



WRPACS General Meeting Minutes

Date: January 19, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Watson Road Elementary Library

Attendees:

Afton Bell

Leslie Atwell

Courtney Ball

Janet Williams

Dave Johnson

Sabrina Chapman

Nancy Schofield

Yvonne Stauble

Nicole Hoodicoff

Christy Robertson

Cheryl Kuyvenhoven

Corrine Wilson

Shawna Swayze

Tiffany Thesen-Yee

Trevor Giles

1. Call meeting to order

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

2. Agenda – Additions/Deletions or Adoption

- a. Cheryl Kuyvenhoven will present the COPAC report instead of Mina Petersen and Courtney Ball will present the hot lunch report for Sarah Beer.
- b. Motion: Courtney Ball; Seconded: Nancy Schofield.
- c. Agenda adopted as amended.

3. Approval of minutes from previous general meeting

- a. Motion: Tiffany Thesen-Yee; Seconded: Nicole Hoodicoff.
- b. Minutes adopted as presented.

4. Administration Report (Janet Williams)

- a. We are quite pleased with the conditions of our back field this year, as it is often quite icy in January.
- b. Thank you to the PAC with their support with the pancake breakfast, which was a way to celebrate as a school before we left for winter holidays.
- c. We are in the full swing of term 2. Staff are honing in on learning intentions and have made writing a goal. Recently, the school has been focused on social emotional learning.
- d. Parent-teacher conferences will be held in March. They coincide with handing out of learning updates.
- e. Gr. 6 students are on their second evening at Gardom Lake camp.
- f. Music celebrations will be held Tuesday/Wednesday next week.
- g. The provincial student learning survey link will be sent to Grade 4 parents soon. The results help guide school goals and the Ministry of Education gets a read on how our school is doing.
- h. The Middle Year Development Index (MDI) will be done with Grade 5 students soon.
- i. Kindergarten registration opens Jan. 30 at 7 a.m.
- j. Administration is anticipating an enrolment of 660 next school year, which will mean the addition of a portable.

- k. In February, the school will mark Harmony Day, Pink Shirt Day and Family Day. The school wants to put a lot of emphasis on family, rather than Mother's Day or Father's Day.

5. Special Presentation on MDI (Middle Years Development Index) survey results (Dave Johnson)

- a. The survey is an important measure for administration to understand the perceptions of students. It usually takes 45 minutes to administer and is completed by Grade 5 students.
- b. Mr. Johnson presented bar graphs of survey results from 21/22, 20/21 and 17/18.
- c. Parents were asked what they noticed. The number of students who identified at least two important adults at school dropped, but the students' perception of the adults at home who believe they will be successful increased. Self esteem and optimism dropped, and empathy increased.
 - Mr. Johnson noted that staff are asking what happened to students' self esteem in the past five years, how much of it is COVID, and how can they address it.
- d. Mr. Johnson spoke about school climate and school belonging. As we come out of COVID, the school is starting to do more things as a community, like the pancake breakfast, and students are mingling outside their cohorts. The school recently created some club activities, such as Art, Drama, indoor soccer, Zumba, in addition to Chess Club and Pride club. Indoor hockey will start soon and a group of Gr. 5 girls just started a writing club. The hope is that will increase students' sense of school belonging.
- e. Question: Shawna asked if the surveys were anonymous. Mr. Johnson said students sign in with their personal education number, but only researchers see the names. School administration gets the collated data. However, if students use the "I need help" button, administration gets their information so they can follow up with the students.
- f. Question: Nicole Hoodicoff asked if data can be sorted by gender. Mrs. Williams says it can't.
- g. Leslie wondered if certain areas were consistently high prior to COVID, and then dropped during the pandemic. Mrs. Williams wasn't certain.
- h. Mr. Johnson said this years' MDI data should be received in May, and asked to present it at the June PAC meeting.

6. PAC Reports

a. Treasurer's Report (Nancy Schofield)

- November, December financials
 - Financial documents were presented and school community can access on the PAC webpage.
 - Bank statements were also presented, after a suggestion by COPAC.
 - November saw monies from Fresh to You fundraiser, hot lunch expenses and bank charges.
 - December saw bank fees, family photo fundraiser and Rustic Chalk fundraiser monies deposited, and hot lunch transactions.
 - The anticipated hot lunch profit for term 1 and term 2 is \$4135.83.
 - Motion to approve financials: Afton Bell; Seconded Leslie Atwell.
 - Financials adopted as presented.

b. COPAC Report (Cheryl Kuyvenhoven)

- Heard a presentation about SD23 online school. There is a summary available for distribution if interested.
- There were 14 schools that had broken pipes over the break.
- The school board had a motion to remove the second public comment period from its meeting. It would have removed the ability of PACs, parents to speak to the board about items not on the agenda. COPAC made a presentation, and the motion was defeated.

7. PAC Activities

a. February Dance (Corrine Wilson)

- Dance budget presented.
 - Motion: To approve the WRPACS spending up to \$700 for the Feb. 10 dance.
 - Moved by Leslie Atwell; Seconded by Sabrina Chapman.

- The motion was approved.
- The dance takes place Feb. 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ticket costs are \$12/family, \$4/student, \$3/adult. Ticket sales will be on Munchalunch from Jan. 27-Feb. 8 so we can ensure attendance fits within the gym capacity.
- We will need parent volunteers for the dance. As well, assistance making decorations would be welcome. Corrine will touch base with Yvonne about helping with decorations.
- There will be a cash concession. Tickets for concession can be purchased at the door, and students can give tickets to the concession volunteers.
- Leslie noted the Dr. Knox students will DJ the event and bring all the gear and laser lights. We provide pizza for the students and make a donation to the school program.
 - The Dr. Knox students have made up QR codes for song selections. Leslie asked if teachers could ask the students for some suggestions, and we can also send it to parents.
- b. **Spring Fair** (Corrine Wilson)
 - It is scheduled for the evening of Friday, May 26.
 - There is a planning meeting Feb. 22 at 6:30 at the Starbucks on Yates. We have a few people who are interested in helping plan the event, but we need more. After the planning meeting, we need to kick it into high gear.
- c. **Fundraisers** (Nicole Hoodicoff)
 - We will be fundraising with Purdys for Easter.
 - We also plan to have spring planters and gift cards from The Greenery. There is a limit of 100 cards for The Greenery, so we are looking into whether Art Knapp has a gift card fundraiser.
 - Rustic Chalk was a paint night before Christmas that was both a fundraiser and a community building event. It was nice to get to know everyone.
- d. **Hot lunch** (Courtney Ball)
 - Donations to brown bag students to purchase hot lunch items totaled \$1056. Each student who receive brown bag lunches received a \$20 credit for the term. Twenty-two students ordered. Three students didn't have a Munchalunch account. Their credits will carry forward to next term.
 - Sarah is unable to be at school for hot lunch distribution tomorrow, but there is a list of four parents who are able to support the hand-out.
 - The Grade 6 lunch orders for this week were removed, as students are at camp, and a credit has been placed on their Munchalunch account. We didn't block out the date as a field trip during the ordering process, and a lot of Grade 6 parents ended up ordering lunch.
 - With the Grade 6 students away, Grade 5 students from Ms. Beath's class will be helping distribute hot lunch tomorrow.

8. Volunteer Needs

- a. February Dance (Afton Bell)
 - We need assistance with clean up, safety volunteers, monitoring the parent space in the library. If you are able to help, please reach out. An email will be sent out to the school community with the signuugenius link soon.
 - Cheryl will be sending an email with ticket information, a request for volunteers and the QR code for dance requests next week.
- b. Kiss & Ride (Cheryl Kuyvenhoven)
 - There is a need for a volunteer on Fridays. Cheryl will send out an email to the school community.

9. Questions/Comments

- a. Janet noted that a TV screen has been installed outside the office. We wanted to have something visual for students and parents to share about school events, PAC news, new books at the library, cultural events and to showcase students and their learning.

Adjourn: 7:21 p.m.