discussion from parents/school admin regarding this topic. A couple parents expressed concerns of scantily dressed individuals being noticed at the school at pick up/drop off times. Concerns were raised as far as enforcement of the dress code and that "dressing modestly" is different for everyone. School admin mentioned dress codes are typically discriminatory towards females and promotes body shaming.

Teacher Representative – Katherine Campbell: unavailable for meeting

Principal's Report – Vince Hill: Friends of WHS has an outstanding debt of over \$42,000 from the track project. Currently their bank balance is approximately \$3,100. The Quota Club donated \$500. Still waiting to hear from the AGLC regarding the casino fundraiser. The results from the surveys have been discussed with school staff. WHS numbers anywhere from 5% - 11% lower (worse) than the remainder of the province. Google form will be sent out to kids to get more specific responses. PD Day at school included a book study. Lockdown drill was done recently, next one will be in December. Girls senior volleyball is going to zones at Rocky

Mountain House. Boys senior volleyball going to zones in Camrose. There is an approximate \$12,000 decrease in the budget from last year.

Old Business: Jason has submitted the annual report that is required to receive the \$500 school council grant. Jason asked Ava to discuss ideas with the student council as to what their thoughts are on the spending of the \$500.

New Business: Jason wondered if the council could do anything this year to show appreciation towards the staff and students. In the past, parent volunteers have supervised hallways while the staff has a Christmas lunch. We will discuss at the next meeting. Word is that parents were happy with student success meetings. Parents seem to appreciate the ease of booking time slots, however, it was mentioned that in-person meetings are still preferred. There has been a lot of positive feedback regarding the band teacher/program this year. Parents wondered if the band trip to Ontario has been approved by the board yet. Vince states that approval has not been given by the board. There was discussion regarding a possible letter of support from the council for the Ontario band trip, however, no decision was made.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.