

Wye School Council **DRAFT**

Thursday, January 10, 2019 6:30 pm. Regular Meeting

Submitted by: Michelle Beck, Chair Wye Council 2018/19

Attendees:

Families represented: Michelle Beck (Chair), Sarah Witholt (Vice Chair), Marlene Crippin, Lori Tootoosis-Friesen, Cindy Craig

By phone: Christi Ross, Sue, Shwaga, Robyn Yorke, Sarah Munroe, Sherri Naslund Dawson, Kim Derewianka, two parents who's name I did not catch

School Trustee: Jim Seutter - not present

School Administration: Bill Schlacht, Kyle Samaratunga

Staff: Theresa Wells-Taylor, Theresa DeRosier, Eleesha Gatti, Suzanne Cleet

1.0 Call to Order at 6:30 pm by Michelle Beck, Chair;
Introduction of attendees - Mr. Schlacht

2.0 Agenda was reviewed by Chair.

Lori Tootoosis-Friesen opened discussion around the Wye School Renaming. Conversation ensued around why the renaming was not currently a topic of discussion at this School Council, nor within the purview of the School Council mandate of advising the Principal on decisions within his accountability. Information was shared around the upcoming School Board Meeting on January 24th, School Board Chair invited Wye parents to attend and present. Mr Schlacht provided the contact person who administers the School Board meeting.

3.0 School Trustee Update,

Jim Seutter report read by Michelle Beck, Chair, in Jim's absence (attached).

Committee of School Council Update provided by Michelle Beck and Sarah Witholt. Key points included sharing what COSC is, and why it meets. Agenda topics of interest.

Online registration opens Feb 1st: Awards for parent volunteers upcoming; EIPS results review and meeting; Annual accountability survey from the province for grade 4/7/10 coming out soon - will post on the fb page as a reminder for parents in grade 4.

4.0 Bullying Awareness. Theresa DeRosier, Wye Counsellor
Presentation attached.

Ms. DeRosier presented to parents about Bullying, and responded to many parent questions around the topics noted in the presentation.

Social groups will be started by Ms. DeRosier soon. About 4 to 5 students per group. Around relevant topics that students need help on. Teachers will help choose the groups and the students.

Access to Theresa through supervisors/teachers/admin for the most part.

Works Monday/Wednesday at Wye school (she works part time at 2 schools). Parents can also call to make an appointment

Parent asked if Wye school 'refers students out' to other community programs as the need arise, and Ms DeRosier confirmed that she does do that.

Question from parent around if staff and aides have had refresher courses on topics like bullying and related subject matter. Yes, when PD days are planned around this topic, and in some staff meetings. Aides may not be as fresh as teaching staff.

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5.0 Open Parent Discussion. Promoting student physical health

Played video from school in Manitoba that uses vinyl on the floors and walls as a way for kids to follow a path to physical activity as often as they can.

Current Wye school can't accommodate this unique way of staying active due to deteriorating floors and walls. The new school is set up for this and Admin hopes to have visually appealing halls, and use of vinyls to keep the kids interested in movement.

How are kids supported by staff to stay active? Go Noodle, Activity Cards, Recess, extra gym time. Kids move more often than you think. Parents heard from the teachers at the meeting around the tactics they use in their classrooms.

Mr Schlacht spoke about wanting to have a Phys.Ed teacher in the new school to take accountability around students physical activity.

6.0 ASCA school Task Force Question - pended for discussion in favour of other agenda items.

7.0 WSC Subcommittee Updates and FAWS.

Staff appreciation. Staff Appreciation week will be the first week in March, if parents would like to volunteer to cover noon hour on Thursday, March 7th while staff have lunch, that would be appreciated.

FAWS. Update to hot lunch program. Hot Lunch volunteers invited comments around the hot lunch program, and any recommendations for change. Staff have asked for a reminder to be sent somehow to parents around the cutlery option (F01) that is required to be added to lunch menus, they do get a lot of students asking for cutlery at the front office on hot lunch day. Also noted that some lunches may have superfluous items that students don't eat and end up in the garbage, perhaps have an option to exclude those items ie. apple sauce. Many positive parent comments noted around hot lunch, its very appreciated.

Pizza Hot lunch and other fundraisers moved to an online ordering system which will be more efficient for parents and volunteers.

Playground and Wellness Committee will be updated next meeting

8.0 **Principal's Update and Report, Mr. Schlacht**

- Christmas donations. 16 boxes of items, 60 boxes of food, \$540 in gift cards. Mr. Schlacht read a thank you letter to parents for the generous donations
- New School: Pilings are done and the walls are going up. Furniture and equipment dates are moved up. Meetings have started now to finish the inside planning.
- Registration for the new school year opens up on line February 1st to february 28th.
- Thank you to parents who covered the noon hour supervision over christmas time so staff could have a group christmas lunch.
- Volleyball team for boys got 1st! Girls team did very well too.
- Basketball is starting soon for grade 6 to play and grade 5 will be redshirted (benched while learning the game, getting ready for next year)

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- Running Club: MacTrack, Grant MacEwan partnership with Wye school provides for free coaching for 2 years. In return they would like some parents to volunteer at a casino in June 24-26. Sarah Munroe offered to help support.
- Wye School yearbook will be lead by Ms Carruthers. The plan is a 28-32 page yearbook for \$18/20. It will include the Kindergarten classes as well.

9.0 Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next meeting of WSC. Thursday, March 7th,