

**Winston Churchill High School**

**School Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

**7:08 p.m., Room 10**

Meeting commenced at 7:08 p.m.

**1. Land Acknowledgement**

Tracy Wong provided it.

**2. Welcome and introductions**

Attendance: Jamie Bach, Aaron Fitchett, Morgan Day, Pauline Hall, Shelley Roest, Linsey Mabie, Amanda Dang, Shannon Trechka, Stephanie Olsen, Lindsey Graham, Tracy Wong, the lady at the end

**3. Additions to agenda**

None.

**4. Approval of agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda: Amanda Dang, seconded by Shelley Roest. All in favour; carried.

**5. Errors/omissions of the minutes**

None.

**6. Approval of minutes from November 23, 2022**

Motion to approve the minutes: Pauline Hall, Lindsey Graham seconded. All in favour; carried.

**7. Business arising from minutes**

Pedestrian crossing: Shelley heard back from COL – email address she was using previously is not monitored. COL is going to do a traffic count & intersection review. They will see if signage or markings can be changed at the crosswalk. Surrounding crosswalks have lights and markings. COL going to see if they paid for the other two crosswalks or if the local neighbourhood did, & if money is available for this one.

**8. ASCA Conference**

Sat. April 22, 2023. Volunteers to go to Edmonton? Shelley willing to attend at least some virtual sessions. Stephanie will send agenda out to anyone else interested. There are funds for one person per school council to attend.

6 resolutions this year:

1. Mandating criminal record & vulnerable sector checks for school board trustee candidates
2. Supporting integrated education funding

3. Integrate climate & biodiversity education throughout the K-12 curriculum
4. Add rights of victims to Bullying and Violence to Education Act
5. Required consultation opportunities for proposed changes to legislation, regulations, or established programs or practices
6. Setting and meeting a student to school counsellor ratio to improve mental health

Motion to have Shelley attend on WCHS' behalf: Lindsey Mabie, Shannon Trechka seconded. All in favour; carried.

#### **9. Trustee report**

Jenny Steed not in attendance. No formal report.

#### **10. Division school council report**

Shelley provided the report and a website: <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/download/411529>

Town hall results are posted on the Division website under Community Engagement.

The next parent learning session in April is about the RAP Program and work experience.

#### **11. Council volunteers - brainstorm**

Stephanie has student graduating, and Stephanie and Lindsey have been on Council for two years now. How can we get more volunteers to join Council?

- Incoming Grade 9 parents
- Parents of students interested in sitting on Council next year
- Instagram, pamphlet, quick video, reminder on WCHS Family
- New student night April 4<sup>th</sup> & family night in September: Schedule of meetings, structure, topics we cover
- Member-at-large – involved but don't have to be at every meeting

#### **12. Student Report**

Amanda: Interact & other clubs facing lower attendance this time of year. Interact volunteer showcase April 26th. IB starting culminating activities now. Math night is being planned. Culture Day is tomorrow.

#### **13. Math Night - School Council Funds - \$750**

What would we like the structure of math night to be and what would Council like to include? Information about math curriculum? Fun games? Resources?

Review what grant allows for. This is parent engagement, this is covered.

- Resources (websites, games, tips) for parents to use at home to engage with their kids
- Same night as parent night? (April 4<sup>th</sup>) Tracy to see if timeline is possible.

Motion to use the \$750 to the math Club to plan a parent engagement night; Shannon, Lindsey Graham seconded. All in favour, carried.

## **14. School Report**

### **a. Graduation**

1. School website updated with grad information under “Students” and “Graduation.” Info emailed out to parents of Grade 12 students.
2. Parent info night Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> 6pm Learning Commons. Alexa Koshman will send out FAQ after meeting. This will be the only meeting.
3. Email went out today with date, venue, guest info, timeline. COL not charging for parking at the Enmax for grad events this year, but they might in future years.
4. Grad Instagram account is @2023.wchs.grad
5. Grad baby photo PowerPoint will be happening again this year. Info to come in grad information chat on MS Teams.
6. Grad hoodies have been distributed. Photos are done.
7. Grad fees are posted on School Cash Online. If fees have been posted in error let the school know and they will be removed.

### **b. Fine Arts**

1. Band trip to Edmonton was last week.
2. April 20<sup>th</sup> 1-Act Festival Sterndale Bennet 5pm. Zone festival April 28<sup>th</sup> at Chinook. Provincials are in Red Deer May 4-7<sup>th</sup>.
3. IB art show coming, dates TBD.

### **c. Athletics**

1. Basketball – Bulldogs 11<sup>th</sup> and Griffins 5<sup>th</sup> at provincials.
2. Curling & wrestling are both wrapped up.
3. Rugby practice started today. Track & field begins tomorrow. Badminton
4. Archery competition this past Saturday.
5. Skills competition this past Saturday, 3 medals (gold/silver/bronze) in fashions. Bronze in welding.

### **d. General school update**

1. Congratulations to Aaron and Morgan who will be principals next year. Vice principal positions are posted online and close at the end of March.
2. Timetable feedback: Students want longer lunch hours and shorter classes. Will be adjusted and will involve adding an additional class. (Shorter blocks but more often – still 4 classes per semester but teachers will have class 6 times per week instead of current 5.) Likely to put musical theatre into the timetable so that students can take it as a class and reduce burnout from too many extracurriculars.
3. Staffing: Will start in April after the school receives the budget numbers.
4. Green Shirt Day April 7<sup>th</sup>: Will be observed at WCHS April 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **15. Adjournment 8:09 p.m.**

## **16. Next meeting – Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 7:00 pm**