

Westview Parent Council

Supporting Excellence at Westview

Minutes

October 13, 2021

Parent Council Members: Crystal Honey, Tina Vincent, Nicole Gastl

PRESENT: Andy Hirst, Crystal Honey, Tina Vincent, Nicole Gastl, Stephanie Behrends

ABSENT:

WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER @: 7:40pm

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVE (Nicole): Did not review.

SCHOOL REPORT (Mr. Hirst Delegate):

-Andy to send report

-Westview update: construction might be completed after Christmas.

-All kids in Radisson. Falling into a good schedule now. First month was all about getting the kids settled and into new routine/building.

-Sept 30th was a bit of a surprise, but went well. Had an elder come into the school to advise what orange shirt day was about.

-Looking ahead: Halloween Gym is a go. Oct 29th will be costume day. But nobody is still allowed in the building

-Parent teacher will likely be virtual again in the next month.

Enrollment by Class

| Kg (1,3,5) | Kg (2,4,6) | 1 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 3 | 3/4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | Total |
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Currently we have

- 2 families whose children are taking part in medical remote learning, the rest of our students are here with us

New Staff

- Ms. Danika Romaniw – Kindergarten
- Mrs. Cathryn Lanouette – Resource
- Mrs. Erin Thomas – Library

Westview Building Update:

- August 23rd, our Board and Superintendents decided that we needed to relocate our staff and students to Radisson school until the Westview Renovations have been completed.
- This move has resulted in:
 - A number of students being transported to and from school.
 - The relocation of Westview's Before and After school program.
 - A larger than usual number of students staying for lunch.
 - The combination of our grade 3 and 4 classes
- All indications that I have received thus far point to us being at Radisson until after the winter break.
- When we return Westview will have a new roof, new windows in all the classrooms and a new boiler and air handling system.

**School Life:**

- This year in preparation for September 30th our staff and students attended a virtual talk from one of our divisional elders who shared with the kids why we have Orange Shirt Day. Students were then challenged to think about kind or encouraging words we would like to share with the survivors of residential schools. Students then painted Elm disks orange and write the kind words on them. We used these disks to create a tree which is standing in the front lobby of Radisson school and will go back to Westview with us when we return.



- This project was done in partnership with the Radisson staff and students (a big thanks to Mr. Harms from Radisson for organizing these two events)
- Teachers have been asked to create and post introduction videos on their classroom TEAMS sites; these should be up later next week.
- Parent Teacher Interviews are taking place in late November over TEAMS, a variety of dates and times will be given to try and accommodate family's schedules and teachers' schedules.
- Students report cards will be published to the parent portal on December 3rd .
- Our lunch program is again in need of part time supervisors. Lunch fees will be deposited shortly.
- Halloween is on a Sunday this year so we will be having our school dress up day on the A Friday. Mrs. Deley will be hosting Halloween gym again this year with the Radisson Phys-Ed teacher.
- We have just started our "We Care" initiative this year. This program rewards students for being kind and following our 3 B's (Be safe, Be respectful, Be, Responsible). In past years when a student was "caught" doing the right thing they would be given a "We Care" ticket and they could come and sign the "We Care" poster. This year I will be collecting the "We Care" tickets in the classrooms every Friday and drawing the students' names on Monday during our virtual assembly.

STAFFING REQUESTS: None

STAFFING UPDATE:

- Ms. Danika Romaniw – Kindergarten
- Mrs. Cathryn Lanouette – Resource
- Mrs. Erin Thomas – Library

FUNDRAISING:

-Propose to look at fundraiser for in the spring, and nothing for now.

SPECIAL LUNCH: Nothing to report

FINANCIAL:

-See report. At the end of June our PAC balance was: \$5616.71.

-We should keep going with gifts for the kids in December, and staff appreciation. Then see what is needed when we return to school

PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (Crystal H):

-Andy proposed: It would be nice to have an outdoor classroom setting outside, with a hill and some seating. Andy will look at what another school has for ideas. Crystal raised some previous concerns regarding the size of hills on playgrounds. Overall, it is pretty cost effective.

SPECIAL EVENTS/DANCE COORDINATOR: Nothing to report

-Kids will have a Halloween Gym, but no visitors allowed.

FACEBOOK (Tina): Nothing to report

OTHER:

-Is there anything needed financially from PAC? Andrew advises not as of yet, but perhaps later in the year after we return to Westview, some needs might arise.

-PAC meeting schedule? We should keep regular because both Crystal and Nicole are not here last year. Should keep meetings consistent. Andy says let's plan to have it in-person (with zoom option) next month and invite some grade 1 and 2 parents to try to recruit some new parents, send some personal invites. Let's do November 10th, at 7:00pm.

-Andy will look into if we need to provide proof of vaccination before entering the school.

-Think about for the December gift to students and staff appreciation. We can do and bring to Anita to hand out in staff room.

-Crystal proposes we should do a treat for the staff Halloween treat bags. We will coordinate and come up with ideas/time together.

-how many staff: 30 is all of them

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:15pm

NEXT MEETING: November 10th at 7:00PM