

Winston Churchill School Council Meeting Minutes November 27, 2024

7:06pm

WCHS Learning Commons

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Introductions

Land acknowledgement provided by Janine Primrose.

In attendance: Jamie Bach, Taryn Woods, Janine Primrose, Jake Hansell, Lana Hansell, Jody Henschel, Shannon Trechka, Linsey Mabie, Allison Purcell, JJ Ondrus, Tracy Wong, Lindsey Graham.

2. Additions to Agenda

None

3. Approval of Agenda

Linsey motioned to approve; Shannon seconded. All in favour; carried.

4. Approval of Minutes from October 23, 2024

Minutes approved with correction to the spelling of Tracy's name. Lana motioned to approve; Linsey seconded. All in favour; carried.

5. Business arising from the Minutes

None.

6. Trustee Report – Allison Purcell

- Board meeting yesterday. Assurance report results discussed. Recommendations for improvement need to go to the government by November 30th.
- Parent Engagement Survey participation is very low consistently across the Division.
- Team Lethbridge (19 organizations) went to Legislature to meet MLAs to talk about items including Kindergarten, barriers to survey questions, and grade configuration.
- Audited financial statements approved, budget updates made to account for less growth than predicted (two reasons are lower numbers of immigrant students, and parents using childcare & starting kids in school in Grade 1).
- Town Halls are well-attended.

7. School Report

- Assurance Results Review
 - Feedback requested in specific areas so that it can be included in WCHS' report:
 - Parental involvement
 - Welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe learning environment
 - Education quality

- Student learning engagement
- Citizenship
- Lifelong learning
- "Don't know" is a common response.
- WCHS is considering:
 - Offering a couple of evenings at the school where parents can come in to complete the survey
 - Having Advisors be reach out to Grade 10 parents to help make sure the questions are understood and explain how the results are used
 - Spending more time with students completing the survey to make sure there is no confusion around questions.
- The Admin team sees the whole report and departments receive data relative to them.
- Entire report will be shared with School Council in December.
- Grad
 - Grad photos are now done. One day in January has been scheduled for those who missed the first photo day. Feedback about the new company has been good.
 - Grad hoodies have been ordered and should arrive before Christmas.
 - Feedback from parents on grad communication welcomed Contact Aaron Becking.
- Mural
 - Funds for a mural have been donated by Tony Boulet.
 - Laura Pizarro, a WCHS grad, will be the artist. The mural will represent Churchill and the North Side, and what it means to be a WCHS student.
 - Should be completed before the Christmas break.
- 8. Adjournment 8:27pm
- 9. Next Meeting Wednesday, January 22, 2025