

Wainwright High School

Council Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2023

Wainwright High School Library

Attendees: : Jason Dahlgren, Katherine Campbell, Stephanie Cooper, Sheryl Tipler, Stephanie Dahlgren, Val Roach, Rena Rutledge, Karli Setzer, Eryn White, Tammy Franz, Isaac Valleau, Kim Ruptash, Brenda Carpentier, Sheryl Stafford, Sandra Grunow.

Called to order at 6:02 pm

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

Correspondence:

- FCSS newsletter

Secretary's Report – Stephanie Dahlgren: there was a technical glitch, minutes will be posted on the website ASAP

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

School Trustee's Report – Stephanie Cooper

- There will not be an increase in school fees next year
- Secretary/Treasurer, Nadeem Altaf, has resigned from BTPS
- Article from Michelle Webb and Rhae Ann Holoien has been published
- Grade 9's from across BTPS will be attending Lakeland College in Lloydminster for an event
- Irma School students presented at CAS
- Stephanie discussed "election advocacy" on the BTPS website and how to access

Student Council Report: Isaac Valleau

- BP's fundraiser continues, receipts can be put in the box in the library, gift card draw from entries
- Parking lot signage is still in the works, discussing options
- The Town of Wainwright has been emailed regarding a request for no parking signs to be placed between the entrance and exit of the student parking lot
- Garbage cleanup is underway, classes are taking turns helping
- \$780 raised from the dodgeball tournament

- ISee Food program has enough food to carry through until the end of the year. Looking in to grants for next year
- Students are able to participate in announcements, nominations to come from homeroom teachers
- There was a suggestion in the “suggestion box” regarding improvement to the weight room
- Truth and Reconciliation Day presentation have been discussed for next year
- A Canva team is being created
- Balance \$2573.23, iSee Food portion is \$1558.69

Around the School: Sandra Grunow

- Badminton finals underway
- BTPS finals Thursday
- Try-a-Trade for grade 10/11 is April 26
- Lakeland Tour is May 8 for grade 9 students
- Diploma rewrites are this week
- Speak Out was attended by a WHS student
- There will be an assembly on Friday
- Pancake breakfast for students on May 4, will email out info
- Saffron presentations last week, discussion was that content was covered in previous presentations
- Keaton Xu was the 1st place winner in the BTPS Superintendent Public Speaking Competition
- Approximately 10 WHS students will be attending the Lakeland Hairstyling course May 15-19
- A couple kids are enrolled in Lakeland’s Automotive program

Principal’s Report – Eryn White

- Presentation, attached at end of minutes, shared. Discussion amongst attendees.

Old Business

- Graduation dates – since the last meeting a survey facilitated by WHS was conducted. Email attached.
- Staff appreciation BBQ lunch – Sandra Grunow indicated the date previously decided upon had a conflict as some staff will be away. Date changed to May 25, 2023 and confirmed that WHS will supply the BBQ for use.
- School council funds – Eryn indicated he spoke to an ACSA rep regarding funds and was informed that school councils are not to hold funds. Jason states the regulations do not prevent school councils from generating or holding funds except for generating funds

that require a gaming license (ex. raffle or casino night). There were questions about how the school council would pay for things, such as the staff BBQ, school council conference etc. Would the school have a budget for these types of things? There isn't a BTPS policy stating school councils are not to hold funds. The school council has kept a bank balance and spent money every year that Jason has been a part of the council. The money that is in the account came directly from the school in previous years.

Council New Business

- New WHS admin qualities and virtues – over the last month there was some conversation around possible input from parents regarding the hiring of a new principal. Jason emailed Michelle Webb and she states the council is welcome to provide input that could be passed on to the successful candidate. There was discussion, however, nothing compiled as BTPS has already announced a new principal, Mrs. Jody Cook.

Questions from the floor – none

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm

Next meeting: May 17, 2023

April 20, 2023

Good afternoon,

After consultation with the school council, WHS put out a survey to collect data from the students and families of our grade tens and elevens regarding future grad dates at Wainwright High School.

The process of gathering stakeholder responses and the creation of the final survey was guided by the advice from and close work with Superintendent Rhae-Ann Holoien and Assistant Superintendent James Trodden. Wainwright High School thanks the support of our senior admin team in helping facilitate a process to not only hear the voices of the stakeholders but to collect some data to help inform a decision that our school council brought to our attention.

The survey was sent out on April 6, 2023 to 289 emails that are connected to our SwiftK12 system through the demographics information collected each year.

There were 78 responses. 48 were identified as from parents or guardians, 28 from students, 1 from "stakeholder" and 1 from "returning student".

The results show that the majority of the responses are not in support of a change in the traditional date that grad has been held at Wainwright High School.

The survey was closed on April 20, 2023. The results are attached.

Wainwright High School will honour the results of the survey and continue to hold the grad ceremony on the first weekend in the month of June.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,
Eryn White, Principal, Wainwright High School