

Rimbey Elementary School Parent Council Meeting Agenda

April 9, 2019

In attendance: Matilda Kleinsasser, Jodi Bramfield, Lana Leonhardt, Angela Bennik, Janelle Lundgard, Robyn McIntyre, Kathleen Terry

1. Call to Order at 5:02
2. Agenda
 - 2.1 Additions
 - 2.2 Adoption of Agenda - Robyn M. adopted. Matilda K. seconded.
3. Minutes from March 12, 2019
 - 3.1 Adoption of minutes - Robyn M. adopted. Matilda K. seconded.
4. Treasurer's Report - No Report.
 5. Business Arising from Minutes
- 5.1 Volunteer Appreciation - WE group surprising volunteers.
6. New Business
 - 6.1 Subway Day - May 24. Lana will be in touch with Gabe. Jodi will find students to give hot lunch too.
 - 6.2 Alberta School Councils Conference & AGM (April 28/19) - Robyn and Lana asked for possible funding so they could go to this conference. We will send an approval via email once we know the approximate amount to approve.
 - 6.3 Administrative Professionals Day – April 24th -Robyn M. made a motion to spend \$50.00 on a gift for Gabe P. at discretion of purchaser. Matilda seconded.
 - 6.4 Mini Hoops Concession – May 3rd -Robyn motioned to spend up to \$200.00 for the concession. Matilda seconded. Approved.

7. Reports

7.1 Principal's Report

RE School Council Principal Report for April 9, 2019

Upcoming

April 10 4D participating in a national wide math survey to gather information on how students are performing in math.

April 11 Admin across Wolf Creek must have in their teacher FTE requests for the 2019-2020 school year. WC keeps back a small percentage for hot spots identified in the Fall.

April 16 & 17 Lifetouch Fundraiser
April 24 & 25 Telus World of Science at the school
April 26 Recognition Rally for Wisdom
May 9 Grade 6 LA Part A PAT

1. Volunteer Appreciation

- Being organized by 2 WE students. Information to volunteers will be sent home with details.

2. School Crossing Lights

- A parent had heard from a third party that it was going to happen.
- Jayce Smith is going to stop at the Town Office to confirm.

3. Inclement Weather (AP 132) Summary of Feedback from Mr. Jayson Lovell, Superintendent of Schools

Four questions were asked:

- 1. What are the strengths or benefits of Wolf Creek's current Administrative Procedure -132 (Closure of Schools Due to Inclement Weather)?**
- 2. What are the challenges or difficulties of Wolf Creek's current Administrative Procedure -132 (Closure of Schools Due to Inclement Weather)?**
- 3. Do you have any recommendations for revisions to Wolf Creek's current Administrative Procedure -132 (Closure of Schools Due to Inclement Weather)?**
- 4. Additional comments?**

Many thanks for the excellent response to the four questions. 103 responses were received.

This feedback is very important to understand how our parents and schools feel about our current procedure and practices while providing constructive feedback on ways to enhance and improve how we deal with inclement weather and school closure.

Based on the feedback, five (5) key takeaways/themes were gathered (below).

Key Themes/Takeaways

1. The vast majority of respondents support our current Administrative Procedure AP 132 as it supports student and staff safety as a priority in WCPS.
2. Some parents find it difficult to arrange childcare on school closure days but, most agree arrangements can be made in advance of these school closure days.
3. Wolf Creek must strive to be as consistent as possible in terms of which conditions result in a decision to close schools due to inclement weather.
4. Many appreciate the early notification of a possible school closure day to provide additional time for parents to make arrangements.
5. The district should enhance communication to all parents on AP 132 and the factors that lead to decisions to close schools due to inclement weather.

If you have any questions regarding this information please don't hesitate to contact me. Sincerely, Jayson

7.2 School Trustee's Report

Parent Council March 2019

On March 3, 4 and 5th I attended the Rural Education Symposium and found the Keynote Speakers very interesting - their topics were about education in Rural Alberta and the Enhance learning Model collaboration between Wolf Creek and Clearview School divisions was highlighted, along with success stories from other School Divisions.

March 7th was the first Board Meeting of the month and we discussed inclusion, the Four Seasons of Reconciliation, our budget priorities, approved our Edwin Parr nomination (Kolt Bell) and our Capital plan.

On March 8 there was a session for Educational Assistants and I was the Board Rep. It was interesting to hear of their concerns and learn of the changes to the payroll system with respect to their pensions.

March 11 we met to discuss applications from employee groups and deferred them until we have more information regarding the budget for the division. We also discussed our Advocacy Plan and how we will roll it out - providing information to our Parent Councils (April 9th) and our municipalities. That evening I attended the Crestomere Parent Council meeting.

On March 14 I attended a meeting in Nisku regarding the TEBA negotiations.

March 14th was the last day of the Teacher's Convention and I had the opportunity to hear Stephen Murgatroyd speak on Change and the Future of Learning in Alberta. The next session I sat in on was by Crystal Clark of the ATA who spoke on Full Circle: Understanding the Implications of Indigenous Realities. The implications of intergenerational trauma was the focus of her session.

March 25 I travelled to Camrose for the Zone 4 meeting and that evening went to the Jr./Sr. High Parent Council meeting. They had guest speakers that night - Jo(e) Social Media and it turned out to be a most informative evening. I learned a lot about social media and how the students at the school used it.

The joint Parent Council meeting is being held tonight and I am sending my regrets to Rimbey Elementary as I will not be able to attend their meeting.

9. Adjournment - 5:40pm.

Next meeting will be held May 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.