

Wildwood School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 21, 2015

ATTENDEES: Marni Lingard, Raylene Charron, Paula Martin, Heather Johnston, Anne-Marie Hesse, Darren Toews, Renee Prevette, Laurie Fowler (Resource Teacher), Sam Beck, Tamara Gogol, Donna Connell (Music Teacher), Rhonda Calder, Tracy Bell, Caroline Troy, Christy Neil, Heidi Doyle, Janice Cathcart, Nina Joseph, Julie Kemp, Darren Toews (Principal), Renee Prevette (Assistant Principal), Rebecca Mitchell (French Teacher), Lisa Scott, Rachel Sawyer.

WELCOME: Meeting called to order by Heather Johnston at 6:31pm

INTRODUCTIONS: attendees and school council coordinators

APPROVAL of June 2015 meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Sam Beck, seconded by Paula Martin.

GUEST PRESENTATION: BUILDING LITERACY

Pat MacDonald - Calgary Reads

Christa Mascher - CAFE Program

-overview of Calgary Reads and the CAFE program

-working together to build a community of readers

-How? What can parents do?

-engage with your children to read together

-Family Literacy evening at Wildwood

-CAFE in the school - engaging with parents in Grades 1&2 (September 24th & 25th), to offer them a chance to learn how they can support literacy in their home

SCHOOL BUSINESS:

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

-3 Kindergarten Classes

-3 Grade 4, Grade 5 & Grade 6 Classes

-numbers are down overall, though high in Grade 2

-Staffing updates: Julie Bibby on leave, Andrea Catcher starts tomorrow in her place; Adam Kearney replaced by Alison Nixon (a union required change based on seniority)

-PLC (Professional Learning Communities) are defined this year as Div 1 Literacy & Numeracy, and Div 2 Literacy & Numeracy

-communication from the school will be in weekly updates this year, not the monthly newsletter

-Learning Leaders - Megan McElhinney, Nicole Morrison, Donna Connell

-these learning leaders attend monthly meetings at Galileo to learn how to bring knowledge back to the school and into the classroom

Teacher Presentation - Specialists:

- Donna Connell - Music Specialist
 - Emily Carr performance November 4
 - Looking to have Alberta Opera performance
 - Looking to bringing a performance group for Carnaval, Activity Day (any suggestions welcome)

- Rebecca Mitchell - French Specialist
 - focus on teaching 'real' french to the students - not just lists of vocabulary, making it a living language, providing context to the students
 - making it creative and engaging - self portraits for Div 1, and focus on numbers and colours for Div 2
 - looking for full questions and answers, not just one word

Laurie Fowler - Resource Specialist

- role is to support teachers and students to be successful
- work to find the ways to build on students' strengths

Jacket Racket will take place October/November - a notice will be sent out

SCHOOL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Heather requested a table/bulletin board by the front door to provide more communication about School Council, and request for a book shelf for sharing books

TREASURER'S REPORT

WSC \$23,000 bank account, expenses from last year have been paid out
FWSS

Casino & SUTP Books

- SUTP brings in ~\$2,000/year
- Casino funds remaining ~\$56,000 - monies spent so far on new copier, field trips, \$21,822 of casino funds spent so far
- next casino will be Fall/Winter 2016, with funds coming in Spring 2017

COORDINATORS & PROGRAMS

Fundraising (Nina)

-discussion of fundraising activities (SUTP ~\$2000 / year, Pizza lunches) and whether the school requires more funding. Mr. Toews said it is a goal of the teaching team to pre-plan their funding requests and present them relatively early in the year for fundraising planning

Key Communicator (Sam)

CAPSC (Calgary Association of Parent and School Councils)

Next meeting Sept 28, 6:15pm at Calgary Arts Academy

Topic: Living with Learning Challenges

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 26th

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion to adjourn meeting, Tracy Bell, seconded by Paula Martin. Adjourned at 7:40pm