

Winston Churchill High School

School Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

7:00 p.m., Learning Commons

Meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m.

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Introductions

Lana Hansell provided the land acknowledgement.

Attendance: Cynthia Young, Linsey Mabie, Shannon Trechka, Tracy Wong, Aaron Becking, Craig Whitehead, Lindsey Graham, Lana Hansell, Taryn Woods, Tracy Wen, Cathy Wen, Christine Lee, Pauline Hall

Additions to Agenda

None.

Approval of Agenda

Linsey M, motioned, Shannon seconded. All in favour, carried.

Approval of Minutes from September 27, 2023

#6, Role of the School Council - Tracy W. will complete this. Cynthia motioned, Shannon seconded. All in favour, carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Trustee Report - Craig Whitehead

- 2.5% increase in enrolment over last year. WCHS has 78 more students than last year.
- Nov. 15 at Yates - "The Truth About Youth" digital wellness presentation 7-8p.m. Link to submit questions ahead of time.
- Dual credit with Lethbridge College and U of L, Try a Trade were discussed.
- Board met with MLA Nathan Neudorf for 1 hour, good dialogue.
- Class of 1973 donated \$3,800 to WCHS. Funds will be used to add kitchen space to the K&E class.
- Passed a trip approval for the WCHS basketball team to attend Brisbane, AU in March 2024. The Brisbane team will come to WCHS next fall.
- Next Community Conversation will be November 14th 6-7:30 p.m. at Westminster Community Hall.
- Review of how we do our public presentations.
- R3 contest closes November 15th.
- Vaping detectors being installed at WCHS, G.S. Lakie, Victoria Park and Chinook HS.

District School Council - Cynthia Young

- Digital Wellness
- World Teachers Day - be sure to thank teachers.
- Boundary changes
- Pilot for the vaping sensors
- ASCA - parents are not using the website. Tabled for discussion next week. Does WCHS use the website & would we like the membership paid? Motion to continue membership by Lana, seconded by Cynthia. All in favour, carried.

Parent Engagement / Learning Topics for 2023/24

Nov. 22	Counseling services
Jan. 24	Off campus education
Mar. 27	High school credits, grad requirements
Apr. 24	Student presentations
May 22	Student leadership presentations
June 26	School Council celebration

School Report

- General school information - Tracy
 - Staff learning over the next two days. "Living in a learning way".
- Parent teacher conferences. Walk through cafe, bus passes, childcare, sessions at 2, 4, 6pm.

- Bussing - Tracy
 - In contact with Joel McDonald at the City to work on changing bus times to align with our 8 a.m. bell.
 - More parents are accessing bus passes for their kids now that they are learning that they can.
- Debrief process for police involvement in school activities - Tracy
 - WCHS uses the non-emergent and emergency call systems. Police speak about conflict, social media, bullying, assault, etc. This is tougher now that we don't have youth engagement officers. Parents also make contact with police during or off of school hours.
- Linsey question: What is WCHS' culture around initiation/hazing? Tracy reply: No culture where rookies are put in a position of doing menial tasks. Leaders do that. We teach empathy, talk about how we treat one another and what that looks like. If you see something, who is the adult you will go to? Leadership council of team captains mentored by Athletic Director. Coaches work with athletes to create a positive team culture. No hierarchy where any student group is at the top. Approach athletes as learners first - gym is an extension of the classroom.
- ASCA membership - Tracy
 - Covered by Cynthia in District School Council report.
- Grad - Aaron
 - Enmax will be the venue for this year. June 27, 2024. Convocation 10 a.m., gala at 6 p.m. First grad meeting was held and 59 students attended. Hoodie design is underway.
- Athletic celebrations 8 athletes went to cross-country provincials. Football team playoff game is this Friday night in Cardston. Volleyball is finishing up for the season.
- Student Report - Tracy Wen
 - Interact - Weekly soup kitchen shifts, wanting to volunteer at the Lethbridge Library. Will be volunteering at the Lethbridge Symphony in November. Ongoing food drive to address food disparity in the school population.
 - Leadership - Cookies for Cancer sale in the front foyer. Outreach visit to the Seniors Centre planned for November.
 - Math Club - Working with LCI to establish a math club there. Will be visiting an elementary school to share about math club.

Adjournment 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, November 22, 2023

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Parent Association Meeting

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

8:15 p.m., Learning Commons

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Land Acknowledgement provided by Shannon.

Attendance: Lindsey Graham, Tracy Wong, Shannon Trechka, Linsey Mabie, Cynthia Young, Lana Hansell, Taryn Woods, Pauline Hall, Cathy Wen

Approval of Agenda

Lana motioned, Linsey seconded. All in favour, carried.

Approval of Minutes from September 27, 2023

Lana, motioned, Cynthia seconded. All in favour, carried.

Treasurer's Report

Current bank balance is \$12,455.81. Bank account is currently dormant as last transaction was in May 2022. The 2022 Annual Return needs to be completed and the 2023 Annual Return is now in for the year ended Oct. 31, 2023.

Updating Banking Information and Signing Authority

Cynthia motioned to remove Stephanie Olsen and Lindsey Graham as signers on the bank account, and to add Linsey Mabie, Shannon Trechka, and Lana Hansell as signers on the bank account. Seconded by Pauline Hall. All in favour, carried.

Casino Funds Requests

Tracy has received many requests - robotics equipment, broomball shoes, physical spaces community, outdoor ed, etc. Tracy will send funding requests out for review and let the school family know that they will be voted on at the next meeting. The potential of further fundraising will be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment 8:38 p.m.

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