



WRPACS General Meeting Minutes

Date: Jan. 20, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendees:

Leslie Atwell	David Johnson
Cheryl Kuyvenhoven	Tiffany Thesen-Yee
Mina Petersen	Marilyn Green (Left at 7:30)
Twyla DePellegrin	Sabrina Chapman
Jennifer Wostradowski	Afton Bell
Janet Williams	Jassie Kakoschke
Meaghan MacNutt (left at 7:30)	Sarah Beer (arrived at 7:30)
Lindsay Paterson	Merlyn Guilderson (arrived at 7:43)

1. Call meeting to order

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Agenda – Additions/Deletions or Adoption

- Motion: Sabrina Chapman; Seconded: Tiffany Thesen-Yee.
Agenda adopted as presented.

3. Approval of minutes from previous general meeting

- Motion: Leslie Atwell; Seconded: Afton Bell.
Minutes adopted as presented.

4. Guest Speaker Marilyn Green, District Lead

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

- SOGI 123 is a three-part initiative that has been part of the school system for six years. It is intended to help make schools safe and inclusive for all students.
- It is important as 2SLGBTQ+ students are twice as likely to feel depressed and four times as likely to attempt suicide because of lack of support.
- Ways school staff can support 2SLGBTQ+ students: hanging rainbow stickers and posters in the school, asking students their pronouns, using gender neutral language, taking immediate action with homophobic language.
- Curricular supports: A SOGI Elementary Tool Kit was provided to every elementary school with picture and story books, lesson plans. The focus at the elementary school level is on diverse families, gender and pronouns.
- School-wide supports of SOGI: creating designated safe spaces, gender neutral washrooms/changerooms, visibility in school through posters, class content and literature, adding

information about diversity, equity and inclusion to the school website.

- Ideas for parents: have conversations about gender and diverse families, model gender neutral language, make sure your children know it is safe for them to talk about gender and sexuality and learn more about SOGI.
- Resources:
 - <https://keltymentalhealth.ca/collection/gender-sexuality-keltys-recommended-resources>
 - <https://transparentokanagan.ca>
 - <https://www.sogieducation.org/parents>

5. Administration Report (Janet Williams)

- Teacher Meaghan Walls is instrumental in supporting our student population who want to work and acknowledge the diversity of our community. Librarian Linda Mamchur has created a resource area with the rainbow symbol on the spines. The school is also looking to add colour to the front foyer and add a rainbow crosswalk.
- With the new COVID variant, the school has made adjustments to protocols. Mrs. Williams thanked parents for keeping students home if they are sick. At this point, there have been no functional closures in the district.
- Staff are in the full swing of term two and moving forward with new knowledge and skills, as well as learning new COVID protocols.
- Parent-teacher conferences usually happen in February, this year will happen March 10-11 to align with when the learning summaries go out.
- Kindergarten registration opens online on Jan. 31.
- Next year, the school will be adding another division (classroom).
- February is jam-packed with Harmony Day, Pink Shirt Day, a professional development day and Family Day.

6. Playground Upgrade Committee Report (Sabrina Chapman)

- Grant applications are in process for the nature trail. School District 23 will likely sign off on allowing volunteer labour for the project, which will keep costs down.
- Improvements to Glenmore Road side of property—still waiting for a proposal from the school district.
- The playground has been ordered. There is no exact date yet for installation, but likely around spring break.
 - Total cost \$193,686. One section of rubberized surface removed to keep costs down. The committee kept the track line.
 - When the invoice is received from the school district, it will be forwarded to the PAC so that the raffle proceeds can be transferred from the PAC account and directed to the school account for the playground.
- Fundraising total is \$44,228. With the playground grant, the total raise is \$209,228. The funds cover the cost of the playground, with a bit of money to use toward the nature trail and Glenmore Road area improvements.

7. President's Report (Leslie Atwell)

- Jill Garrett has resigned as the vice president. She has done an amazing job during her three years on the PAC. We thank her for her many hours of work; she will be missed. We hope she will be able to rejoin in the future.

8. Treasurer's Report (Leslie)

- November, December financials
 - School community can access financials on the PAC webpage.
 - Motion to approve November financials: Sabrina Chapman; seconded Afton Bell.
 - Motion to approve December financials: Leslie Atwell; seconded Sabrina Chapman.
 - Financials adopted as presented.
- A proposal was put forward to buy new tables. They would be kept at the school, but would be

used by PAC for hot lunch days, fundraisers, etc. The ones currently at the school are very old and heavy.

- Motion: That the PAC spend up to \$1,000 to purchase new tables.
 - Moved: Sarah Beer; Seconded Mina Petersen.
 - Motion adopted as presented.

9. COPAC Report (Mina Petersen)

- Heard from Lorraine Miller from the Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society. A total of 40 volunteers and one staff member determine recipients for 550 bursaries and scholarships. Last year there were 610 applicants and 390 students received awards totaling \$442,000.
- Superintendent Kevin Kaardal spoke about COVID measures and preparing for functional closures. He suggested parents have a plan for when, not if, their school closes. He also noted Interior Health is no longer doing contact tracing.

10. PAC Activities

- **Hot lunch (Sarah Beer)**
 - Lunch was placed on hold when school resumed. She will be speaking with Mrs. Williams either Friday or Monday to discuss if hot lunch can proceed. The number of parent volunteers may be reduced. An official announcement will come after those discussions.
- **School photographer (Cheryl Kuyvenhoven)**
 - Cheryl presented three options. Current provider MountainWest, and two that requested consideration: Artona and Basil Cooper. All were comparable in terms of number of photographers, commission to school and pricing ranges. Also discussed were available dates, the number of schools Artona and Basil Cooper service, and turn-around time for viewing and receiving orders.
 - Consensus of those present that they would like to try a new provider.
 - Questions were asked about quality of Artona and Basil Cooper school photos. Several people spoke about their personal experience, or feedback they had from parents at other schools. All were positive.
 - Leslie noted we need to take a vote this month, as a provider needs to be booked very soon for next fall.
 - A vote was taken to determine which company to proceed with for fall 2022 photos.
 - a. Mountain West: 0 votes
 - b. Artona: 8 votes
 - c. Basil Cooper: 3 votes.
 - Artona was selected and Dave Johnson will contact them to inform them their company has been selected for next year.
 - Cheryl noted we can review the decision next year to determine if parents are happy with the choice.

11. Volunteer Needs (Leslie)

- We currently have a need for a vice-president. They don't have a lot of specific duties, but help where needed.
- We also need a fundraiser coordinator. You don't have to run every fundraiser yourself as coordinator.
- A playground equipment team leader is needed to fill the bins of play and sports equipment in each classroom. It needs to get done soon, and is funded from \$1,500 from our gaming grant.
 - Mina said she would be willing to share the responsibility with someone else. Leslie said previous playground equipment team leader Kari Hamakawa would be willing to mentor her.
- Kiss and Ride (Cheryl): One of the occasional volunteers on Friday is stepping up regularly to help fill the volunteer needs on that day. There is still a need for a parent to help on Tuesday, so there

are sufficient volunteers to run Kiss and Ride efficiently that morning.

12. Questions/Comments

- Mina asked if there is any information yet on how to download your child's documents from FreshGrade. Mrs. Williams said it is being worked on, and when she receives the instructional memo, she will pass the information on to parents.

Adjourn: 8:12 p.m.