

Wainwright High School

Council Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2023

Wainwright High School Library

Attendees: : Jason Dahlgren, Cheryl Stafford, Katherine Campbell, Stephanie Cooper, Sheryl Tipler, Stephanie Dahlgren, Val Roach, Rena Rutledge, Karli Setzer, Jason Setzer, Jerry Rentz, Melina Arthur, Cheryl Whitten, Kelly Sturgess, Tanya Ford, Eryn White, Tracy Radies, Robin Leighton, Tammy Franz, Julie Chesne, Brendan Shaw, Carli Herbert, Kim Ruptash.

Called to order at 6:33pm

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

Correspondence:

- ASCA newsletter – available on their website
- FCSS Monthly Newsletter

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

- BTPS stakeholders thanked for participation in the engagement sessions
- Superintendent communications, news releases, learning guide etc. available on the BTPS website
- Board members went to Lakeland College to celebrate the dual credit courses that BTPS and Lakeland College are partnering.
- BTPS has seen an enrollment increase of 10 students recently
- Bus contractors received 2 payments of \$516.00 to offset increasing operating costs.
- Dashboard expenditure is available on the BTPS website
- Student engagement sessions have taken place with students from WHS, Irma and Delnorte schools.
- Stephanie Cooper was asked how/if the parent attendance is tracked at the stakeholder engagement sessions. Stephanie stated that information is gathered by the facilitators who will be providing information to BTPS.
- Stephanie Cooper was also asked how the students were selected for participation in the stakeholder engagement sessions. Eryn stated that between him and the student council, students were picked.

Student Council Report: Brendan Shaw

- Continuing to accomplish goals
- There are quarterly meetings ongoing with the phys ed teachers and admin.
- Dodgeball tournament is getting organized. Will be held in March in the school gym. Funds raised from registration costs last year went to the Ukraine. This year, student council is planning to use the funds to purchase metal parking stall marker signs for the student parking lot. A parent suggested perhaps Beyond a Beaten Path could help out with the signs as they are a great supporter of events/clubs in the community.
- The graffiti in the student parking lot will be painted over.
- The ISee Food program is running well, there was an approx. \$2000.00 purchase of food made recently.

Around the School – Eryn White

- Diploma marks have been sent out to students, they can also access them online.
- University of Lethbridge and McEwan University visited the school.
- The grade 7 and 10 leadership classes planned and carried out a school wide Random Acts of Kindness activity recently in the gym.
- Pink Shirt Day is today, staff taped suckers to student lockers. Norris Ford also donated items for Pink Shirt Day. Thank you.
- 2023 grad meetings are ongoing, committees have been formed. The theme will be Starry Night.
- Senior High curling team attended areas.
- Junior High ski trip was postponed due to weather, students enjoyed.
- Grade 8/9 did a band concert, this was posted online as well.
- School ski trip is coming up in March
- March Madness is coming up, there will be activities in the gym.
- On February 28, 2023 senior high honors kids will have the option to attend either a hockey game or go to West Edmonton Mall for the day.

Principal's Report – Eryn White (Vine Hill absent)

- "Our School" surveys are underway and should be finished up shortly.
- AERR – grade 7 and 10 surveys are out.
- It was identified via the student engagement session that R2 is valued by students.
- Stakeholders have had meetings with some grade 7-12 students, Eryn picked these students with teacher input. Other topics mentioned were increasing courses regarding life skills, avoiding negativity and increasing resources and extra-curricular activities in the school.

- Hoping to have speaker, Abdul Abdhee, in the school for grade level talks regarding Diversity. Eryn asked Jason if FCS could cover the cost with grants. Jason mentioned has reached out to Vince Hill for information needed to apply for the funding, however, has not heard back as of yet.
- Old Business:
 - Letters to the Board
 - Over the last couple meetings, after discussion and input from parent council attendees and Vince, there was 2 letters sent to the board regarding support to paint the learning commons and budget concerns. These letters were sent from School Council to the board via Trustee Stephanie Cooper.
 - Discussion with Vince Hill and Eryn White re: Letters to the Board
 - Jason was asked to come in and speak to Vince and Eryn regarding the above letters and what the process is for sending communication to the board.
 - Discussion with Assistant Superintendent, James Trodden, re: Letters to the Board and School Council
 - Jason spoke to James Trodden regarding the purpose of the school council.
 - Jason read a statement about the legal purpose of all school councils in Alberta and the current state of the WHS School Council. The statement is attached.
 - Graduation Dates
 - Discussions about the graduation dates with participants speaking on all sides of the issue.
 - Karli Setzer, representing a group of concerned parents, spoke about and presented the results of a survey that was circulated amongst stakeholders. The results were overwhelmingly in favor of keeping the grad date unchanged. The issue has been raised through the BTPS Dispute Resolution process and is currently sitting with the Superintendent for review.
 - Parents requested that the school conduct a survey of parents and students for their opinions on when graduation should be.
 - After a lengthy conversation, the school administration committed to discussing the idea of conducting a parent and student survey internally and returning with a plan forward at the March School Council meeting. No firm commitment was made to conduct a parent/student survey or accept the results should a survey be conducted.
 - Parents requested a School Council representative be involved with creating, conducting, and summarizing the results of the student/parent

survey should one be conducted. School Administration was hesitant but accepted the proposal.

- New Business
 - ACSA Conference, April 21 & 22, 2023
 - Karli motioned the school council cover the costs for Jason to attend this conference. Tammy 2nd, all in favor. Carried.

Next meeting: March 15, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm