

Winston Churchill High School  
School Council Meeting  
Wednesday, November 22, 2023  
7:00 p.m., Learning Commons

**Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Introductions**

Lana Hansell provided the land acknowledgement.

Attendance: Tracy Wong, Aaron Becking, Omar Kadir, Lana Hansell, Lindsey Graham, Cynthia Young, Shari Harding, Shannon Trechka, Linsey Mabie, Matthew Trechka, Pauline Hall, Kate Halldorson, Janine Primrose, Tessa Atwood, Zitong Wu, Lily Naternalisis.

**Additions to Agenda**

None.

**Approval of Agenda**

Shannon motioned, Shari seconded. All in favour, carried.

**Approval of Minutes from October 25, 2023**

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

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**Staff Presentation – Outdoor Courts – Omar Kadir**

- Closest basketball courts are at the Labour Club Ice Arena. Outdoor courts/multi-use area on the school grounds would improve the school community. Ward Bros. is providing drawings at no cost. School Division and City (Joint Use) approval is required to build. Anticipated build in Spring 2024.
- Anticipated cost ~\$70,000 for 6 hoops in a space large enough to accommodate pickleball, four square space, etc. Donations from Lafarge, Varsteel, other connections helped Wilson School complete a similar project for much less than that.
- WCHS Spaces Committee requests School Council support in finding grants, using community connections to raise funds. Contact Tracy with ideas by January 10, 2024.

**Staff Presentation – Churchill Community Garden – Joel Heyland and Geoff Waugh**

- Want to develop small-scale “reconciliation garden” and food production garden for the benefit of the school. Foods program could use produce and students would also learn about gardening, food topics like sustainability & nutrition, while earning school credits.
- Joel and Geoff are in correspondence with several AB high schools that have programming like this. This would be the first program like this in Lethbridge & is an opportunity to lead the city in this area.
- This is not like a community garden – it is an opportunity for students to earn credits (Fall gardening course, Spring course, and Senior course). Joint effort between <2 teachers, students, and community if they would like to become involved.
- Received grant from Inside Education for \$500. Sought out arborist, landscape design & construction, other related trades who are interested in a project like this.
- Request is for community contacts for fundraising, grants, or any funds available to set up an outdoor space to garden, and also indoor space for propagation, etc. Scalable, can start small and add a new bed, aquaponics, etc. as the program grows. Still in research phase for specifics (e.g., irrigation). The school is planning to support this. Contact Tracy with ideas by January 10, 2024.

## **Trustee Report – Craig Whitehead**

None.

## **Division School Council – Cynthia Young**

- Poverty Intervention Committee – want to change the name. This program is using a lot of money and question arises about whether schools have enough resources to properly support students (e.g., a winter coat if needed).
- Want to know what poverty-related situations the schools are seeing.
  - WCHS: food, housing security are big. Access to supports in the community. Sliding scale for counselling but it's difficult to find timely, affordable counselling. Bus pass program still cumbersome for families to access. \$9,000 grant for classroom snacks. Ran out last year, have already spent a lot of it this year.
- Policy Committee heavy on teaching staff, only one parent member is part of it presently. Lopsided? Asked to add 4 parents to the committee – 1 HS, 1 middle school, 1 elementary, and 1 Christian-based.

## **School Report**

- General school information – Tracy
  - Math night was this evening – for North Side elementary students to expand Math Club into the community. Stations, games, pizza and prizes. ~85-90 students attended.
  - Results report from school plan & PAT diplomas. Results and plan to address issues to be presented at next School Council meeting.
- Budget information – Tracy
  - Old school funding model – spring budget, Sep. 30 final submission of budget to reflect new students. \$3M to division to address growth.
  - New funding model - Division received \$170K this year. WCHS is funded for 950 students but has 1011 (funding is based on a 3-year rolling average). WCHS does not turn away new students or returning Grade 12s.
  - Wants to be transparent about the current state of funding.
- Grad – Aaron
  - June 27 at Enmax. 273 grads currently. Next meeting Dec. 6.
- Mural – Aaron
  - Toby Boulet wants to fund an art project that represents Churchill. Local artist & former Churchill grad will create a mural down the hallway by the band room. Currently in design.
- Student Report - Tracy Wen & Lily Naternalis
  - Leadership team went to senior's home today to visit, connect, ask advice. Students will pick up seniors on Remembrance Day and bring them to WCHS for ceremony.
  - Robotics – finishing design, some are starting to build. Girls v. boys.
  - Concession raising money for a cotton candy machine.
  - Interact club volunteers at soup kitchen regularly, would like to volunteer at senior's homes on weekends. If you have connections that could help, contact Tracy.
  - Request from Zitong for funds to run another Math Club Night, similar to last year's. Cynthia to bring this up at District School Council to see if funding is available at that level, to run events at all the high schools or a city-wide Math Night.

**Adjournment 8:23 p.m.**

**Next meeting – Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

Winston Churchill High School  
Parent Association Meeting  
Wednesday, November 22, 2023  
7:45 p.m., Learning Commons

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**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Minutes from October 25, 2023**

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

**Treasurer's Report / Update on Banking Information and Signing Authority**

- Bank balance \$12,455.81.
- Linsey is arranging signing authority with bank. Pauline and Kate signed the minutes per bank requirements.
- Society Annual Return for 2022 is overdue. Lindsey Graham & Stephanie Olsen to sign for 2022 and Linsey will submit. Linsey is going to prepare the 2023 return and submit when she has bank access.
- Acceptance of treasurer's report: Lana motioned, Matthew seconded. All in favour, carried.

**Casino Funds Requests, Review, and Vote**

- Shannon – keep \$2,000 to pay advisor for our next casino. We need to spend ~\$10,000 then. Casino funds are supposed to be spent within 2 years of receiving them.
- Funds to be spent:
  - Rugby \$2,000.00 (scrum machine)
  - English \$2,000.00 (books)
  - Robotics \$2,000.00 (one bundle & one hardware kit)
  - Math Club \$1,000.00 (promotional materials and program development)
  - Fashions \$1,500.00 (one sewing machine)
  - Phys Ed. \$1,500.00 (GPS units and snowshoes)
  - Total \$10,000.00
- Acceptance of this distribution of funds: Cynthia motioned, Lindsey seconded. All in favour, carried.

**Adjournment 8:47 p.m.**

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