

WMES School council meeting minutes- April 14, 2025

Attendance: Shea Mellow (principal), Heather Macdonald (assistant principal), Shauna Fankhauser, Sandra Detmers, Danielle Johnson, Trustee Carla Gimber, Jill Klapp, Jen Fairs.

Meeting called to order 7:00pm

Approval of Agenda- Motion Danielle Johnson, second Sandra Detmers

Approval of March meeting minutes- Motion Danielle Johnson, second Sandra Detmers

Business from last meeting- Library reference sheet committee will state why we're doing it, what it is, and who can participate in helping. Controversial books have been based off the LRSD admin procedure 206 which requires teachers to notify parents if they want to use materials in the classroom that include subject matter dealing with religion, human sexuality or sexual orientation. -
- The committee will get together to create a list of all the books in the school library that would fit any of those categories. We are not taking books out of the library, that is outside the scope of this committee.

-The committee will go through the library list and identify books with those subject matter and make a list under those categories. The committee can't add commentary to the list, they can't remove books from the library either. The committee will be dissolved once admin approves the book list.

Parent engagement funds- We booked Dr. Karrah for April 29th to do a session for parents on helping the kids read and spell. She is a literacy specialist that has been working with the grade 1,2,3's. That was \$300 of the parent engagement fund, we have about \$325 left over for the year.

We are looking into buying copies of "The anxious generation" for families to read.

New business, Principal report- Shea Mellow- Upcoming events May 1st at 10:15am Westwind thunder, a dance troop from Cardston, will be performing. They celebrate indigenous cultures with traditional hoop dance as well as some break dancing.

Field trips start in May. June 19th is the Grade 6 farewell. They had one fundraising event and that's all they needed because they have received some donations from the community.

School council policy was passed back in January but Darryl was going over it and realized that legal brought it back for another revision. There has been some changes based on the education act and legislative.

Staffing update- Debbie Bronson will be retiring this year, she takes care of the learning commons and the nutrition program.

Track and field- Shauna Fankhauser has offered to run the program, That will start after easter break.

Teacher Report- Jen Fairs- Thank you to all the parents that made/ bought food for the teachers for parent teacher interview night.

The last assembly was a hit, there was lots of recognition of students and some easter activities followed by an egg hunt that was put on by the lighthouse team. There was a winner in each classroom, whoever found the golden egg got to pick a book from the book order.

Fundraising report- Sandra Detmers- WCCHS reached out for some help with the line painting for the high school football field. The fundraising society contributed to help towards that.

The fundraising society is putting together a family dance for May 9th.

Casino night is June 28/29th they need 18 people to assist, keep your eyes open for the volunteer sign up sheet. There are day and night shifts. The casino money goes towards swimming lessons, field trips, and anything extra. They only get to do the casino every three years.

Trustee report- Carla Gimber- See attached for key messages. The last meeting was March 25th they had presentations by the Southern Alberta Collegiate Institute of Technology, they talked about the paths that exist for grade 7-12 regarding trades.

OHS did a presentation about the updated hazard assessment, employee training, incident reporting and investigating, chemical management inspection, emergency preparedness and legislative compliance that goes along with that.

LRSD pursuits Tara Tanner the division principal did a presentation on the pursuits which includes the virtual school, outreach school, home education, diploma prep, summer school, the place based programming, tutoring and pre-employment center. Theres about 100 different courses in grades 9-12 and provide instruction for about 424 students throughout the division.

Trustee budget report has been approved for the 2024/2025 year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm