



Windsong Heights School

Agenda – School Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 11th

6:15 pm – 7:15pm

Present: John Robertson, Alexandra Owens, Ashley Janzen, Penny Beaudry, David Patayanikorn-Fithen, Renee English, Joule-An Goffe-Pounall, Ivette Chaparro, Jason Spratt, Jim Forrest, Regan Pattington, Amanda Delanay, Valerie Brown, Pam Thursfield, Diana Pounall, Jodi Emo

Regrets:

ITEM #	AGENDA ITEM	WHO
1.	Call to Order – Welcome/Introductions Called to order at 6:15 by John Agenda Review – any additions or changes	John Robertson
1.1	Minutes of February/March meeting Motion made by John to change March Minutes to state that school council will be holding the welcome back pancake breakfast as opposed to Friends of Windsong. - Motion passed by all Motion made by John to change March Minutes to state that school council will be holding the bottle drive as opposed to Friends of Windsong. -motion passed by all Motion made by Leila to approve the minutes of the February and March 2018 meetings - Seconded by Ashley Minutes approved	John Robertson
2	EXECUTIVE REPORTS	
2.1	Student Report/Presentation Ross – Recorded Novel -Ross is a grade 6 student who dedicated volunteer hours over lunch to help out the grade 5 classes by recording a reading of a novel that the grade 5 class will be reading. -He enjoyed the project, and shared what he liked about completing this project.	

	• Ella – School Creed -Every classroom got together and created a classroom creed based around 6 common words. -then each teacher picked two students as leaders to come together as leaders to create one school creed from those -the student groupings were of mixed grades 4-7 and they picked out the important parts of each creed -some kids went to classrooms and asked the whole school population which of the 6 words were most important to them and they narrowed it down to “Unique, Creative and Hardworking” -they then discussed what stuck out to them and created a whole school creed Penny discussed the next steps in creating this whole school creed – the teachers reviewed and will ask school council to review as well. Once it has been reviewed they 4-7 student leaders will take it to k-3 and make it in “kid friendly language”	
2.2	Staff Report • What it’s like to be a first year teacher at Windsong Education - Connor- Teaching degree at U of C, was in the army prior to that - Steven – straight from high school to university. Went to Mount Royal and was in the classroom each week doing practicums Working for RVS - Receive a beginning teacher coach and provides feedback and discussions in teaching - Community of Practice Days they are with other first year teachers to discuss the journey -receive a half day of unit planning with the beginning teacher coach that is dedicated to planning -Teaching support for literacy, numeracy and professional development Teaching at Windsong - The entire start of school was exciting, started quickly, they worked together helping to begin setting up their classroom in a construction zone - As beginning teachers they began to look around at other classrooms to get ideas	Grade 2 Team Steven Neufeld Connor Venables

	- Through their education they were highly encouraged to work collaborative and came in with open minds and have worked together as much as possible - The force of collaboration with no walls made them a very cohesive grade team - The staff of the school is supportive and super positive and that feeling comes down to the kids - Supportive admin has allowed them to get profession development to get better at teaching and allows them to try out new things and take risks. - They feel that they were able to jump in to a new school with an advantage over other new teachers because everything was new to everyone. - Community and Pride – grand opening, class creed and other activities have really began to build that community within our school which has turned into a sense of pride about their school.	
2.3	Chair Report Social Media – participation is increasing as well as engagement - Annual General Meeting will be at the May meeting	John Robertson
2.4	School Administration Report 1. Windsong Wolves - Code/Creed a. March 21, 2018 - Student leaders meeting (grades 4- 7) b. April 10, 2018 - Staff input c. April 11, 2018 - School Council i. Input and thoughts d. Next steps: i. Language for the k-grade 3 students e. Final Draft at May meeting 2. Staffing and Projections a. We have had 5 transfers to Windsong and there are postings up for the internal round of staffing as we being to look at 2018-19 b. Projection of 925 students and 60 + staff 3. Jersey Day will be held at Windsong tomorrow in support of the Humbolt Bronco's team and specifically the Straschnitzki family 4. April is Windsong Height's designated month to support the Airdrie Food Bank a. Theme: <u>Windsong Wolves Pack up the Hunger</u>	Penny Beaudry David Patayanikorn-Fithen

	b. Runs the week of April 23 5. Fee Approval/Feedback	
2.5	Trustee Report - Transportation – tomorrow there will be a vote. With the first round of item 21900 responses were sent. Second time 3500 responses came in. double bussing, not entering cul-de-sacs were fairly straight forward. The early Friday closing is an item to discuss as this seemed to be important to people, so tomorrow's discussion will be around seeing if we can hold to early Friday's and still manage instructional hours - After that they will go to recommendations that were made to be pro active to avoid being in this situation again - Capital Plan – the board has requested schools every year and will continue to request. By 2020 it's expected there may be a high school. Last round where Langdon was applied for, nothing was approved except modulars - They are hoping for multiple school announcements to make up for the lack of school announcements this year. - Information about the differences between school councils and societies will be explored at tomorrow's meeting and all are encouraged to attend.	Jim Forrest
2.6	Volunteer Coordinator • Volunteer Sign-up Discussion and Demo -online sign up for volunteer for various school events. - quick and easy way for parents to see what they can help with -school will support in spreading the word about the online sign up -suggestions for an app (possibly developed for us), teachers and school based.	Pam Thursfield/Samrine Junaid
2.7	Treasurer Report • None for council	Ivette Chaparro
3	COMMITTEE UPDATES	John Robertson
3.1	• Presentations to parents (Internet Safety & Drug Awareness) -Three possible speakers for internet safety -no specific dates have been set as of yet - next year have one per quarter for speakers and set dates ahead of time	Alexandra Owens

	-Alexandra will follow up with dates for May -We would like to use the online sign up to have parents sign up for the event. -child care is planned to me provided	
4	OTHER BUSINESS	
4.1	Fundraising Updates • Playground Fundraising Update – Donations from -deadline of April 30 -\$265 as of April 10th • Families, Businesses, Contractors -In the process of discussions with Mattamy and contractors • May Fundraiser – Growing Smiles -hanging baskets, herbs, strawberries. May 1-15 and tentative delivery May 31st • May Fundraiser – Kernels Popcorn -May 16th-May 31st, delivery date TBD	John Robertson Penny Beaudry Ashley Janzen
4.2	Next Meeting Date • AGM is scheduled for next month. Formal notice for this meeting will be sent by the school, along with a call for nominations. John will look into what needs to go into notice and contact Penny • Meeting date is Tuesday, May 15th at 6:15	
4.3	Adjournment Motion to adjourn by John at 7:33 - seconded by Ashley	John Robertson