

Warner School Parent Council

Wednesday November 20 2019 – Warner School multi-purpose room.

Attendance: Natasha Pittman, Penny Pittman, Nicole Miller, Bryan Pritchard, Stephanie Roffey, Becky Doenz, Aspen Cronkhite, Kathy Belisle, Carolyn Bueckert

Natasha called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Review of Old Minutes:

MOTION: To approve minutes as read

MOVER: Kathy Belisle

SECOND: Nicole Miller **CARRIED**

Teacher's Report:

- 🔗 Wish list was sent out to teachers by Natasha. They have provided a list of items they are in need of. This was tabled to be discussed at the next Warner School Council Society meeting as that is where the funds are most likely to come from.
- 🔗 Curling is up and running; a large group of kids this year. Stephanie would like to involve the younger grades in curling as well.
- 🔗 Possible field trips:
 - K-4: Helen Schuler/Gault Museum
 - 4-12: Telus Science Center in Calgary – Animal Body Worlds &/or Science World program. Glenbow Museum.
- 🔗 Funding for transportation is most likely needed.
- 🔗 Skiing: Stephanie would like to set up a school wide trip to Castle Mountain for downhill skiing. 1 day – all grades, some time in early February. She will look in to this and try to set it up. It would be a paid for by parents opportunity, transportation again would need to be addressed.

Principal's Report:

- 🔗 Warner School continues to be a beehive of activity. Volleyball season has come to a close, and we thank Mr Korol, Mrs Anderson, and Miss Williston for their coaching time and dedication. Basketball is now the sport of focus, although many of our students are participating in curling with Mr Zink and Miss Stef. Hot lunch and nutrition programs are back on, as funding did indeed come through for the year. Trista Lindsay has joined the staff.
- 🔗 The Accountability Pillar results have arrived, and most scores are quite positive. We do have some room to develop, which is also good. As a staff, we are looking at long-term improvements. For example, with Mrs McMurray and Miss Stef placing an emphasis on freely structured learning and promoting topics such as MakerSpace and Genius Hour, our longer goal is to instill in students the value of learning by trial and error, of experiencing frustration and setbacks in a safe environment, to develop entrepreneurial skills in their learning. Students as young as Kindergarten are taking on coding challenges, as they will learn to program robots through mazes. The expectation is that when these students arrive at high school, they will crave and seek out learning opportunities. This is almost the opposite of programming students - the goal is to keep the learning experience as broad as possible, rather than running outcomes through a funnel and measure our students based primarily on fact retention.
- 🔗 On November 18th, all Horizon staff participated in a Professional Development day at WR Myers High School in Taber. Teachers and support staff were able to join groups based on interest of topic, so the day was personalized as much as possible.
- 🔗 December will be busy. We have our senior high basketball home tournament on December 6/7. Santa's Workshop will be on Dec 10/11. Junior Basketball tournament will take place on the 13/14 weekend. The culmination of our December festivities will be the Christmas Concert on the 17th. Pre-K hoping to perform at the concert.
- 🔗 Also - entripy has a sale until Nov 30th, where you will receive 20% off your order.

MOTION: To provide 150 treat bags for the Warner School Christmas concert: we will buy supplies and assemble the bags. We will reimburse from receipts whomever purchases the supplies.

MOVER: Becky Doenz

SECOND: Carolyn Bueckert **CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report:

Balance from October statement: \$4251.71

Actual Balance: \$4576.71 – deposits from Admazing books and less the \$100 for the Leadership award.

MOTION: To approve Treasurer's report.

MOVER: Penny Pittman

SECOND: Becky Doenz **CARRIED**

Fundraising Committee Report:

- ☞ Cheese fundraiser closed today. Will add up orders and submit order to Springbank on Monday. Cheese will be delivered to the school December 11th for distribution to families.

New Business:

- ☞ Community Supper: December 3rd at Elks Hall. \$5.00 per person. Tickets available at various locations around town.
- ☞ Santa's Workshop: we would like to support this in any way we can, helping with wrapping is needed as well as possibly gift wrap, sticky tags and gifts for Dads.
ACTION: Penny will talk to Laura-Marie to find out what is needed and we will go from there.
- ☞ Weekly update on Sunday nights. This won't happen, as adding another layer of communication is not a goal. Parents have multiple avenues - Dojo, website, email - to contact teachers about student activities. We will add more details to the school website calendar. Will need to train more staff so they can access.
- ☞ Natasha provided information from her recent meeting with the Council of School Councils. The website has great information and there is support for people taking on new positions in a school council. It is suggested we use Warner School Council and stop using the term "PAC" as this council is for everyone not just parents.

Next meeting will be: January 15, 2020. At the school in the multi-purpose room.

Natasha adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.