

Wainwright High School

Council Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2022

Attendees: Jason Dahlgren, Cheryl Stafford, Kim Ruptash, Brendan Shaw, Stephanie Cooper, Rena Rutledge, Sheryl Tipler, Sandra Grunow and Vince Hill.

Called to order at 6:03 pm

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

Correspondence

- FCS - Allan Kehler report - Jason reviewed, quite successful and encouraging results
- Student Council parking lot grand re-opening invite - Brendan gave details
- School Council Act - Jason reviewed
 - Jason reviewed the responsibilities and purpose of the parent council. Jason would like to encourage everyone to review School Council Regulations - Responsibilities of Board to understand on what topics the School Council is permitted to provide advice to school administration.

Secretary's Report - Stephanie Dahlgren: minutes available on website and the Facebook page

Treasurer's Report - Cheryl Stafford: no new transactions, balance currently \$903.84

School Trustee's Report - Stephanie Cooper

- Haven't had meeting yet, busy with audit
- Stakeholder Engagement meetings (open to parents):
 - January 19th, 2023 6:30-8:30 at Wainwright Elementary School

Student Council Report: Brendan Shaw

- Student parking lot grand re-opening on November 17th
- No Frills to do bulk order for granola bars & juice boxes for I See Food program, another order to be made after Christmas
- They are looking for an upright freezer for frozen meals.
- Maintenance issues - Brendan to email Randy Huxley
 - Students would like to get path cleared to north parking lot
 - Wanting to have the rest of the athletic banners hung up in the gym
 - Turning the water fountain in gym back on
- Pushing Commando nations to start with Christmas activities
- Having live TV in common room & hallway display more content than current
- Finding better use of art room planters

Around the School - Sandra Grunow

- Hosted ELAA, approximately 600 students attended
- U of A tour was good/Grant McEwan seemed disorganized
- NAIT/Augustana tour will be in the spring
- Horizon conference went well, approximately 160 students attended

- Remembrance Day ceremony was ½ full (325 chairs set up)
- Senior's Banquet will be Friday, December 9th. Fundraising has already started
- Christmas Extravaganza will be the week of December 12-23
- Award Ceremony will be December 20 at 1:00 pm

Principal's Report - Vince Hill

- Virtue of the week= loyalty
- Grad - potential changes to the grad event coming, stay tuned
- Q2 has started
- Low readers are a concern. Looking to set up groups of 4 that need help. The school needs level literacy books (Grade 3-8 levels). Will try a mentorship program to pair older kids with younger kids. No money in budget to purchase books, will look into a possible donation from Cenovus. WHS will need a letter of support from the school council.
- Athletic programs - costs are way up. Buses have switched over to UFA to save money on fuel. Parent drivers are an option but Vince feels we need to have a better screening process for drivers. Not enough girls for a senior basketball team, the solution is to have senior girls coach/mentor junior high girls.

Old Business

- A) Parent led initiatives and annual plan -how can we show our appreciation?
 - Possible help Trish with the library
 - Teacher Christmas lunch on December 22, will need some parent volunteers to do hallway, library, and office supervision
- B) 2022/23 budget discussions -projected on enrollment of 358, currently sitting at 329. School will have to make more cuts.

New Business

- A) Mental health supports - FCS has a new hire, Jillian Morrison, that will meet with referred students at a cost of \$40
- B) December meeting - December 14, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

Questions from the floor:

- Band program - teacher is full time

Adjournment at 8:03 pm