

Winston Churchill High School
School Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 27, 2023
7:00p.m. Learning Commons

Meeting commenced at 7:01 p.m.

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Introductions

Tracy Wong provided the land acknowledgement.

Attendance: Tracey Wong, Aaron Becking, Stephanie Olsen, Lindsey Graham, Kate Halldorson, Cynthia Young, Janine Primrose, Linsey Mabie, Shari Harding, Shannon Trechka, Lily Nateralis, Paulie Hall, Lana Hansell, Craig Whitehead

2. Additions to Agenda

None.

3. Approval of Agenda

Linsey Mabie motioned, Cynthia Young seconded. All in favour, carried.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the May 25, 2023 Meeting with Amendments

Kristy Nelson seconded Point 6: "Approval of the Minutes from April 26, 2023 with Amendments."

Cynthia Young motioned, Linsey Mabie seconded. All in favour, carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

A survey about bike security was sent out to parents at the end of the last school year. Feedback was that students are currently comfortable with bike security at the school. Students without bike locks yet are able to store their bikes in the office temporarily until they get locks.

6. School Vision, Mission, and Values – Role of School Council – Tracy

Vision: A community of learners working to make our world a better place

Mission: Build relationships, value diversity, pursue growth

Values: Work Hard, Be Kind

Role of School Council:

7. Trustee Report – Craig Whitehead

- Organizational meeting Sep. 12. Board Chair is Allison Purcell and Trustee is Christine Light.
- School boundaries, community engagement were topics.
- New superintendent Mike Nightingale, HR/superintendent Robbie Charlebois
- Recycling boxes in all schools
- A policy & procedure advisory committee is being established to maintain accountability.

- Sensors will be installed in the bathrooms at WCHS, Chinook, Victoria Park & Lakie which indicate groups of people and vaping/smoking. Will record & transmit to administrator if someone says “help.”
- Community Conversations – Oct. 10th 6-7:30p.m. at the Fish & Game building. Topic is
- Committee of the Whole in October – discussion about its 165 policies (too many).
- Alberta E-Sports Championship May 3-4, 2024
- 3 new buses, 7 new routes added to service
- New walk limits: Grades K-6 1km, Grade 6+ 2km.

8. District School Council – DSC Reps

Cynthia Young is interested.

9. Presentation of Annual Report – Stephanie

Main goal was to restore parent engagement. School BBQ, informal parent topics before school council meetings, working to support families as kids were learning how to be in-person students again. Possibility of speakers again.

10. Priority and Focus of School Council – Building Community and Connection – Tracy

Maker nights – 1h activity (paint night, fashion night) to bring parents into the school & provide opportunity to informally meet one another & form community.

Parent communication (weekly email etc.) will continue so parents can know what’s going on

11. Format of School Council – Stephanie and Tracy

Engagement topic ideas. Possibility of recording and posting topic presentations online, so information can reach the school community outside of school council meeting attendees.

12. Election of Officers for 2023/24

Chairperson: Linsey Mabie nominated Lana Hansell. Shannon seconded. All in favour, carried.

Vice-Chairperson: Lindsey Graham nominated Stephanie Olsen. Pauline seconded. All in favour, carried.

Secretary: Stephanie Olsen nominated Lindsey Graham. Cynthia Young seconded. All in favour, carried.

13. School Report – Tracey

School direction as an admin team – culture of thinking & learning environment. Want students to learn, succeed, achieve, and be good people. How can a day in school nurture and enliven learning?

Goals:

- Build relationships & community in a meaningful way
- Meaningful parent contact
- Inclusion – universal support for all the different learning needs in classrooms
- What language nurtures a learning mindset. E.g., does “you just need math to the 20 level” or “you only need to do up to Grade 10 gym” nurture a learning mindset?
- Enrolment 1016 this year, largest ever.

- Truth & Reconciliation – action plan & looking for feedback from students and parents.
- Grad: Possibly at the new Exhibition venue. Feature Productions will be the tech company (same as at the Enmax). Waiting for pricing.
- Mean Girls will be the musical in December. This is the first time a production has been in the timetable and it allows more kids to participate.
- Math club:
 - Would like to host another math evening, and middle & elementary school nights.
 - Interested in helping LCI start a math club.
 - Will be having a Friddle (Friday Riddle) during Advisor on Fridays.
 - Posting every day on Instagram @mathclubwchs
- Busing: WCHS has never had yellow buses and is not tied to bus times. The \$62/mo. city bus pass for kids outside the walk zone allows them to use for all city transit. If the school got yellow buses then the city passes would no longer be available. City of Lethbridge Transit is willing to review routes (City routes are being reviewed and adjusted in October) and work with us to make sure kids are getting to school safely and on time. Tracey to share more information with parents.

14. Adjournment 8:15p.m.

15. Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Winston Churchill High School
Parent Association Meeting
Wednesday, September 27, 2023
7:45p.m.

Meeting commenced at 8:15p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Tracey Wong, Aaron Becking, Stephanie Olsen, Lindsey Graham, Shannon Trechka, Shari Harding, Linsey Mabie, Janine Primrose, Cynthia Young, Kate Halldorson

2. Approval of Agenda with Changes

Typo – “Election of Officers for 2023-2024”. Cynthia motioned, Linsey Mabie seconded. All in favour, carried.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Bank balance unchanged from last year. Quorum not met and so teacher requests from the end of last school are unpaid to date.

4. Bylaw Update

Stephanie to follow up at beginning of October. AGLC knows filing has been made and Registries is backlogged right now. Casino is booked for March 2024, exact date TBA.

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Secretary: Linsey Mabie nominated Lindsey Graham. Cynthia Young seconded. All in favour, carried.

Treasurer: Stephanie Olsen nominated Linsey Mabie. Cynthia Young seconded. All in favour, carried.

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7. Adjournment: 8:30p.m.