

**Rimbey Elementary School Parent Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 5, 2020**

Attendance: Angela Bennik, Trudy Bratland, Jody Bramfield, Kathleen Terry, Michelle Service, Matilda Kleinsasser, Robyn McIntyre, Lana Leonhardt, Kelly LeBlanc.

1. Call to Order at 5:22pm
  
2. Agenda
  - 2.1 No Additions
  - 2.2 Michelle Service adopts the agenda. Matilda Kleinsasser 2nd. All in favor.
  
3. Read Minutes from March 10, 2020
  - 3.1 Adoption of Minutes - Angela Bennik adopts the minutes and Robyn Mc Intyre 2nds.
  
4. Treasurer's Report read. Michelle moves the adoption of her report as read. Matilda Kleinsasser. 2nds.
  
5. Business Arising from Minutes
  - 5.1 Hot Lunch Committee Meeting - Ratification - Robyn moves the minutes accepted as information for parent council. Angela Bennik 2nds.
  
6. No New Business
  
7. Reports
  - 7.1 Principal's Report

### **General Information:**

- Last meeting was March 10, 2020, before schools were shut down due to COVID-19. Remaining meetings for the 2019-2020 school year were cancelled.
- 2020-2021 School Enrollment = 345 (PreK - 6)
- 2019 - 2020 School Enrollment = 392 (PreK - 6)
- Smallest class is 16
- Largest classes are 24 (grade 4s)
- Number of students Homeschooling = 33 (Withdrawn from RE/WCPS)
- Number of students Virtual Learning = 22 (Remain registered at RE/WCPS)
- As of September 30, the number of students throughout the District registered in VL = 414. This is 5% of WCPS enrollment.
- Proud of how well students quickly settled into the new school year and adjusted to the new procedures.
- Wolf Creek Public Schools received \$2 566 550 of Federal Government Grant money to assist with COVID School Re-Entry Measures.
  - All Wolf Creek schools were asked to submit requests for items of need that are directly tied to COVID school re-entry measures. RE was one of a few schools to receive some of the funding. This money will go towards purchase of Plexiglass for teachers to use in the classroom for one on one or small group settings. The plexiglass will assist with allowing staff to work with students at a distance less than 2 meters with their masks off. This is very beneficial when working on literacy goals.
- Currently 1 case of COVID in a Wolf Creek School (PCHS)

### **Upcoming Events:**

- October 7 & 8: Parent Teacher Interviews from 3:15 - 7:00. Conducted via Google Meet or Phone Call.
- October 7: WCPS Administrators having a virtual session with Dr. Ross Green, a clinical child psychologist. Greene developed the model of intervention called Collaborative & Proactive Solutions. The session will be about Understanding and Helping Students with Social, Emotional, and Behaviour Challenges.
- October 23 (Professional Development Day): School Wide Virtual Literacy session: Safety, Wellbeing, & Learning.
- Staff professional development will continue to be: literacy, numeracy and wellbeing. We have purchased a school wide licence for Jody Carrington's, online course: Kids These Days: A Game Plan for (re)connecting with those we teach, lead and love. Mrs. Sylvester (grade 2 teacher) will be leading the staff through this.

### **Hot Lunches**

- Currently, due to COVID 19 this food service is not allowed in schools.
- Will inform School Council if this guideline changes

### **School Council Meetings**

Suggest we hold 5 meetings this school year, due to the restrictions and limitations of activities that School Council can assist with this school year. Propose we meet: October, November, January, March, & May. This will be in line with the high school.

After Jody Bramfield's proposal we agreed to 5 meetings a school year and set our next year's meetings for Nov. 17, 2020, Jan 12, 2021, March 9, 2021, May 11, 2021 with a start time of 5:00pm.

## 7.2 School Trustee's Report

Parent Council September 2020

As you likely know, the Central Office staff along with Division Administrators have spent a great deal of time over these past many months trying to get ahead of the government initiatives and directives regarding COVID 19. Having to deal with both Alberta Education and Alberta Health Services has been very challenging, particularly when schools were closed and then the summer holidays happened. My sincere thanks to the staff at Wolf Creek schools for all that they have done to give students the educational and emotional support and let them know that they were missed. West Country Outreach started the ball rolling early in the "lock up" by putting together a virtual celebration for their 2020 graduating class and their families. Saturday the 19th of September Rimbey Jr./Sr. High School prepared a drive through graduation for their successful diploma recipients. Both schools truly had the best interest of their students in mind and gave them a time to celebrate and remember.

Trustees held virtual Board meetings and attended at Central Office for our ASBA and PSBAA virtual spring general meetings. A number of our obligations were met virtually including Zone 4 and the Edwin Parr evening. Steven Prediger, a "mature" CTS teacher from the Lacombe Composite High School was the successful candidate and we hosted a lunch for him in Ponoka and presented his award to him then. Steven is one of the many Edwin Parr recipients that have come from Wolf Creek and I believe their success comes from the excellent hiring practises used in the division.

Our September Board meeting was focused on school re-entry and distribution of the federal dollars that the Province is in charge of. Wolf Creek received \$2,566,550.00 in Federal funding this fall. From this, Wolf Creek will be reimbursed approximately \$4,000.00 for expenses incurred such as individual bins to replace lockers, individual disinfectant bottles and microfibre cloths. All Administrators were involved in the process that determined how those dollars would be spent. Wolf Creek has been working on celebrating World Teachers Day - TODAY!! In order to celebrate all of the wonderful teachers we have in the division. We discussed the cancellation of the Retirement and Recognition banquet, an agenda for our meeting with our MLA's and Board Retreat, class sizes and the various reports that division departments provide. We will continue to meet in person once a month, down from two following the guidelines unless something urgent comes up. I recently attended the Wisdom and Guidance meeting in person - all were happy to meet and start the year.

The new Blackfalds School is in the beginning stages of planning and building. Superintendent Mr. Jayson Lovell will be leaving at the end of the year. The Board will be very focused on his replacement.

September 28 Zone 4 School Boards met - some in person, some by Zoom and it was nice to see some of the members again. We have been meeting via Zoom since April. Most of the meeting was geared towards re-entry plans and catching up on Committee meetings and deadlines that have been postponed since the spring.

8. Adjournment: Lana Leonhardt filled out the school council annual report for 2019/2021. Michelle Service will send Jodi Bramfield the treasurer's report and Jodi will send in the reports. Adjourned at 6:10pm.

Next meeting will be held November 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.