



WRPACS General Meeting Minutes

Date: November 17, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Watson Road Elementary Library

Attendees:

Leslie Atwell
Cheryl Kuyvenhoven
Janet Williams
Sabrina Chapman
Shawna Swayze
Afton Bell
Courtney Ball

Nicole Hoodicoff
Tanya Garratt
Dave Johnson
Nancy Schofield
Sarah Beer
Tiffany Thesen-Yee
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1. Call meeting to order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Agenda – Additions/Deletions or Adoption

- a. Leslie will present the COPAC report and Courtney will speak about the dance/spring fair.
- b. Motion: Sabrina Chapman; Seconded: Sarah Beer.
- c. Agenda adopted as amended.

3. Approval of minutes from previous general meeting

- a. Motion: Nancy Schofield; Seconded: Leslie Atwell.
- b. Minutes adopted as presented.

4. Special Presentation on student learning updates (Dave Johnson)

- a. Different ways of looking at student assessment emerged after the province revised the curriculum in 2016. Since then, there have been some schools using fully digital portfolios, some were using traditional report cards. Watson Road was using a strength based continuum last year, but some staff were using a three-point scale while other teachers used a four-point scale. Different templates were in use, and portfolio content varied from teacher to teacher. There wasn't a standard way of reporting student achievement.
- b. The province wanted to go back to a common way of reporting. This year is a draft year and Watson is jumping in. Next year, the changes will be fully implemented.
- c. Earlier this year, the district had meetings about how student learning was communicated throughout the district, and they learned 29 templates were being used.
 - A team from Watson Road went to several workshops last spring about the reporting order.
- d. Report cards will now be called student learning updates. The hopes and beliefs for the updates:
 - Use a clear and concise approach
 - Will include a strength-based description focused on growth and next steps. Language will be similar to what we have previously used at Watson Road.
 - Focused and personalized to the whole learner
 - Use family-friendly language
 - They will be consistent

- e. Self-reflection will not be in the learning update, but parents will be directed how to access it. Next year, you will see self-reflection every term. Some teachers may only do it at the end of the year this year.
- f. Mr. Johnson explained how the strength-based terms (emerging, developing, proficient and extending) are defined. All teachers will be using extending when appropriate. (This was not used by all teachers before this year).
- g. There is focus on having teachers provide quality descriptive feedback that:
 - Highlights the growth and next steps
 - Shares helpful strategies and ways to support the student
 - Is concise
 - Does not simply note what was taught
 - Uses family-friendly, strength based language.
- h. Mr. Johnson shared a picture of what the new student learning template looks like.
- i. Parents can provide feedback about learning updates at bit.ly/parents-sd23
- j. Mrs. Williams will share the presentation slide deck with the school community.

5. Administration Report (Janet Williams)

- a. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Halloween festivities. The students and teachers loved having it again.
- b. Remembrance Day went well. We had a parent who works for the RCMP attend the assembly in her red serge. We also had our traffic officer, Girl Guides and other organizations in uniform.
- c. The social justice team is collecting winter gear as part of Snowvember.
- d. We have had a lot of conversations about our lost and found. We have a lot of students that are not looking for their items, a lot not labeled. I don't believe we should look at the lost and found as a fundraiser.
 - A discussion has been started about whether we can switch our lost and found with another school's lost and found, and have a bin at the school where parents who need clothing items can pick them up.
 - We are noticing a growing need at our school. For example, four years ago, there were no families on the brown bag lunch program. Now, we have 26 students. We are feeding a lot of families.
- e. Learning updates will go out Dec. 9.
- f. The Kelowna Rockets will visit Dec. 7.
- g. There will be a toy drive/swap on Dec. 8.
- h. Five groups of classes will be going to Sandalwood in December to sing songs and bring cards to the residents.
- i. We will have carol singing in the gym next month. We will also have some student performances.
- j. We had a discussion today about holding a pancake breakfast for students again this year. It was an interesting conversation in light of our goal to shift toward healthy eating. We discussed how the event will build community, model eating breakfast in the morning. It is also an opportunity to try something new—some students had never eaten pancakes before the event last year. It is a way to give a gift to the students. It will be held Dec. 16.
 - Last year, oranges were donated, but Sarah noted that we had a lot of rotten ones. Perhaps a different fruit could be served.
 - Dave noted last year they were blowing electrical circuits with all the griddles plugged in. They are looking for a better solution.
 - There will be an option for alternatives (ie. gluten-free)
 - Afton suggested we again remind students to bring their own plates to encourage sustainability.
- k. Mr. Johnson is scheduled for an appraisal as vice-principal. A link will be sent out to all parents, seeking feedback about Mr. Johnson's performance as a vice-principal. The link will be open for two weeks. A link will also be sent to staff before having further conversations.

6. PAC Reports

a. Treasurer's Report (Nancy Schofield)

- October financials
 - School community can access financials on the PAC webpage.
 - Nancy noted that the hot lunch has not made \$17,000, as the payments to hot lunch vendors have not yet come out. Sarah will provide an estimate in the near future.
 - Motion to approve financials: Leslie Atwell; Seconded Tiffany Thesen-Yee.

b. COPAC Report (Leslie Atwell)

- BCTF will be going through the ratification process for a new contract Nov. 28-30.
- CUPE will need to ratify a new contract in January.
- If anyone has questions for COPAC, please send them to the PAC gmail.

c. Fundraisers (Nicole Hoodicoff)

- Fresh to You raised \$454. Students from Ms. K. Schafer's class helped bag the items and Nicole and Ms. Langdon came up with a great system for bagging the orders that can be used next year.
- Growing Smiles raised \$1025. The delivery is expected Nov. 28 and Afton will speak later about pickup times.
- Purdys is open until Nov. 28. It has raised \$950 so far. Delivery is expected between Dec. 5 and Dec. 9.
- Rustic Chalk is Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. There have been 11 participants who have registered, and 4 who have signed up for pickup kits. We need at least 30 people to make it happen.
 - Leslie suggested we send out another email and let people know they can bring a friend or grandparents.
 - Nicole noted that we make \$10/kit if we sell 30. If we don't, we will only make \$5/order.
- In the new year, we will have an online fundraiser with West Coast Seeds, running Jan. 13-31.

d. Hot Lunch (Sarah Beer)

- Tomorrow is the first hot lunch with The Vegan Butcher, so interested to hear how it goes over.
- The Grade 6 popcorn fundraiser is at \$880. If they sell every single bag (flavours must be ordered in quantities of 40), they will profit \$1100.
 - Janet said today that the school will not be charging fees for field studies. The school has been provided funds from the provincial government's affordability fund for field trips. It comes to ~\$30 per student. The Grade 6 teachers have been told they can use some of that funding to bring down the cost of the winter camp.

e. February Dance (Courtney Ball)

- We are hoping to hold it Feb. 3 or Feb. 10 from 6:15-8:00. Theme would be rainbow. We plan to have the Dr. Knox leadership students DJ the event. They provide their own lights. Tickets will be sold on Munchalunch as a presale and we will have concession items. We are still determining the admission rates/family rates.
 - Sabrina asked if we will again have a quiet room.
 - Courtney noted that we did that in the past, and we can look to do that again. We would need someone to monitor the room.
 - Sarah was unsure if we could run hot lunch ordering and a fundraiser on Munchalunch at the same time.

f. Spring fair planning (Courtney Ball)

- We are looking ahead to the spring fair, which will be May 26 or June 2. We will sell admission wristbands on Munchalunch and distribute to classrooms the day of the fair. The event will likely include inflatables, craft stations, food trucks (with them potentially providing a percentage of their profits back to the PAC), and perhaps some craft vendors. We have done a silent auction in the past and would like to do again this year. Entry will be free for incoming kindergarteners.

- Cheryl noted that we are looking for committee members to help with event planning. We are hoping to form the committee by the end of November.

7. Volunteer Needs

- a. Growing Smiles sorting and distribution (Afton Bell)
 - We need volunteers for Nov. 29. We need 4 volunteers, in addition to one PAC member, to help sort during the day. We need about six volunteers for after school. The signup link is ready, and it will be sent out soon.
- b. Purdys sorting and distribution (Afton Bell)
 - Information will be sent out closer to the delivery time, which is in December.
- c. Kiss & Ride (Cheryl Kuyvenhoven)
 - There have been some new volunteers, but some are still needed on Fridays.
- d. Janet noted that pancake breakfast volunteers will be needed. She will send Afton the information needed for the signup.

8. Questions/Comments

- a. None

Adjourn: 7:34 p.m.