

WINSTON CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL
School Council Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, September 22, 2021

7:00pm via TEAMS

Meeting commenced at 7:02 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

Shelley Roest, Andrea Niemans, Tracy Wong, Allison Purcell, Kristy Nelson, Amanda Dang (student representative), Morgan Day, Arlene Curran, Linsey Mabie, Jodi Saad, Lindsey Graham, Raiyana Shams (student representative), Stephanie Olsen, Aaron Fitchett, Jamie Bach, Yumi Johnson, Lisa Johnson

2. Additions to Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Allison Purcell. Seconded by Andrea Niemans. Motion carried.

4. Errors/Omissions of the minutes

Allison Purcell needs to be added to the meeting minutes from May 19, 2021.

5. Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2021

Motion to approve the agenda: Andrea Niemans seconded by Kristy Nelson. Motion carried.

6. Business arising from the minutes

A note in regards to the positions for School Council. As per Operating procedures for school council the Vice Chair will report finances of the school council account balances and transactions at the meetings. The adoption of the School Council Operating Procedures included the removal of the Treasurer position from School Council.

7. Trustee Report

There is no report as there had not been a board meeting this school year yet but there were comments made that the re-entry plan is changing constantly. Elections are coming up so be aware of upcoming forums.

8. District School Council Report – DSC Reps

Division school council is coming up Monday, October 4, 2021. Everyone is welcome to come. Upcoming meetings are advertised on the division website. If anyone is interested in attending and representing the school please let us know. Shelley plans to attend and can send a report if no one else is interested or minutes can be sent out with our meeting agenda for those who are interested.

9. Presentation of Annual Report

- a. Some highlights of what our school council was able to facilitate.
 - i. Staff appreciation for entire staff.
 - ii. Parent opportunity to virtually attend Braver Together.
 - iii. Having a parent attend the ASCA annual conference and AGM.
 - iv. Update/rewrite and approve version of School Council Operating Procedures.
 - v. Successfully transition to virtual meetings on Teams for School Council meetings.
 - vi. Have parent participation in Division School Council meetings.
 - vii. Have parent participation in Division Town Hall event.
 - viii. Provide feedback to Trustee Representative in attendance at our meetings.

10. Format of School Council

Ideally meeting in person but because of covid we will be meeting virtually for now. We will reassess month to month. Great turn out tonight. Hope is to meet in person and have a virtual option. Meeting time was discussed. Quick count as to how many prefer 6:30 start or 7:00? 5 for 7:00PM and 6 for 6:30. A few then mentioned that they can be a bit flexible on either time.

11. Election of Officers for 2021/22

New positions were officially elected at the Society meeting.

Chairperson - Stephanie Olson

Vice-Chairperson – Lindsey Graham

Secretary – Tracy Hawkins

12. School Report – School Information, Learning Focus, COVID Update

Thank Shelley Roest for helping Tracy to be organized. Joy Morris was vice chair, thank you to Joy. Thank you to Andrea Niemans for being treasurer. Thank you was made to the current executive.

General school update our numbers are just under 940. Class sizes range from 30 – 38. Some are 40. 34 – 33. Highest classes have come down. Not all students have been attending all classes. There is still some revisions being made to the classroom sizes so the #'s will go down a little bit.

Time table 1234. Rotating. Pandemic 2 block 3 hours. Students can take courses at other schools. Students online want to drop in on the chat for feedback for the timetable from last year to this year. Churchill is continuing to create a culture of learning. All about being better, learning creating a culture of thinking. Focus is on anti-racism and anti-oppression for the upcoming year. The committee will be working with Dr. Farha Shariff from the U of A on creating an inclusive environment.

Covid update - re-entry plan – masks are to be worn in all areas of the school. For now, spectators are not allowed to attend sporting events. These decisions were not made lightly. It is based on the safety for all and the growing numbers in the ICU. Maintaining activity for students is important. We will be live streaming events.

Jamie Bach added that it is a joy to have students to participate in the activities. As a parent it is frustrating not to see them play but it is about keeping the kids in the gym, drama room etc.

There has been no communication (contact tracing) from AHS this year. We try to monitor the best we can. If we are over the absentee rate further discussions and decisions will be made.

Question period. Student shared that the start up to this year has been good. The staff has been supportive.

14 Parent Engagement/Learning Topics for 2021/22 year

Tracy mentioned that at Churchill, we see our Parent School Council as a learning community. What subjects, topics, or themes would you like to learn more about this school year? All feedback is welcome. This Link is in the chat for the form to be filled out.

Some feedback - Parents want to hear about students, available curricular options.

15 Adjournment

Meeting was adjournment 7:39pm

16 Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 27, 2021

WINSTON CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL
Parent Association Meeting
Wednesday, September 22, 2021
7:30pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Andrea N. seconded by Lindsey M. motioned carried.

3. Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2021.

Tabled. Because nobody got a chance to read them. They will be sent out with the October agenda.

4. Business Arising from Minutes

a. AGLC Gaming Fund Requests

b.

1. Front entry plant décor idea came from some students. Lily had an architect come in to see if a plant stand would be a viable option but decided it would not be. She would be purchasing approximately 35 – 40 plants for \$721.80 plus tax.
2. Outdoor Education is requesting \$3500.00 to purchase 6 replacement targets and 10 Genesis bows for an option class which would allow an opportunity to become a full National Archery in Schools Program and that will allow for more insurance coverage for the class as well as to enrich the opportunity currently being offered.
3. The Yoga option program wishes to purchase mats, blocks, and anything she may need for 30ish students to attend. This option is for up to \$1000.00.
4. The Band class needs new concert chimes and a new marimba. The request is for \$10,125.00 in total for the two. These are two big ticket items and would be so much appreciated for the band.

We have gone 1 year without spending this casino money due to Covid and meeting attendance and we have up to 3 years to spend it.

Starting amount. Casino \$28,057.79

\$8000.00 is needed for space attached to the wellness centre. This will accommodate a quiet space to work, a therapeutic group, small cooking group. There will be a table that has coloring and puzzles. Just a place to decompress, to relax. Designed furniture around multi purpose student space.

This request is not approved under AGLC List of Approved Use of Proceeds. They have asked for an itemized breakdown before approval can be given as some of the items listed are actually school expenses and not covered.

Drama and PE did not submit any funding requests asking for funds.

MOTION

Tracy Hawkins makes a motion to approve spending up to \$16,114.14 on the purchase of plants (student initiative), Outdoor Education supplies, supplies for the Yoga program, and instruments for the Band program. Seconded by Kristy Nelson. 8 in favor. 0 opposed. Motion carried.

5. Treasurer's Report

Nothing has happened so we are still sitting at \$28,057.79 in the Parent Association Gaming account. The Parent Association has 1 bank account which is the Gaming account and is to be used strictly for items on the Approved use of proceeds. Reporting is to be completed and submitted to AGLC as well as the governing body for Societies. Motion to approve the treasurers report. Tracy Hawkins and seconded by Kristy Nelson. Motion carried.

6. Election of Officers for 2021/2022

a. Chairperson

- i. Stephanie Olsen volunteers for the position of Chairperson of the Parents Association.**

b. Vice Chairperson

- i. To be visited again at the October meeting as nobody volunteered for this position.**

c. Secretary

- i. Tracy Hawkins will remain as secretary for another year.**

d. Treasurer

- i. Lindsay Graham volunteered to be treasurer for the upcoming school year.**

MOTION

Allison Purcell motions for Shelley Roest to be taken off the Chairperson duties and to add Stephanie Olsen to be the chair for the 2021/22 school year for the Winston Churchill High School Parent Association. Seconded by Kristy N. All were in favor. 0 opposed. Motion carried.

MOTION

Allison Purcell motions for Andrea Niemans to be taken off the Treasurer duties and to add Lindsey Graham to be the Treasurer for the 2021/22 school year for the Winston Churchill High School Parent Association. Seconded by Kristy N. All were in favor. 0 opposed. Motion carried.

MOTION

Signing authority needs to be changed. Chairperson and Treasurer.

Allison P. motions to remove Andrea Niemans, Treasurer. and Shelley Roest, Chair. as signing authorities for the Winston Churchill Association bank account and would like to add Stephanie Olsen and Lindsey Graham to be signing authorities for the 2021/22 Winston Churchill Parent Association bank account. Seconded by Kristy Nelson. All were in favor. 0 opposed. Motion carried.

- 7. Next Meeting is October 27, 2021 at 6:30PM**
- 8. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned for 8:14PM**