

Wye School Council

Thursday, March 7, 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), Sue Shwaga,
School Trustee: Jim Seutter
School Administration: Bill Schlacht, Kyle Samaratunga

- 1.0 Call to Order at 6:30 pm by Michelle Beck, Chair;
Review of agenda
- 2.0 Previous minutes - approved as is.
- 3.0 Parent Updates
 - 3.1 School Trustee Update. Report on website. Key points are:
 - Education Committee Meeting focused on the situation in Andrew for Jr/High school education experiences given the small number of students.
 - Budget is due at the end of June which is quite delayed from previous years. There is no EIPS surplus which has supplemented schools in previous years.
 - Sherwood Heights replacement school did not get announced before the election. While this is slated for replacement, we are in a wait and see stage. Cluster study occurring with Campbelltown, Pine Street and Sherwood Heights.
 - Surveys: The outcome of the cell phone usage survey sent to students/parents/staff will be presented to the Board soon. Campbelltown parents will receive the transition survey this month.
 - New curriculum for K to 4 will be delivered starting September 2020. Ryan Marshal is the EIPS consultant who is hired to support this transition. **Action:** Mr. Schlacht to set up a parent consultation session with Mr. Marshall around the new curriculum in May or June.
 - 3.2 Principals Update. Key points noted:
 - Mr Schlacht shared with parents some detailed pictures of the new school and went through the design. Should be finished by early Spring 2020. The move to the new school will be funded out of the school's budget. Currently, careful spend is being considered for things that can be taken to the new school.
 - The bell schedule in the new school will change, waiting for Strathcona County/Transportation to complete the Heritage Hills traffic review.
 - Budgets are very delayed. Usually doing budgets now but with the new AB government, its taking much longer. Early thoughts are that our funding for Wye will be quite a bit less due to budget cuts as well as 40 less students registered to attend Wye next year. ECS has very low numbers. This is an awkward and anxious time for staff as funding is unknown for positions in the next school year.
 - Teachers will be going through the classes for 2019/2020. A very thorough review from all aspects of school life. The classes are designed to optimize the experience of the students.

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- Looking for memorabilia to take to the new school and display as a way to celebrate our history.
- Stacey Carruthers is leading the year book. Older students are on the committee. Cost of \$20 per book and will include both class pictures and activities. Icon is the provider.
- Aligning physical education programs with EIPS priorities - basketball, volleyball and badminton
- Volunteer Tea May 2 from 1:00 to 2:30. Families will be invited, as well as NHC volunteers, Wee Read Volunteers
- Carnival will be a BOGO book fair event, Campbelltown families will be invited as well and more french books will be available. Will be set up in the spare KG room.

3.3 WSC Chair Update.

- ASCA conference and AGM this weekend. Sarah Witholt will be representing Wye and voting on parents behalf at the AGM. Thank you to Sarah!
 - Chair offered the other seat to all WSC Committee and subcommittee executives but parents could not spare the 2 days of committed time.
- New Alberta Education Curriculum and what it means. Chair went through the new concept based learning plan intention, as well as the EIPS plan for the next year. EIPS intends to spend a year in consultation with teachers, getting each of the learning units completed and ready to teach, as well as supporting teachers in their own PD. EIPS intends to implement K to 4 starting September 2020, and then grades 5 to 9 in Sept 2021, then grades 10 to 12 sometime thereafter. As this will be the first year in the new HHES school, as well as a new curriculum, planning is critical to ensure that our teachers are well resourced and well educated in the new curriculum. Mr.Schlacht to bring in the EIPS consultant to speak to Wye parents around the planned changes. Mr Schlacht to also share with parents a video that explains concept based learning at the highest level (in the weekly email update)

4.0 Wye School Yearbook Update. Ms. Carruthers not present, Mr Schlacht covered this topic as part of his principal's update.

5.0 Committee Updates

5.1. Playground Committee. None. Next meeting in May.

5.2 Wellness/Wellbeing Committee. None.

5.3 Staff Appreciation Committee. None.

5.4. FAWS. Text from Cindy Smith:

- Stawnichy's delivery arrived late this afternoon; will be sorted tomorrow and emails will be sent out when orders are ready for pick up
- Carnival will be the final fundraiser of the year on May 31

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- We are optimistic that we will successfully raise between \$40-\$50,000 this 2018/19 school year (including approximately \$20,000 from Casino)
- We expect a cheque from AGLC for the January 8/9 casino before the end of the school year.

6.0 Final School Field Trip Fees 2019/2020. Mr. Schlacht reviewed final fees with parents. Noted that if there is \$10 or more of field trip funds left over at the end of any year, it must be refunded to parents. If there is less than \$10 per student, it can be used for class pizza or party. Noon Hour supervision costs will go up next year as there are less students enrolled at Wye, and the same number of supervisors are required. Today, the school has covered \$1400 of this years noon hour supervisory costs as the maximum amount that can be increased to parents per AB Ed rules is 5%. Many fees to activities have increased, and with the reduction in students in certain grades, the bus costs will increase per student. Overall keeping the field trip fees as reasonable as possible and fairly comparative by grade.

7.0 ASCA Task Force Question:

How does your school council contribute to respectful and inclusive learning environments for all students?

Supporting a new playground with inclusive play as a priority - for children of all abilities.

Health and Wellness focus - special events ensure all children relate to the topic, all in the gym with a focus on wellbeing, fund recess buckets which bring students together in the playground

Noon Hour Clubs - a way for students to learn together in many ways

Collaboration with school admin ensures parent advisory work is focused on what's important for the students

Parents invited to the blanket exercise for example.

Parents have had math night to stay abreast of the learnings

Jon Thomas presented to parents around social media, which enables parents to understand the environment our children are in

School Council is a supporter of the leader in me school priorities

8.0 Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting of WSC. Monday, May 6th, and AGM in June