

# Council Meeting Oct 2nd 2023

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## In Attendance:

Heidi Cameron-Armstrong, Christine Patterson, Katie woodcroft, Hyla woods, Chloe Irish, Tricia Buell-Malcolm, Doug Fournier, Amanda Mountain, Angie Jarvis, Amanda Hodgkinson, Katie Elliott, Michelle Walbank

## Our 2023-2024 Council

Chair - Amanda Mountain

Secretary - Angie Jarvis

Treasurer – Tricia Buell-Malcolm

Co-curriculars - Hyla Woods

Fundraising - Chloe Irish

Staff rep – Christine Patterson

Principal – Heidi Cameron Armstrong

Members at large – Kate Woodcroft, Doug Fournier, Amanda Hodgkinson, Katie Elliott, Michelle Walbank

## Principal's Report

### School Council - October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

1. School Initiatives
  - Primary Fun Run – 77 students!
  - Junior/Intermediate Cross Country – 88 students!
  - Co-ed Flag Football
  - Intermediate boys basketball
  - Terry Fox Run (Wednesday – due to weather)
  - Orange Shirt Day
  - Open House and Book Fair – October 5<sup>th</sup>
1. School Initiatives – staff development
  - September 22<sup>nd</sup> – staff full day learning on new language curriculum (K-2); Grade 3-8 included Universal Design for Learning; Revisions to the Grade 6 Social Studies Curriculum
  - October 20<sup>th</sup> – professional development for staff on mathematics
1. Re-organization
  - Large re-organization this year Grade 1-8
  - Large re-organization across SCDSB
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1. School Board changes this year
  - OLSAT (gifted screening), will be completed for all Grade 3s. Previously the OLSAT was administered to school or family nominated individuals
  - Students in Grade 4+ can continue to write the OLSAT based on school or family nomination
  - Students can write the OLSAT yearly if requested by family
  - Celebration days – last year, proposed celebration days were brought to council for discussion prior to happening in schools. This year all schools have been given a list of approved celebration days that have been vetted by SCDSB. Our student leadership team was reviewing which days they would like to celebrate this year with our teachers in charge of leadership: Amanda Emerton and Erin Flamino
    - i. October – Halloween
    - ii. November – Anything but a backpack
    - iii. December – Retro day
    - iv. Monthly house colour days
1. PRO Grant

- Last year we decided to book Paul Davis for this year. Discussion? ( see below)
1. Co-curricular volunteers
    - Thank you Hyla Woods for stepping up this year to support co-curricular parent volunteers
    - Sports:
      - i. Flag football
      - ii. Cross country
      - iii. Int. boys volleyball
      - iv. Int. girls basketball
      - v. Jr. girls volleyball
      - vi. Jr. boys volleyball
      - vii. Int. boys basketball
      - viii. Int. girls volleyball
      - ix. Wrestling?
      - x. Jr. girls basketball
      - xi. Jr boys basketball
      - xii. Rugby?
      - xiii. 3 pitch?
  1. Fundraising
    - Parents Night Out – Christmas version; Valentine’s version
    - Hot/cold lunches start next week
    - Other ideas?
  1. Field trip
    - First field trip has been requested: Grade 7/8 Treetop Trekking
    - Staff will be looking at their field trip plans at our October staff meeting (tomorrow)
  1. Flag pole
    - Parent request – fundraising for a second flag pole \$1625
  1. New at WR!
    - Flooring/painting/gym sound reducing baffles
    - Outside – tarmac painting and basketball hoop

#### Co-curriculars -

- Hyla woods will connect with Allison Schell and help communicate when each sport is happening, this will help find volunteers
- Hyla will be working on communication between the school and the parents reg co curriculars at our school
- Helping connect with volunteers
- If you are volunteering to coach please make sure you know the sport you are coaching.
- Get your volunteer check done if you want to help
- Hyla will draft up an email to parents
- Ideas brought to school and council
  - Art Shine- art teacher k-3 bring supplies, every week is a different type of Art
  - Swim to survive
  - Primary swimming
    - West bayfield, 8 weeks ½ day, Grades 1-3

#### **Fundraising**

Erin Flamingo - Parents night out is on Christmas and valentines

- Suggested to allow kids to request groups

Chelsea Chocolates

- Chelsea Chocolates mentioned they will not put labels on some items if requested

Flagpole- Angie motioned, Hyla second - approved by council

\$1625- cost to put flagpole in

- Bobcat flag for months that aren't an awareness month
- possible flag contest

Line Painting cost \$2000

Pro Grant- going forward with Paul Davis \$2000 even if we aren't able to fund this through PRO Grant. Paul Davis comes to the school and talks to the students about internet safety and then after school talks to the parents. <https://socialnetworkingsafety.net/sample-page/>

Our Next Council Meeting is on November 6th @ 6:00pm