

Wes Hosford School Council – Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 21, 2024
Hybrid Meeting - School Library & Google Meet

In-person Attendees: Tawnia McQueen, Kilby Ritchie, Courtney Kohlruss, Erin Ramme, Loretta Campbell, Kristi Forsyth

Virtual Attendees: Amy Power

WHF Staff: Susan Freiheit, Ralph Arndt, Nicole Niles

EIPS Staff: Don Irwin

1. Call to order & Welcome

- a. Tawnia McQueen called the meeting to order at 6:05pm
- b. Land Acknowledgement by Ralph Arndt
- c. Introductions
- d. Meeting Procedures

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Any additions to the Agenda? No
- b. Loretta Motioned to approve Agenda.
- c. Erin Seconded the motion.
 - i. All in favour (6) None opposed
 1. Agenda approved

3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2024

- a. Loretta motioned to approve minutes from September 19, 2024
- b. Courtney seconded the motion
 - i. All in favour (6) None opposed
 1. Minutes adopted

4. For Information: the following was included with the Agenda.

- a. [07 AMH Education Sessions Newsletter - Nov Dec 2024.pdf](#)
- b. [ASCA Event](#)

5. Trustee's Report - Mr. Don Irwin

- a. November is the Fall General Meeting of the Alberta School Board Association held November 18 and 19th in Edmonton. Professional Learning topics include Artificial Intelligence.

- b. Also in November are School Results Review where the Board meets with every school to review student and school results from 2023-2024.
- c. School Calendar - continuing discussion on our consideration of whether to change next year's calendar. A final decision is expected at the December 19 Public Board Meeting.
- d. Next public Board meeting - Thursday Nov 28 at 10am. Agenda and discussion materials will be on Eips website as of noon Nov 24.
- e. Don Irwin announces retirement at end of term in October 2025

6. Principal's Report - Mrs. Susan Freiheit

- a. Request for Funds
 - i. Literacy Resources for Teachers \$2, 230.79
 - ii. Saffron presentation \$207.00
 - iii. Sound system equipment for assemblies and concerts etc \$3, 439.00
- b. Assurance Review Presentation
 - i. Was on Wednesday November 20, 2024
 - ii. Positive experience for those in attendance
 - iii. Place to show concerns and questions
 - iv. Greatest celebration was school culture
 - v. Greatest concerns were learning engagement, education quality, and welcoming caring respectful and safe learning environment.
 - vi. Lots of red tape with school funding parameters. Susan and Ralph have advocated for changes.
 - vii. Susan and Ralph advocated for changes to the psychoeducational process.
 - viii. Large turn over within EIPS trades, negatively impacts the school community.
- c. Modulars
 - i. EIPS needs to move portables to schools that require them
 - ii. They want 6
 - iii. Susan has advocated to keep as many as possible
 - iv. Government still needs to approve
- d. Raffle
 - i. School can not raffle off concert "front row" tickets anymore. Too sticky with AGLC guidelines.

- e. Susan Freiheit announces her retirement at the end of the 2024/2025 school year. We will miss you Sue!

7. Floor Discussion

- a. Assurance Review discussion
- b. School Council meeting start time
 - i. Move meetings back to 6:30pm
 - ii. Respect time lines

8. Vice Principal's Report - Mr. Ralph Arndt

- a. Alberta Musical Theater Performance of Rapunzel on November 27 at 1:30pm
- b. Report Cards go live Friday November 29th
- c. Remembrance Day Ceremony went well
- d. Christmas concert div 1, Christmas through the decades is the theme. Each family gets 4 tickets

9. Teacher's Update - Mrs. Nicole Niles

- a. Students enjoyed Halloween
- b. On behalf of all the teachers thank you for the staff potluck and stipend
- c. Thank you Sunshine Committee for the notes of appreciation

10. School Council Old Business

- a. Playground Grand Opening
 - i. Very successful. News outlets were present.
- b. Autumn Book Fair
 - i. Sold \$6,617.76 that is \$1,338.75 in product and \$575 in scholastic reward dollars and \$600 in cash. Next book fair dates are February 3rd and 4th during PTI evenings.
- c. Land Acknowledgement
 - i. "What Does Mother Earth Mean To You" made into a word cloud. Hopeful to have this portrayed onto a plaque.
- d. School Jerseys
 - i. Ordered and arrived

- ii. Thank you fundraising!

11. School Council New Business

- a. Sunshine Committee
 - i. Kilby gave update on current initiatives
 - ii. Will possibly take on 2025 family dance
- b. ASCE 2024/2025 Grant (\$500)
 - i. ERLC to possibly do parents night. Susan finding out cost
 - ii. EIPS numeracy consultant could also do one if needed

12. Adjournment

- a. Tawnia McQueen adjourned the meeting at 7:11pm
- b. Next meeting on January 16, 2025 at **6:30pm**