

Warner School Parent Council

September 11, 2019 Warner School Conference Room 5:30 pm

Attendance: Penny Pittman, Natasha Pittman, Carolyn Bueckert, Nikki Paul, Kim Atkins, Bryan Pritchard, Stephanie Roffey, Spenser Wenzel, Derek Baron, Aspen Cronkhite, Kathy Belisle, Nicole Miller.

Natasha called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Review of Old Minutes:

MOTION: To approve minutes as read.

MOVER: Kathy Belisle

SECOND: Kim Atkins **CARRIED**

The parent council welcomed new principal Bryan Pritchard. Bryan has been with Horizon School Division No. 76 for the past 3.5 years in an administrative role. His 18 year teaching career includes schools in Hays, Taber and Lethbridge. He is committed to maintaining the high standards that have been set by previous administrators while bringing his own expertise, knowledge and personality in to the position.

Business Arising From Old Minutes:

- Casino booked for Oct 8 & 9: We only have 10 out of 20 shifts filled. Please keep asking around to gather more volunteers.

Teacher's Report: Spenser Wenzel & Stephanie Roffey

- Sports: Sr and Jr boys volleyball is up and running. Participation is excellent.
- Boys basketball this year hosting of games will be split 50/50 with Milk River.
- Looking for funds around \$915.00 for purchase of home jerseys for boys basketball.
- Looking at running a junior basketball camp in the spring; similar program to the Jr NBA but without using their name which saves money because we don't have to buy the balls and shirts.
- Science: looking for financial support in the future to buy supplies for grades K and up; science and math supplies, some loose parts and storage for loose parts. Teachers will prepare a more formal request and come back to future meeting.

MOTION: To fund UP TO \$1000 for basketball home jerseys for Senior boys. If funds can be used from the SGF (School Generated Funds) account, Warner School will re-imburse the Warner School Parent Council for the amount paid.

MOVER: Carolyn Bueckert

SECOND: Nicole Miller **CARRIED**

Principal's Report: Bryan Pritchard

- Mr Pritchard and Mrs Hammell are very happy to be joining the staff of Warner School. We wish the best for Mr LeGrandeur and Miss Hierath. We are also pleased to report that Becky Doenz has joined the staff; she is teaching K-5 Music and Art. There are three PS3 students spending the fall semester with our students.
- With the change of principal, the root philosophy of offering students many opportunities in a small town environment remains. We were able to advertise and hire for a new learning commons facilitator. Nikki has really stepped up to fill this position. The sheer number of items that Adena addressed in this position is very apparent. Currently, we are hiring for a part-time position. Nutrition options - there is breaking news on this topic, as the government just announced restoration of nutrition funding. Horizon will now determine needs of each school, and distribute funds accordingly. Absolute best case is that we remain at last year's levels of funding. This may not be the case, as there are questions regarding the number of students that were fed each day.
- The school bench on playground needs replacing right away. Playground inspection is coming up soon. I have sent in a request to Horizon maintenance, and they are telling me that this will be a school item to replace.

- Easter 2021 Trip. The plan is to piggyback with the Travel Club of WR Myers High School in Taber, as Mrs Pickerell has a high level of expertise organising these excursions. The trip is scheduled over the Easter Break of 2021. Ability to pay is just one aspect of being accepted to this trip. We look at student behaviours, parental capacity to provide quality supervision (if deemed necessary). This is an add-on activity, and it must be earned.

Treasurer's Report: Nikki Paul

- No activity over the summer.
- Bank Balance is: \$4251.71.
- Nikki has tendered her resignation as she is not an employee of Warner School there is a conflict of interest and she can no longer sit on the Executive of the Parent Council.
- Thank you Nikki for all of your diligence and hard work over the years!

MOTION: To approve Treasurer's report

MOVER: Kim Atkins

SECOND: Kathy Belisle **CARRIED**

Trustee's Report: Derek Baron

- Reserves: Schools are being told to spend down their reserves to avoid those funds being taken back &/or getting less funding.
- Teachers contracts have been settled.
- Until the Provincial Government's budget comes out in October we don't know where we stand financially.

Fundraising Committee Report: Kathy Belisle

- Admazing Coupon Books: Carolyn has had contact with distributor, books were ordered and will be delivered shortly. This will not be an official fundraiser, more just a service to the community members who use the books. Carolyn will be the contact person; she will take orders and money and distribute books as necessary. Books could possibly be sold at Christmas concert.
- Fundraising committee has not met yet; a meeting will be scheduled and committee will bring decision to council at next meeting.

New Business:

- Breakfast Program: as per Principal's report, funding was restored and staff is being hired. High school students needing credits will work with staff to prepare breakfast. The possibility exists for them to also provide some lunch time hot meals.
- Hot Lunch: as Adena is no longer at the school Hot Lunch is not being provided. Several different options were discussed including running a concession or having the Grads (Parent Committee) use this as a fundraising opportunity. Bryan will contact Barnwell school to see how their concession runs and if there are any special considerations regarding opening one up on a regular basis and we will discuss at the next meeting.
- Natasha has voiced her willingness to be involved in either Hot Lunch &/or a concession.
- Enrichment: this is no longer being offered. Staff feel that time is better used for flex time (being able to go over material, teach new material, report card time) and also for high school students to work on their diploma classes. The Art and Music needs are being met with the hiring of Becky Doenz to teach the K-5 two periods a week. As well the primary grades will have the opportunity to do building projects (Maker Space) and the like as needed.

- Leadership Award: The PAC usually funds the Student Leadership Award

MOTION: To pay Warner School \$100.00 for the Student Leadership Award

MOVER: Kim Atkins

SECOND: Kathy Belisle **CARRIED**

- Nomination of new Treasurer:

MOTION: To nominate Nicole Miller as the new Treasurer for the Warner School Parent Council

MOVER: Kim Atkins

SECOND: Aspen Cronkhite

Nicole is Treasurer by acclimation

MOTION: To remove Nicole Paul from bank signing authority and to give signing authority to Nicole Miller for the Warner School Parent Council bank account.

MOVER: Kim Atkins

SECOND: Aspen Cronkhite **CARRIED**

Next meeting is November 20th at 5:30 in the conference room at the Warner School

Natasha adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm.