

## **Minutes from the Wye School Parent Council Meeting February 26, 2018**

**Attendees:** Administration: Bill Schlacht, Bill Korec  
Teachers represented: Theresa Wells-Taylor, Erin Clarke  
Families represented: Jen Archer, Sue Shwaga, Michelle Beck, Cindy Smith,  
Marlene Cribbin, Sarah Hanson,

- 1.0 Call to Order at 6:34 pm
- 2.0 Agenda was approved as written
- 3.0 Approval of January 2018 minutes put forward by Sue Shwaga and seconded by Michelle Beck.

### **4.0 Principals report, presented by Bill Schlacht, Principal**

- 4.1 STEM maker learning tools
  - Demonstration of the STEM learning tools by Theresa Wells-Taylor and Erin Clarke
  - Funded by FAWS for \$6,000
  - Money was invested in each of the categories of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) along with A, Artistic. Including, OsoBot coding/ Blockley, Button Maker, Dot & Dash - coding/ Tynker, Bloxels
  - Will ultimately be shared with all the grades
  - Currently school has the Google classroom set up, with tutorial videos, for teachers to sign out the tools
  - Goal is learning collaboration, problem solving, coding in the classroom
- 4.2 Bell Schedule Change
  - Wye school current bell schedule is one of the longest in the district due to the requirement in the past to accommodate transportation
  - Mr Schlacht discussed the need to adjust the bell schedule to improve students learning experience with slightly shorter days, along with support teacher's need to have more non-classroom time
  - Potential to start school 10/15 mins earlier than the current bell schedule and finish school slightly before 3:00 (today is 3:28).
  - Transportation division requires Wye to avoid the heavy rush time for buses (between 3:00 and 3:30), therefore an earlier end time will be necessary likely before 3:00 pm.
  - During the day, the time will be made up with shorter lunch time (Wye has a very long lunch time today) and in other areas.
  - Parent survey will go out to all parents in March to solicit feedback from parents, in the same way feedback from teachers/staff was received (see hard copy results in binder). Feedback will be taken into consideration when admin makes the final decision.
  - Intent is to keep the bell schedule similar in the new school
- 4.3 New School Update
  - Two open houses recently, one at FR Haythorne, one at Wye. Both fairly well attended.
  - School is being built to capacity at about 650 students, there will be no options for portables in the future

- Solar panels on the school were provided through provincial grants
- Ability to maximize windows and light in the school was a priority, along with flexible learning space
- Name of the school is still open for discussion.
- Next school year 18/19 will be the final full year in the current location.
- Playground; funded for \$250K provincially, will need more than that. We cannot bring the current playground equipment over as it's owned by Strathcona County. Fundraising will need to start for the new playground soon.
- Key focus today is spending on things that can be moved to the new school (ie. STEM technology)

Action: Mr. Schlacht to discuss with the EIPS Board the sense that the Wye School name should be kept.

Action: Cindy Smith to consider ways to raise funds for new playground at new school.

**5. Trustee Report - Bill Schlacht on behalf of Jim Suetter, Trustee** (hard copy of the report in the WSC binder)

- KG will follow same schedule across the district
- So far, KG numbers are down everywhere, will see how the numbers fall out in the coming months.
- Pre-enrolment on-line commences March 1 and finished March 15th

**6. Ongoing Business**

6.1 STEM demo at FAWS March 8th meeting

6.2 Recess buckets: Confirmed \$500 spend for 18/19 year and to purchase this year. Confirm inventory above the stage prior to purchasing.

6.3 COSC Information sharing: Appropriate to leave in the newsletter for now and ask for feedback.

Action: Inventory of recess buckets to be done (Michelle)

**7. FAWS Update, Cindy Smith, FAWS President**

- Fundraising of \$17,000 this year. Varied fundraisers done this year to appeal to a broad array of parents. There is no expectation to do them all.
- Carnival will go ahead for the Spring 2018 with the goal to turn a bit of a profit and continue to boost attendance
- Casino planned for January/February 2019

**8. Noon hour clubs update, Cindy Smith, FAWS President and Noon Hour Club Chair**

- Many parent volunteers, moms and dads,
- 11th year doing noon hour clubs, and this year we have about 20
- Next year, assuming the bell schedule goes into play and a shorter lunch hour occurs, evaluation of the noon hour clubs should occur - will it be too time constrained?

**9. School Photo Discussion/Recommendation**

- Due to parent feedback for the third year in a row, we will be changing photographers
- Discussion around type of pictures parents would like - traditional, or more custom and individual.
- Decision: Continue with a more traditional school photo

Action: Confirm with Icon that we will not be going with them next year (Jen)

Action: Invite Studio photography to next meeting to demo (Sue)

Action: Invite Country Nuts and Smart photography to next meeting to demo (Michelle)

#### **10. Christmas Concert Discussion**

- The Wye school concert is an amazing event that we hope we can keep, it's truly part of the Christmas season for many families and is very much appreciated.
- Parent informal feedback around potential opportunities centered on 4 main areas:  
Venue, Time,

Size of audience and on-line video

- Discussion around each of these components confirmed that we should try and look at SCA again as a potential venue
- On-line video discussion confirmed that parents like this option and we will continue with the plan to complete a video at the reasonable cost that was done this year \$600

Action: Confirm size of SCA School for events (Mr. Schlacht)

#### **11. ASCA recommended policy changes**

- Given time constraints, pend discussion to next meeting

Next meeting: Monday, March 12th 6:00 pm to specifically discuss ASCA Policy recommendations and Photography options.

Adjourned at 8: 32 pm