

Warner School Council Meeting: June 24th, 2020

Attendance: Nola Nagy, Aspen Cronkhite, Kathy Belisle, Derek Baron, Natasha Pittman, Penny Pittman, Nicole Miller, Carolyn Bueckert, Bryan Pritchard, Lorraine Brantner.

Natasha called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm

Review of Old Minutes:

MOTION: To approve minutes as read

MOVER: N. Miller

SECOND: K. Belisle **CARRIED**

Principal's Report: B. Pritchard

- Thank you to our parents and community for their cooperation and ability to adapt to learning at home. This has been a trying time for many of us, and we are very appreciative of the support and caring that we felt from our families.
- Our engagement rate was above 90%, meaning that at least 90% of our students completed assignments while the school facility was not in regular operation. Most of our students were able to complete more than 75% of all assigned tasks, which was very positive. Issues that arose were mainly with technology/internet service.
- We were able to offer an altered graduation ceremony for the 9 graduates. We waited until June, and restrictions were a bit eased by then. The Village of Warner and the fire department were very helpful, and the weather cooperated on the day. For discussion - would you like Warner to revert back to and maintain the last Friday in May for graduation?
- Yearbook - this has been completed, and copies have been ordered. Would PAC like to purchase a copy of the yearbook for each family, or would you prefer that the school just promote and sell them to people who are interested? Yearbooks can also be purchased online- they are \$19.77 each, plus shipping. Warner School will be selling them for \$20, but we are including shipping for anyone who can pick them up at the school once they arrive. We did a pre-order of 60 copies, as this is about the number typically sold.
- Accountability Surveys (from February). Results have returned, and they are mixed. Students were generally more positive than parents on the performance of Warner School. Some results were fair, while others left us curious. For example, Art, Music, and French were added at the K-5 level, yet parents of this age group were less satisfied about opportunities in these areas than they were last year, before we added staffing to address these needs. In high school, we had more students participate in Work Experience, GREEN programming, and we added serving a curling bonspiel supper, yet parents responded that we have reduced job preparation and community service opportunities.
- My takeaway is that communication can be stronger. Newsletters, SchoolMessenger, and Facebook appear to be insufficient, or parents are simply not accessing the information and being less than kind on the survey. Again, student responses at the high school level were more positive than parent results.
- On a more positive note, we are accepting new registrations at a pretty good pace, and we forecast to be up nearly a dozen students. Given that we had a good-sized graduating class, this is very good news.

Treasurer's Report: N. Miller

- Our account has a balance of \$9499.24 with the \$3000 donation from Corey Makolowsky

MOTION: To approve Treasurer's report

MOVER: P. Pittman

SECOND: C. Bueckert **CARRIED**

Trustee's Report: D. Baron

- Scenario packages for school re-entry plan will be available on the website
- Regarding busing in re-entry plan:

- first student on goes to back, last student in front and vice versa on drop off
- only family cohorts can sit in the same set of seats
- no pick ups for children within 2.5 km of school
- Horizon is working on busing plans – Warner is in a good position because we have fewer students
- Budget is balanced for 2020/2021, for the first time in a long time
- Anyone who is looking for more detailed information feel free to contact Derek Baron any time and he will be happy to answer any questions

Fundraising Committee Report: K. Belisle

- The plan is to open a Mabel's Labels fundraising campaign; no hard selling as these are uncertain economic times, but parents who are interested can order online and the labels will be shipped straight to them. School will receive a 20% commission on sales.

New Business:

- The question of what ages are permitted to play on playground was raised. Current understanding is K-5: why is that and can it be changed?
- The fence along the north side of the playground is still not complete and has been this way for at least 3 years. District is going to put in a piece, hopefully 6' high
- School generated funds are being directed toward the purchase of two new benches, a tether ball game and a 3 point ball game for the playground
- The council would like to purchase a gift for Bryan for his hard work this year.

MOTION: Natasha will purchase a \$150 gift card for a restaurant in Stirling from Jake Bueckert to give to Bryan.

MOVER: K. Belisle

SECOND: A. Cronkhite

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm