

Wye School Council Minutes

December 6, 2018 @ 6:30pm Regular Meeting

Submitted by: Sarah Witholt, Vice Chair School Council 2018

Attendees: Michelle Beck (Chair), Sarah Witholt (Vice Chair)
School Trustee: Jim Seutter
School Administration: Bill Schlacht, Kyle Samaratunga
Teacher: Theresa Wells-Taylor, Elisha Gatti
Special Guest: Debra Barron, Director Innovative Learning EIPS
By Phone: Chelsea Pearman, Sue Shwaga

- 1.0 Call to Order at 6:30pm by Michelle Beck, Chair
-confirm virtual feed connection
- 2.0 October minutes approved as written with the exception of Wye School requiring \$3,000 for Birch Bay. Was subsequently motioned forward.
- 3.0 Student Assessment Presentation- STAR (literacy) and MIPI (numeracy)
-presented by Debra Barron, Director Innovation Learning EIPS
-see attached presentation
- 4.0 Bully Awareness Presentation to be postponed until the New Year
-Wye Counsellor, Theresa DeRosier, unable to attend
- 5.0 School Trustee Report given by Jim Seutter(see attached presentation).
-Annual meeting to go over School Review Results successful
-many great results, meeting very positive. Looking forward to 2019
-Superintendent Mark Liguori evaluation determined we have a “superior leader”
-Alberta School Board meeting discussed:
 - Andrew high school program has enrollment of only 29 students. AB School board wondering if program should be continued
 - Bus transportation issues. Current timetables are unrealistic. New Requirements on the horizon for bus drivers called M.E.L.T.
 - Strathcona County meeting on Dec 20, 2018 to release whether or not Wye Elementary School will undergo a name change at the new school. Survey has been posted online for public to take.
- 6.0 Subcommittee Updates
 - 6.1 Playground Committee
 - Hired grant writer Kim Street to help apply for as many grants as

possible

- looking for corporate sponsorships to help with playground cost
- still determining whether new school property should have 1 playground or 2 playgrounds. Will be dependant on door placement of within the school.

- still deciding on playground ground surface. Mr.Schlacht would like rubber as it is easier to maintain. Rubber is considerably more expensive than sand. Working with county to come to a final decision.
- concerns brought forth concerning the ice rink placement. Worried

that

rink is to close to parking lots and pucks could damage vehicles and possibly hurt people.

- Discussed dog park across the street. Park is very well used, wondering if it will remain after the new school opens. Dogs may pose a safety risk to children

6.2 Student Wellness Committee

- to be done in January

6.3 Staff Appreciation

- to be done in January

6.4 FAWS

- next meeting tuesday December 18, full update in January

7.0 Principals Update

7.1 Wye School Results Review

- Schools in attendance: Wye School, Fultonvale Elementary Junior Highschool, Lakeland Elementary and Uncas Elementary
- Review was attended by all principas, assistant/vice principals and guests
- lots of idea sharing and interpretation of data
- Wye School results were very good, excellent PAT scores
- very positive meeting

7.2 November Update

- Report Cards released in November, all through power school with the exception of kindergarten
- Christmas concert was such a great success. Teachers put in a lot of hard work and did so well. As did students. Received a thank you letter from Dr.Boyer for the music risers. A very appreciated resource.
- literacy update about the library self checkout option. It encourages accountability and responsibility for the children of Wye. Creates an experience for more learning.
- hoping everyone enjoys the relaxed two weeks before Christmas

break

7.3 New School Progression

- Construction crews are working hard, project is moving along well
- Removal of topsoil took a very long time, more soil than expected
- Auger had broke due to hitting a rock, had to bring in a new one
- currently thinking about the interior of the new school. What new purchases should be made. Having the teachers try out new materials to see what will work in the classrooms and school.
- lots of room for change inside the school if it is found something is not working well for teachers, admin, students, parents, etc.

8.0 Meeting adjourned 8:15pm

Future Topics: Student Transportation at the new school; Homework for elementary age children; available student resources; open parent questions form annual survey; Social Media impact for elementary age children by John Thomas (EIPS consultant); Blanket exercise; K-4 curriculum update.

Wye School Council next meeting January 10, 6:30-8:00 pm.