

## Warman Community Middle School Community Council Meeting

Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

### Minutes

1. Welcome everyone
  - a. Start: 6:33 pm
  - b. Attendance: Lisa Mason, Lisa Harms, Jillian Olynick, Jasmine Redekopp, Christy Burnett, Adin Dereniwski, Cheylene Turenne, Shelda Switzer
  - c. Regrets: Noah Carroll, Charmain Laroque, Tannis Beattie, Erin Hoffman
2. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes from previous meeting
  - a. Any additions/corrections
    1. Nil
  - b. Motion to Adopt Agenda
    1. Moved: Jasmine Redekopp, Jillian Olynick
  - c. Motion to Adopt Minutes from previous meeting (June 17)
    1. Moved: Lisa Harms, Shelda Switzer
3. Business Arising
  - a. Nothing to report
4. Correspondence
  - a. No correspondence
5. Reports
  - a. School Administrator (Lisa)
    - See report provided by Lisa Mason. Highlights included:
      - Enrollment is up a little this year
      - Staggered start was nice, calming and easier for kids. Are all now settled in
      - Terry Fox Walk/Spirit Day – September 17
      - Reconciliation presentation – September 24
      - Orange Shirt Day – September 29
      - Review of staffing changes
      - Grade 8 cohorts are in charge of SRC for a 2 month cycle
  - b. Board Trustees (Adin)
    - Email went out regarding the requirement for masking of K-12
    - Working on Mental Health; meeting this Monday to discuss further
    - Was a September 7<sup>th</sup> presentation to Board by Parents re: masking. Board is reviewing material and further discussion will occur at the next meeting

- September 30<sup>th</sup> Truth & Reconciliation - Board is getting together to educate themselves on the *4 Seasons of Reconciliation*, along with having speakers that will share information & experiences.
  - **ACTION: Adin to provide details to the SCC of this course**
- Working on strategic plan
- Division received funding for renovations to the Aberdeen school and the construction of a new school in Blain Lake (targeted opening Sept 2022)
- Want to ensure that schools stay open, everyone stays safe and learning continues. Focus is on Mental Health.

## 6. New Business

### a. Goal Setting

- Last year, the following 3 goals were set: Supporting Transition, Safety, Learning and Assessment
- Do we want to keep these goals for this year or set new ones? Consider SMART Goals
  - Suggestions were: Connectedness, Bullying & Discrimination, Health & Wellness
  - Group discussion was around the SCC already doing health & wellness so this would be an easy add. Transition was a big deal when school opened but is even a bigger deal now as kids only have 3 years in WCMS; not enough time to understand what their needs were from elementary school and prepare them for high school. Safety can be expanded to include bullying. Feeling safe while in school. Letting kids know they have a voice and an agency that they can reach out to. Consider having an advocate come in and teach kids on their rights.
    - **ACTION: Cheylene to reach out to identify a possible speaker**

### b. Fundraising

- Is FundScript happening?
  - Nothing has been set up yet. With Covid, there is a safety concern of people going door to door to sell and/or a large amount of gift cards waiting for pick up if onsite interview do not happen
- Flip - No communication went out; do we want to keep that open? \$500+ was deposited last year
  - Consider more communication (Facebook, Powerschool, Newsletters, Cheat Sheet, etc. How do we reach those that do not have kids at WCMS?)
  - Ensure people understand this can be used to purchase gift cards and for specific shopping items
  - Consider putting contact information on communication
- Student Fee – no fees were charged this year which leaves the SRC without money.
  - *Motion to provide \$1000 to the SRC. Moved by Lisa Harms, seconded by Cheylene. All in favour*
- Healthy Lunches – is this a possibility and what were the details in past years?
  - **ACTION: Jillian to investigate options and bring information back to next meeting**

- c. Truth & Reconciliation
    - With the school having arranged education and speakers, the SCC wondered if there was anything that could be done to support this. Nothing mentioned at this time
    - Orange Shirts can be purchased at Walmart, Leask School (fundraiser), Wanuskewin
  - d. Masking
    - Are we hearing any concerns on this requirement?
    - Mixed messages have been received from parents with some teachers receiving unsupported emails regarding the use of masks
    - SCC should advocate for wearing masks and teachers doing their jobs in keeping kids safe
      - **ACTION: to show appreciation for the teachers, Lisa Harms will look at options to thank teachers for their efforts.** Consider food or no food items. About 50 staff (including caretakers)
7. Next meeting
- a. 2021/2022 School Year Meeting Dates
    - October 21, 2021
    - November 18, 2021
    - January 13, 2022
    - March 10, 2022
    - April 7, 2022
    - May 19, 2022
    - June 16, 2022
8. Adjournment at 7:45pm