

# Wainwright High School

## Council Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2022

Wainwright School Library

Attendees: : Jason Dahlgren, Cheryl Stafford, Stephanie Dahlgren, Jenny Thomson, Kim Ruptash, Eryn White, Brendan Shaw, Karli Setzer, Stephanie Cooper, Val Roach, Rena Rutledge, Sandra Grunow and Vince Hill.

Called to order at 6:02pm

Agenda was reviewed. There were no additions from the table.

Correspondence:

- ASCA newsletter – available on their website

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

Treasurer's Report – no new transactions, balance currently \$903.84

School Trustee's Report – Stephanie Cooper

- board had first evening meeting in person last night. WHS council chair, Jason Dahlgren, attended the meeting
- Upcoming stakeholder meetings: January 18, 2023 @ 6:30pm in Provost, January 19, 2023 @ 6:30pm in Wainwright, January 25, 2023 @ 6:30pm in Kitscoty, January 26, 2023 @ 6:30pm in Vermilion and an online meeting will be held February 1, 2023
- Survey regarding the 2023/2024 school calendar will be coming out soon
- Meeting with the Minister of Education went well
- There was discussion regarding the land donation at the Paradise Valley School. The landowner donated approx. 13 acres of farmland bordering the PV school. Also, discussion regarding the purchase of 3 new vehicles for BTPS (where were tenders received from etc.)

Student Council Report: Brendan Shaw

- Brendan read out the reps from each grade as well as their new executive
- Sub committees have been established for this year
- There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new student parking lot November 2, 2022 @ noon in the student parking lot with refreshments following in the art room
- Goals for the year were discussed

- Getting the drinking portion of the water fountains in the gym operational again
- Hanging sports banners in the gym
- Hang the Ukraine flag in the hall
- Look at upgrades to the sound system in the gym
- Create a greater school community, will be bringing back “Commando Nations” (previously “Commanda Clans”)
- Help with fundraising for the outdoor basketball court
- Expand the I See Food funding

#### Around the School – Sandra Grunow

- Recent trip to Lakeland College in Vermilion with 25 students, a trip to the Lloydminster campus will be planned in the spring.
- On October 28, 2022, 42 students will bus to Edmonton to tour Grant McEwan and the University of Alberta
- Thanksgiving lunch went well
- BOSS day was successful
- Lots of volleyball action (away games/tournaments/home tournament)
- On October 27, 2022, post-secondary schools will visit WHS to present
- October 26/27 the grade 8 students will be participating in Mental Health Days at the PMM
- There will be a leadership conference held at WHS on November 1, 2022
- Students will be partnering with the Legion for the “No Stone Left Alone” event
- The school Remembrance Day ceremony will be November 4, 2022

#### Principal’s Report – Vince Hill

- Virtue of the month is truthfulness
- Enrollment is down to 329 this year from approximately 350 last year. 51 students are expected to graduate this year
- Met with Central Office Admin to discuss data from Alberta Education grade 7/10 surveys as they were concerned with results. Numbers are now up in every category
- Truth and Reconciliation afternoon did not have great attendance. There was discussion on the division-wide ridged content for the students and how improvements can be made for next year
- Grad 2023 will be held June 10, 2023, 1 week later than previous years. This change was made mainly to accommodate kids attending Track and Field provincials. There were concerns discussed around an English diploma exam the following Monday and how students may be affected by the change
- Professional development will be focusing on assessment styles

## Old Business

- Update on school enrollment numbers: see principal's report
- Update on student surveys from last year: see principal's report
- I See Foods program update: ran out of funds last year, school council donated \$1000 to get the program through to the end of the year. Brendan thanked the council for the donation. The year started with approximately \$200. The program received funding from President's Choice in the amount of approximately \$8600. There was discussion around the usage of the food as the program is intended for kids that forget their lunch/need food. Student council has discussed the possible purchase of a chest freezer to put in the library, so kids are able to access meals more privately.
- There was a question asked regarding the surplus funds (\$15,000 – discussed at previous meeting) that was used towards this cost of the student parking lot upgrades. The principal's response was the school's surplus funds went to purchase new Chromebooks and other areas.
- There was a question as to how the BOSS Day funds are spent, Sandra Grunow states 70-80% goes to athletic programs and the remainder to school wide activities/expenses.

## New Business

- 2022/23 school budget discussion: this year is ok, however, the \$100,000 bridge funding likely won't be available next year
- Parent led initiatives and school council annual plan: Jason asked if there were any ideas for this year. Sandra states help with the Senior's Banquet would be appreciated, being held December 9, 2022. There was discussion around other possibilities eg. pancake breakfast, school supervision etc.

Questions from the floor: none

Next meeting: November 16, 2022, at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm