

Wye School Council Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2019
Wye School Learning Commons 6:30-8:00 pm

In Attendance: Jim Seutter (School Trustee), Bill Schlacht (Principal), Kyle Samaratunga (Assistant Principal), Michelle Beck (School Council Chair), Sarah Witholt (School Council Vice Chair), Lori Tootoosis-Friesen

Online Attendee: Cindy Craig (Playground Committee Chair), Shayna Halbert

1.0 Meeting called to order 6:30pm

2.0 Motion to approve meeting minutes from Sept council meeting as posted

3.1 Jim Seutter School Trustee Update

- Alberta Education budget to be released on October 24, 2019
- In addition to the fall budget, there will also be a new budget early spring for 2019/2020 school year
- School Board is preparing for less money available in the education budget
- School District has had a drastic increase in insurance. Approximately 1.4 Million dollars. This increase came as a surprise, due to a lot of provincial settlements having to be paid out.
- There was a meeting with the Minister of Education to discuss the Sherwood Heights replacement school. Will know whether that project is approved by Oct 24 hopefully, when the budget is released.
- Board Highlight Report <https://www.eips.ca/download/206778>
- Provincial Achievement Test Results are in. EIPS district did very well. Scored above provincial results.
- There will be a November Board meeting to review the 42 district schools PAT's and diploma results.

3.2 Bill Schlacht Principal Update

- New Heritage Hills school update:
 - Parking lot has been paved
 - Interior drywall and painting has been started
 - Solar panels are being installed
 - Hoping to receive the keys in April 2020
- Although the provincial budget will be released on Oct 24, school admin will not know exactly how it will affect Wye School until November when individual schools receive their budgets.
- Parent Teacher Interviews had a great turnout. About 80% of families were able to attend.
- Book fair did not sell as much as last year, but Wye has less children enrolled this year.

- The school is accepting book donations. Would like books in good condition and not too old.
- The grade 4 SYNC (Senior and Youth Networking Committees) program is going well.
- Have found local sponsors to cover expenses for the next 3 years to cover SYNC busing costs.
- WE Day was a great success. A larger group was able to attend this year. We Act students were encouraged to do acts of service and earned their ticket to WE Day. The We Act team aims to foster leadership and mentorship within the school.
- Soles 4 Soles has received many donations of footwear already.
- PAT's. Wye School results are fantastic. Results are either maintaining or improving. Nov 23 a meeting will be held to discuss the results with Uncas, Wes Hosford, Wye and Lamont Elementary all attending.
- Currently planning for the new HH School library. All books have to be processed with new name and barcode. There is over 9000 books and will be very time consuming.
- Sensory decals have been ordered for the new school to line the hallway to encourage movement for the students.
- Dog park discussion will be revisited in the spring, after more information becomes available.

4.1 Playground Committee Cindy Craig

- Heritage Hills Playground postcard has been mailed out to the Heritage Hills community at all houses zoned for the new school. This includes Ecole Campbelltown families.
- The new budget will help confirm what grants may be given.
- Many letters are being written to local groups to request donations.
- Mr. Seutter will discuss with Superintendent and Board Chair to inquire further. In addition, will discuss playground funding with Education Minister and MLA's.
- A lot of waiting taking place until budget is released.

4.2 Staff Appreciation Update Sue Shwaga

- Playground funding is priority to all staff. Maybe we could come up with ways to show our appreciation at little or no cost.
- Consider staff appreciation acts outside of staff appreciation week.

4.3 FAWS Update Cindy Smith

The following is our FAWS Report for the WSC meeting:

The Fundraising Association for Wye School is meeting at the school on the third Tuesday of every month at 2:00 PM. In consultation with Wye School administration, FAWS will prioritize fundraising for the new Heritage Hills Playground this year. The Fundraising Plan and Budget for 2019-2020 were approved at the October FAWS meeting. These documents can be found on the Wye School website.

FAWS raised just under \$1000 in its Davison Orchards fundraiser in September and hopes to raise several thousand through the Purdys Chocolates fundraiser being run October-November. Hot Lunch is an ongoing fundraiser with our first Pizza Day rolling out this Friday.

Wye School Council would also like to clarify that School Council does not ask for funding. The fundings priority and asks come from Wye School Principal. WSC does not do any dispersement of money. The job of WSC is to advise the principal by providing parent input.

5.0 Principals ask for parent raised funds

- Staff were asked to contribute ideas and suggestions regarding 2019/2020 principals ask. Consensus is allocating money to the playground takes priority.
- Less than a \$6000 ask for this school year.
- Classroom funds lowered this year. Admin is responsible for providing teachers with the materials that they need instead of using parent raised funds.
- Noon Hour Clubs are asked to used the abundance of school supplies up if they run for the 2019/2020 year.
- Special Presentation ask was lowered from \$4000 to \$2000
- Grant Writer payment ask \$2750
- Well Being Committee does not require any money.
- Request for staff appreciation- parent volunteers every couple months to help at the school so staff can have a potluck lunch. It is not often all staff are able to get together at the same time.

6.0 Next Wye School Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday, Dec 11, 2019 at 6:30pm in Wye Learning Commons. At that meeting, WSC will set all remaining meetings for the year.

7.0 Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.