

EG Wahlstrom School Council minutes October 25, 2021

1. Welcome and introductions
 - a. Lisa Palko, Cristabel Encinas, Ryan Broadfoot, Kaila Hettesheimer, Fatima Mouallem, Cassidy Wood, Joy McGregor, Kathryn Adams, Cori Klassen, Audrey Ghostkeeper, Corey Hughes, Trina Genowish, Ricas Rattigan.
2. Acceptance of minutes from September 27, 2021
3. Old Business- Increase attendance:
 - a. Parent Representative from each class
 - i. Teachers asked to communicate with parents about representatives.
 - b. Have parents on a mail out list to get monthly meeting invites automatically
4. Hot Topic ideas
 - a. Need for bus drivers and substitute teachers
 - i. Substitute teachers. 5 certified. After that substitute can be from uncertified list of subs.
 - b. Question about what work is coming home for different subjects, French, math
 - i. Best solution is to email and ask teacher directly
 - ii. Work may also be visible on Google Classroom
5. Hot Lunch
 - a. Option to go back to regular hot lunches
 - i. Lisa: Needs to follow the AP 241 Healthy School/Community Guidelines
 - ii. Lisa: Potential issue with getting volunteer help. Would need to limit the number of parents involved, 2 or 3. Follow safety protocols.
 - iii. Lisa: Monthly hot lunches- off the table for the time being.
 - iv. Kaila: Idea, option to pay for hot lunch online

6. Reports:

a. Principal Report- Lisa Palko

i. **Celebrations-** Grade 4 field trip to North Shore (Oct 6 & 7); Grade 6 participation in "Truth, Then Reconciliation" Walk & activities at the Friendship Center (Sept 30); Parent Meet & Greet (virtually Sept 28 & 29) went well- great participation; we had 8 first year Education students from Grande Prairie Regional College observe classrooms Oct 13 & 14; Mrs. Morgan's and Mrs. Green's classes will be partnering with the Mentorship 10 class from RMSS (virtually, pen pal letters, possibly some outdoor games); student leadership has had 3 meetings, with another meeting this Thursday.

ii. Current enrolment is 333 students

iii. Staff will donate their Casual Friday fund to one of 3 organizations in town. (staff are still voting on where they want to give their money)

iv. Occupational Health and Safety Inspector was here October 8 to complete a site inspection ensuring the school is a safe worksite for employees (all schools in our division will have a site inspection this year)

v. School council's account is sitting at \$876. There is another account labelled Hot Lunch, sitting at \$1656. How would you like to allocate this money? (total \$2532). Be prepared to vote at next meeting.

a. Ideas,

i. Teacher appreciation week

ii. One Book One School

iii. Student Leadership

iv. PD tailored towards kids, leadership seminar etc,

v. Outdoor playground equipment

vi. Stuff for music program, down the road

vii. Classroom Libraries

1. Requirement as of last year that every class have own library, school library recycled books go to classrooms

viii. Yearbook committee

1. Was done in past, last time the books didn't sell.

2. May be possible with cheaper options.

3. Something Student leadership may be able to take on

ix. More field trips, when allowed.

vi. AERR- school council input- what are we doing well, not so well? Any suggestions as to what to keep and what to change? Please email Lisa any suggestions you have for school improvement in the areas I highlighted at the meeting lpalko@hpsd.ca

vii. We reached outbreak status on Friday, October 22- outbreak status means 10 positive COVID cases in a 2-week rolling window. Admin will have a walk through with the local Public Health Inspector on October 26.

1. Needs to be a positive COVID case to count as COVID outbreak.

2. There is 10% absenteeism threshold for illness, also classified as Outbreak, but not COVID outbreak.

3. AHS is again notifying schools of COVID outbreaks.

4. Corey: How does outbreak status effect daily operations?

a. Lisa: Triggers inspection, walkthrough with safety officer. Make sure handwashing and mask are implemented. Does not affect day to day operations.

a. Trustee Report- New Trustees Joy McGregor and Cory Hughes

i. Corey: First meeting is tomorrow. Monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays in High Prairie.

b. Wellness- Cristabel

i. Had one taste test, kids love trying new foods.

ii. Starting new version of kitchen program from few years ago. Bring few students from classroom to come into kitchen to make something together. Will rotate to target as many kids as can.

iii. One on one support, going well.

iv. Training for Roots of Empathy, will be doing in November, will be able to provide the program in the classroom.

v. Hot lunch

1. Needs to be pre-packaged and ready to eat. Need some options for dietary restrictions.
 2. Deliver on different days in cohorts so it is not overwhelming to the people serving.
 3. Look towards organizing in January
- c. Friends for Learning Report
- i. Fund numerous projects for school.
 - ii. Karen Babiy - Chair, Taylor Hulme – Vice Chair, Robyn Hollohan - Secretary, Nadine Owchar – Treasurer, Kathryn Adams – CJ Rep, Fatima Assaf
1. Board looking to allocate where funds can go to.
 5. Other additions for next meeting November 29, 2021
 6. Meeting Adjourned 8:10 p.m.