

## **Wye School Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday Dec 11, 2019**

**In attendance:** Jim Seutter (School Trustee), Mr.Schlacht (principal), Mr.Samaratunga (Assistant Principal), Michelle Beck (Council Chair), Sarah Witholt (Council Vice Chair), Mrs. Wells-Taylor (teacher), Sue Shwaga, Lori Tootosis-Friesen, Jodi Lakevold

**1.0** Call to order at 6:30pm

**2.0** Approval of November Wye Council Meeting Minutes

### **3.0 Parent Updates**

#### **3.1 School Trustee Update (Jim Seutter)**

- See Attached Education Budget Handout
- For concerns write your local MLA (Nate Glubish) and the Education Minister (Adriana LaGrange). Physically writing as opposed to email seems to be more effective.
- EIPS teacher salary bargaining taking place. Has gone to arbitration.
- New curriculum is to be piloted in 2020/2021 school year. Still a lot of unknowns regarding the curriculum. Curriculum change cost money.
- Schools classified as Urban receive \$203/child, Rural receives \$365. Wye school is currently classifies as Urban.

#### **3.2 Principal Update (Mr.Schlacht)**

- A letter was emailed out Friday Dec 13, 2019 to parents regarding the 2020/2021 school fees.
- School fees include many school events. Including field trips, sports, music, special presentations, etc.
- Asking for parent feedback regarding the fees at Wye School Council Meeting, Jan 15, 2019, 6:30-8pm, Wye Learning Commons
- Readers Writers workshop still continuing. Mr.Schlacht and Mr.Samaratunga have been reading in classrooms with the children.
- Report cards went out end of November.
- Christmas concert had an excellent turnout. Very successful. The blind auction and silver collection total was good. All monies will go directly to the new Heritage School Playground Construction.
- Mr.Schlacht and Mr.Samaratunga doing 12 days of Christmas for staff. A new gift or event each day for staff.
- Mr.Schlacht and Mr.Samaratunga will be hosting a lucheon for all Wye School staff on December 17. Parent volunteers will watch the children during lunch and recess so all the staff can attend.
- Staff toured the new Heritage Hills School Thursday, December 5. Everyone is very excited about the new school.

## **2020/2021 school year discussion:**

- planning can not take place until Wye School receives the budget in the spring.
- Wye School excels in literacy as compared to other schools. Readers Writers Workshop will continue.
- EIPS schools can share their strong skills (Wye School with Literacy) to help each other.
- Student supports are very important at Wye and will remain a priority.
- Parent Question regarding the continuation of Leveled Literacy Intervention. Wye School has invested a lot of time and money into providing the LLI program and as literacy is most important at Wye, it will remain a priority.
- Parent Question regarding the music program and curriculum. Music is required in the curriculum and Wye Schools music program is very successful. We will have to get creative in the following years but music will still be a big part of Wye School.
- Parent Question regarding change of funding due to going to a dual track school (french immersion). The school will receive a few extra dollars per child when it is switched to dual track. All the money for both the french and english tracks will be pooled together and spent accordingly. Switching to french immersion does come with added costs. Example: All new books, textbooks and library, need to be purchased.
- Round table discussion on how parents, principal and assistant principal can help support our teachers during this difficult transition. Goal is to keep morale up and show appreciation.
- Sources for good information on how we can contact our Education Minister and MLA are Alberta Teachers Association - Making Your Voice Heard website or [www.supportourstudents.ca](http://www.supportourstudents.ca).

## **4.0 Committee Updates**

### **4.1 Playground Committee (Sue Shwaga)**

- Heritage Hills School received the \$250,000 playground government grant.
- School is hoping to hold a Math-a-thon and/or Spell-a-thon to help raise money for the playground.
- Parent request for Mr.Schlacht to confirm, for next WSC meeting, the total of parent raised funds fully available for the HH playground, given that the request for proposal date has been moved up.
- Still accepting donations
- Also see attached

### **4.2 Staff Appreciation**

- Parents volunteering to watch children over lunch and recess to allow staff to attend Christmas luncheon.

### **4.3 FAWS**

- No current update

## **5.0 Adjourn meeting at 8:15pm**

**Next Wye School Council Meeting January 15, 2020. Wye learning commons 6:30pm to 8pm.**