

School Council Happenings

Thank you to everyone who attended our regular council meeting on January 27th, 2021.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- a) Hot Lunch Program Update [WCPS Hot Lunch Program Checklist](#) . Ready to start the first cycle from February-March using four local vendors. Is it possible to set up the option for parents to pay for several lunches in order to put into a pool to provide lunches for students who may not normally have the ability to purchase?
- b) Finalize Joint School Council Meeting - Speaker and Date
Noah Boaky Yiadom on Mental Health - March 24th, 7:00 (virtual): Focus on mental health and wellness. Presentation will be available to all families in Lacombe Schools.

Correspondence & Reports:

Treasurer's Report— Nothing new to update as there have not been any transactions, however, School Council is excited to resume fundraising through our hot lunch program.

Hunger Busters Team— We are excited to get hot lunches back up and running!

Trustee's Report—New superintendent hiring process has begun, it will be very difficult to replace Mr. Lovell. New Assurance Model, to measure success and in seeking input from stakeholders. Please take time to do the ThoughtExchange to provide your input on school district priorities, the Board wants to hear from you. WCPS has seen a dramatic reduction in enrollment due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Anticipated continued significant decrease in enrollment for 2021-22 resulting in significant loss in funding. The Board will be facing some difficult budget decisions in the coming weeks. The Board is talking with MLAs in early February to discuss the realities of the weighted moving average funding model as well as the impact Covid-19 has had on enrollment. "Hold school boards harmless" from the impacts of Covid-19.

New Business

- a) Covid 19 Updates - Nothing new to report, but again a big thank you to parents & students!
- b) Budget Feedback and Thoughtexchange:
Wolf Creek Public Schools' Board of Trustees is seeking our feedback through ThoughtExchange, an online tool used to consult with stakeholders most affected by our decisions, as the Board gets ready to prepare the school division's Three Year Education Plan and set its budget priorities.
Please watch the 2021 WCPS ThoughtExchange Priority Engagement Video.
[WCPS 2021 ThoughtExchange Priority Engagement Video](#)
After the video please do the ThoughtExchange to provide feedback.
[ThoughtExchange Feedback Link](#)
- c) Grade Six Camp: School Council will provide financial support to help keep costs reasonable. This has been tabled for now, motion will be made at future meetings once we know more whether students will attend camp this year.
- d) Fundraising - Only fundraising through hot lunches at this time.
- e) Family Literacy Project 2021 : Plans are being made for a "Literacy Blitz" week for students and families.
- f) 2021/2022 School Calendar - Consultation and feedback regarding earned days off (EDO).
- g) Staff Growth Conference Supper - Motion made for School Council to support the cost of providing supper for staff on one night of parent conferences (February 3 & 4).

Future Meetings:

What is an Inclusive School and what are GSA's? - Maryann LaFrance - Postponed until April meeting.

Upcoming Meetings Dates:

February No Meeting

March 24th - Virtual Joint School Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 28th

Wednesday, May 26th - If needed

June No Meeting

If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns regarding the above School Council Happenings or if you have any items you would like included on future agendas, please contact the Principal, Sonja Dykslag, at 782-7410.

Joint School Council

Meeting March 24, 2021
@ 7:00 pm.

All schools in Lacombe will enjoy a Virtual Joint School Council Meeting. The link will be on the school web pages. We welcome Noah Boaky Yiadom from Alberta Health Services who will speak with parents about the Mental Health & Wellness for our children.