

Warner School Parent Council

Monday January 20, 2020: Warner School

Attendance: Natasha Pittman, Penny Pittman, Derek Baron, Aspen Cronkhite, Kathy Belisle, Nicole Miller, Bryan Pritchard

Natasha called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm

Review of Old Minutes:

MOTION: To approve minutes as read

MOVER: K. Belisle

SECOND: N. Miller **CARRIED**

Business Arising from Minutes:

MOTION: To re-imburse Penny Pittman for Santa's Workshop purchases on behalf of the council for \$34.13.

MOVER: A. Cronkhite

SECOND: N. Miller **CARRIED**

Principal's Report: Bryan Pritchard

- We are now reaching the end of semester 1 for high school students, and we are midway through term 2 for the younger grades. This month, grade 12 students are writing their Social Studies diplomas.
- Ski trip - Miss Stef has been planning a ski trip for February 13th, to Westcastle Mountain. We expect about 40 students to attend. Parents and about half of our staff will go, with others staying at school. We will have classes that day, since the ski trip is an optional event for students.
- Year end trip - we are in the early stages of planning our year end school trip. I do seek input from PAC with this regarding potential destinations..We like the idea of a K-12 trip instead of doing two different ones.
- Graduation plans are also ongoing. We are having a meeting tomorrow after school. Grads have a theme, and we are working on decorating schemes, invitations, and acquiring our speakers. Highway cleanup in May is a go, and will serve to raise funds to cover the costs associated with graduation ceremonies.
- Accountability Pillar surveys are now open. A letter is going home with students in grades 4-12. Parents will receive surveys by mail very soon, and students/staff will complete their portions later in January. Parents can complete the paper forms that they get in the mail, or they can choose to do surveys online.
- On Monday, January 20th, we are hosting presentations by Ryan Laird. Mr Laird is a country music recording artist with a message about bullying and respecting others. He will have two performances in the afternoon - one geared toward grades 1-6, and the other more focused on junior/senior high. Students did see him a few years back in Milk River, and their comments have been quite positive. Parents and community are welcome and encouraged to come to either or both shows.
- Curling and Basketball are running now, and Archery will begin at the end of the month. Archery will run at least until Easter.

Treasurer's Report: Nicole Miller

Chequing account: \$6451.71

Cheese fundraiser: \$1875.00

MOTION: To approve report as read

MOVER: P. Pittman

SECOND: A. Cronkhite **CARRIED**

Trustee's Report: Derek Baron

- Horizon's insurance has gone up 270% from \$300,000 to \$900,000. They are looking for new quotes
- There will be staff cuts in the new budget
- The focus of meetings now is the new budget
- Horizon has more support staff per capita than any other division

Fundraising Committee Report:

Fundraising is done for the year

New Business:

- Concerns around the Breakfast program: not hot meals available.
- Bryan clarified it is a nutrition program and there is not staff available to make a hot breakfast on a regular basis, and that hot meals would be served later as staff do not start work early enough to have something ready for 8:30 am.
- Continental items are available daily
- Bryan agreed that it needed to be clearly communicated to students and parents that it is a nutrition program
- Warner Revitalization Committee is looking for information on events from all the different organizations in Warner in an attempt to coordinate events and increase advertising and participation
- Warner high school students may have the opportunity to participate in Experiential Week. They would be able to spend a week on campus at Lethbridge College, Medicine Hat College or the U of L taking part in an area of interest to them with the various themes offered. This would be hands on learning that would prepare them for the work force and/or help them focus on a career path.
- Next year school calendar was presented: August 31st is the first day of school. Calendar will be available on the website

Next meeting will be Wednesday March 11th, 2020 at 5:30 pm at the school

Natasha adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm