

Westview School Council Meeting

November 19, 2024 6:30pm

In person

AGENDA

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions- In attendance- Darla Villeneuve (assistant Principal), Carolyn Harrison (assistant principal), Paul McCann (Trustee), Liane Carter (school counselor), Krystle Hoogendoorn (Chair), Elise Townsend (Vice Chair), Sam Moore (Secretary), Mandi Griffin, Stephanie Sweere, Nancy MacInnis, Sheri Gregg, Nok Sloan, Lisa Moodie
6:31 pm call to order – Krystle H.

2.0 Approval of Agenda
Elise and Sherry to approve

2.1 Approval of Minutes- October 2024
Mandy and Nancy to approve

Stephanie – Proposal

Hamper drive for parkland pregnancy support center. Supports parkland county, spruce and stony. Wants to partner with parent council. Carolyn Harrison To confirm with Tanya that they will check if we can do this partnership.

3.0 Chairs Report

- COSC update
 - Logo added this month.
 - Stakeholder engagement meeting – geared towards 4 to 6. Parents throughout the division get together with administrators and school trustees. This year they are focusing on 4 to 6. With covid they have noticed behaviors have gone down from older kids to the younger ones. Help for socialization and key skills, with covid they don't have some of the skills for socialization and attitude regulation. They use the engagement meetings to help develop our ed plans.
 - Next COSC meeting is Feb 4 – budgets and insurance
- Guest Speakers- Engagement opportunities
 - Last month Krystle had said she would look at more engagement opportunities. Dr. Meg Miskolzie – attendance; help parents understand how this will affect the kids.
 - Scott Johnson – would be during the day or evening.
 - Krystle will chat with Tanya and get the invites out.
- ASCE grant
 - Rob McLeod – motivational speaker. He partners with Screen Strong – replacement harmful screen use.
 - It's a workshop base. Has a parent workshop.

- We can only use the grant for the parent workshop
- We will check if kids can come.
- We are all in agreement to bring in Rob.
- We do have \$250 more that we can use for parent engagement.
- We will check if we do in person – can we have a web version?
- Dates in Jan – we will touch base with Tanya and get something in the books.

4.0 Society Update

- Fundraising
Wilhaulk was a \$600 profit

Nicole running a market Dec 15 & 16. We are doing a gift wrapping station. We need donations for wrapping paper, ribbon, tape ect.

Cinnamon princess – currently going on

Christmas Concert – 50/50, bake sale, best seats in the house

End of Jan – read-a-thon.

Grade 2 teachers – literacy carnival – also doing numeracy TBD

Fundraising was selling hotdogs and such. (not a big money maker but helps)

- Hot Lunch

5.0 Teacher Presentation (being moved up to after 3.0)

- Liane Carter – school counselor
 - The ways the counseling services support Westview. 4 different types of counseling, (1) universal – would apply to all the student (divided it up into elementary and jr high), next level is (2) small group counseling – where there is a group of kids that need the extra support when they can't work to together or are having conflict. (3) Individual counselling – meeting individual kids and having the one on one convos. Counselling can only happen while the kids are in school. She is not contactable outside the school. If a kid needs additional level of support; contacting a community support network and she can help the parents find someone. (4) level is crisis intervention. Mental health need in the school; she is qualified with this to assist.
 - She can collaborate with outside counsellor – just requires a release of information.

6.0 Principal's Report- Tanya sends her regrets. Darla and Carolyn filling in for Tanya. Welcome to everyone

Sports and Field Trip updates:

- Wrapped up a great volleyball season. The Senior Girls played in the gold medal match and lost in 5 sets with very close games!
- Coordinating basketball coaches to see how many teams we can offer for the basketball season.
- Gr. 3-6 Students participated in PLAY Parkland - Included Aerials and Skating (for Grades 3 & 4) including Sledge Hockey. Swim School for Grade 4s is at the end of November.

- Grade 3-6 Choir will be singing at the “Sing for Santa” Oil Kings event on November 24th
- Grade 9’s participate in Take Your Kid to Work Day on November 6th.

Parent-teacher interviews were well attended and the book fair made approximately \$2000 towards more library books/resources.

Halloween was a fun day! Included an elementary costume parade and JH dance/activities.

Grade 2 and 5 students experienced an engaging Inuit presentation with Goota Desmarais who shared her culture and brought artifacts and traditional foods to share with students.

Elder in Residence program - Elder Linda spent time with the Grade 8’s sharing her culture and made bannock for everyone.

A very meaningful Remembrance Day assembly was held on November 7th. We appreciated the contribution of parents, staff, students and community members.

Bullying Awareness Week is the third full week in November. It is a time to promote awareness and understanding of bullying and its impacts. We have two presentations planned this week to promote positive relationships. November 19 - K-6 presentation with Steve Harmer - Motivational Magic on Kindness and Gratitude. November 21 - Gr. 5-9 presentation on the “5 Faces of Bullying”.

The [SOS-Q](#) is an Evidence-based, Canadian-normed tool which measures student’s perceptions of the following:

- Grades 4-12:
 - *safe and caring schools*
 - *Peers*
 - *Self-confidence*
 - *external resilience*
 - *internal resilience*
- *Additional areas for Grades 7-12:*
 - *utility of school*
 - *extracurricular activities*
- Data provides support for planning at the Universal, Targeted, and Individual level.
- As a school we are implementing this survey with Gr. 4-9 students. The survey will be administered in the week of November 25th and a parent information letter was sent on November 8th.

7.0 Board Report

Paul McCann – parkland school division – for Stony Plain

1. Share info from a school division perspective. 2. Take questions back to the school division.

We have an impact on what happens with the school, community and what happens in the community.

Report: No school board meeting since the last meeting. Two reasons they moved it back, they are working on getting the 2025 budget done. They need to work with the provincial gvt and their timelines. Second reason – looking backwards. They look at the 2023-2024 school year and it’s a report in depth on the running of the year.

Last month – three unions; non-union staff – currently working on negotiations with

teachers. They are having good meetings and things are moving along.
Bringing back the program FOX – they are still in talks.

8.0 What's On Your Mind?

Floor is open to everyone. Questions, Comments, Concerns or Celebrations-
Nothing brought up

9.0 Adjournment- Next meeting December 17, 2024

7:36 pm adjournment