



School Council Minutes

Date	February 15, 2012
In Attendance	Tania, Colleen, Judy, Kelly, Deb H, Kathy, Lisa, Darryl
General Business	
Start Time	7:05
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions – none • Approved by Tania Seconded by Judy
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Errors/Omissions - none • Approved by Colleen Seconded by Tania
Discussion Items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional School Council Meeting Report – January 23, 2012 • High school student council reps were present to create a regional student council. • Discussion around Early Dismissal Friday – recommendations from school councils were discussed • Community engagement presentation – Kathy will invite Ruth to come to next School Council Meeting • Impact of social media on emergency situations – school staff telling children to do one thing and parents emailing/texting to respond differently
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter item – Emergency situations - inform parents that we will communicate details asap and the importance of children following directions given at the school by teachers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference call with Minister Lukaszuk • Tania, Colleen & Kathy took part • Topics discussed – PAT's & Diplomas, budget predictability, high & low population areas and schools, parent involvement in proposed new School Act, regulating home schooling, preparation of students for the oil & gas jobs in Alberta • Audio clips of Feb 8 parent conference can be heard at http://ideas.education.alberta.ca/engage/have-your-say • Next teleconference is Monday, March 19 from 7:30 to 9:00. Let Kathy know if you are interested in attending
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Appreciation Week • A few glitches but overall it is very appreciated by staff!
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prairie Winds Clubhouse – hot lunch pilot project providing a nutritionally balanced hot lunch to a class in April, May, June. School Council supports this pilot project. More details will follow.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Report – Kelly Hall • By-election in Fort Macleod – Lori Hodges was elected • Projected enrolment – numbers are down again 5.5% decline across the division (about 200 students).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget – 3 year funding cycle, projected budget for 2012-2013 - decrease in funding of \$17 000. Declining enrolment is a problem. • Instructional Material Fees – Board has received school information which will go to Admin Council on Feb 28 and then a recommendation will be submitted to the Board for a decision • Coordinated school day & early Friday dismissal review – Board is happy with feedback from parents, students & schools – will continue as is, 70% staff satisfaction, 76% student satisfaction, more anecdotal comments from parents
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Report • Review of Early Friday dismissal information collected from WMES students, parents and staff • PATH visioning process update • Pinnacle Parent Internet Viewer – Parents and students will be able to view grades on-line by June 2012.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclement Weather Admin Policy 542 – Kathy will ask for the admin procedure to be reviewed. Recommendation would be -35 degrees instead of -45 degrees.
Adjournment	
Next Meeting	Wednesday, March 21
Adjournment	• Adjourned by Deb H . Time – 9:00