

WRB - School Council Meeting

Attendance: Dianna Wright-Drzazga, Meagan Hawkshaw, Christine Patterson, Vanessa Hurley, Nicole Basque, Angie Jarvis and Michelle Walbank

Oct 4th, 2021 - 6:30 – 8:00 PM

1. Welcome

- Introductions

2. Elections

- Chair- Christine Patterson
- Secretary Vanessa Hurley
- Treasurer Angie Jarvis

3. Chair Updates / Information

- Facebook page – is a tool for parents of students in our school, but is not officially a school page
- Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) - Board wide meetings, it is similar school council meetings but for the board level. Any council member can attend: 2x/year, Annual School Council training event: October 19 6:30-8:30. Christine attended last year, had a guest speaker and then 2 break out sessions you can choose from. ie: mental health for students, intro to self regulation, intro to bright space and D2L, quality, diversity, inclusion, school generated funds, ideas, parent engagement funds.

4. Principal's Report

- School Start Up
 - Reorganization –added a K/1 class
 - Back to school has gone well and we are getting back into routines
 - Picnic tables have arrived (even though 2 are already bent)
- Covid-19 / Health and Safety Protocols
 - Protocols in place and seem to be running smoothly
 - Have been given permission to start running a few teams/clubs but we, as a school board, are taking it slow as we ease back into things
 - Currently running flag football and cross country running as a club
 - Permitted to run clubs but required to take attendance for contract tracing purposes if required
 - “Lunch Box” Hot lunches/fundraising is allowed this year as long as we follow covid protocols
 - Unfortunately, we are still not able to welcome volunteers into the school which does make it difficult to run fundraising/hot lunches in same capacity as we have done in the past

vii. We will be starting our fire drills this week; we are required to complete 3 this fall

c. School Action Plan/School Priorities: Organized around 4 strategic priorities:

i. Excellence in Teaching and Learning

1. PA Days on Sept 2&3 focus on 1st 20 days of literacy and numeracy
2. Focus on diagnostic assessments to determine where students are starting and any gaps from the last two years

ii. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

1. Orange shirt day/National Truth and Reconciliation Week Activities
2. Classroom/School Resources – continuing to look through the lens of equity, diversity, and inclusion (ie. library is dated)
3. Socktober – donate socks to support homeless shelters

iii. Well-being

1. School staff today took part in the first part of a 9 part series on emotional coaching – a way to talk about issues where you first validate what the person is thinking and then brainstorm/offer strategies
2. Also starting to think about what has been difficult for return to school for both staff and students
3. Student leadership is starting up again for gr 6-8; student leaders will be looking at way to get students involved in the school, we are bringing back house colours, spirit days, assemblies (virtual to begin with)

iv. Community

1. Progress reports come out Nov 4th this year
2. Teachers will be in touch over next few weeks regarding booking parent teacher interviews for (Nov 8-12) phone or virtual
3. Looking for suggestions on how we can best engage parents into school community with our current protocols in place (used to be able to go on field trips, read in the classrooms, open houses, fun fairs, BBQ @ end of year)
4. Bags that we ordered are in; wondering what else we should put in the bags? School pencils? Mask? Dates of council meetings? Daily school schedule? Volunteer to organize the bags by classes (which would need to be done off school property; would need to pick up items for school and return when done, group of members will get together to do it)
5. School spirit wear-will get shirts for the students

5. **Financial Updates** – funds are depleting after not a lot of fundraising done last year

6. **Sub Committees**

i. Fundraising any fundraising needs to be preapproved by the board.

a. Fundscrip - ongoing (only raised about \$100 last year though it was a late start), need to pump that a little more for xmas

ii. Year book

a. Michelle took it over last year and did a great job. Still have a few of them for sale. Michelle will be running year-book again this year

iii. Bazaar

a. Cancelled for last year and this year, usually runs the weekend after Nov 11, cafeteria, bake sale, silent auction, raffle. Can talk about it running something in the spring if covid protocols change

7. Old business

a. Reusable bags – will do a little more with them next year, but not enough time this year to add extra stuff. Want to get them sent out asap. Looking for ideas of what we would like in the bag going forward. As a new parent coming to the school what would you love to see in the bag. Any info you wished you had or would like to know. Fun little ideas?

8. New Business/ Questions

a. Building a new school at Horseshoe Valley Road & 4th line – timeline as of right now still Sept 2023

9. Upcoming Council Dates: Mondays @ 6:30PM - November 1, December 6, February 7, April 4, May 2