



# Wilson Middle School

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## School Council Meeting Minutes April 10, 2024 6:30 p.m.

The Wilson Way:

Compassion, Citizenship, Perseverance, Honesty, Trustworthiness Fairness, Responsibility and Respect

Parents and Caregivers help students live out their hopes, realize their dreams, and conquer obstacles through the Wilson Way by:

- Developing a positive partnership with the school.
- Actively communicating with staff to ensure student success.
- Supporting youths' physical, academic and social well-being
- Contributing to Wilson's positive influence in the wider community.

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In Attendance: Dean Hawkins, Kira Kinahan, Cynthia Young, Phi Jang, Shane Mann, Linda McKeith, Kurt Zeilke

Call to order 6:35pm

1. Errors/Omissions of Previous minutes - none
2. Adoption of Minutes - Shane Mann 2<sup>nd</sup> Kira Kinahan
3. Additions to agenda – none
4. Adoption of agenda – Linda McKeith 2<sup>nd</sup> Kira Kinahan
5. Business arising from the minutes – none
6. Trustee Report – **Genny Steed**

Trustee report:

The board is seeking input from school councils as we are finalizing decisions on areas of focus and priority for next year's assurance plan that will be submitted to Alberta Government for approval. The province requires that we submit a plan that prepares the division for success in the following areas: student growth and achievement, teaching and leading, Governance, learning supports, and local and societal context. I realize that requires more explanation, but in a nutshell, the board is seeking input as we set area of focus for planning and budgeting for next year.

The board is also seeking input as we are working with the division on the budget for next year as well and would appreciate any feedback that your council has to offer.

We are also looking for stakeholder engagement on the policies being reviewed for the policy advisory committee and invite all Stakeholders to access the feedback portal on the website. A change was made to the composition of the policy advisory committee this year and we have three Parent representatives, One for each level - Elementary, middle, and high school. The representative for middle schools is Carrie Boshman and we are working with to establish a consistent framework for her to connect with each of the middle school councils To bring your perspective to the committee on upcoming policies. In the meantime, I am happy to pass along any feedback that you would like her to review. The upcoming policies are as follows:

502.1 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, and safe Learning Environments

609.1 Assessment of student learning achievement

609.2 Report Cards

607.4 Responsible use of technology

#### 7. Division School Council Report –**Cynthia Young**

- Budget discussion – increase, but not even enough to keep up with basics
- April 22 Coffee with Trustee – westside @ Petals, Paws & Bean
- ASCA registration due on May 15
- Policy feed back – none from our council
- ICE Scholarship
- Websites – accessibility, ease of use for Parent Council information
  - o Our new bylaws need to be updated
- Education Week – next week – thank your teachers
  - o ATA nominations – 150 received – doing draws for the week
- \$500 grant – was supposed to have been deposited Feb 28
  - o Dean to check and see if the school received it
- \$250 – District looking into that
- Events with extra curricular events at Chinook – prompted a pilot binder regarding 1) Coaching – an online module for interpersonal relationships, respect, etc outlining the volunteers commitment to the team and 2) Students – module about interpersonal relationships, respect, etc

#### 8. Administrative Reports – **Dean**

##### **Dean**

Grade 6 survey done by 200+ students – mainly on par with provincial norms.  
High sense of belonging – improvement  
Positive Relationships & Friends – higher than it's ever been.  
Value of School – 83% value school outcomes  
Interest & Motivation  
Effort – trying hard - 81% believe they are.  
Feel safe attending school – above provincial average.  
Someone at school providing encouragement.  
Positive student teacher relationships  
Clear rules and expectations for classroom behavior  
Expectations for Success  
Someone at home providing encouragement – improvement – but lower at home than at school.

Social media – significant issue

Grade 7 done by 121 students - quite similar to Grade 6 only slight variance.

Truancy Issues

Positive Homework Behavior – on par

Anxiety level – lower than provincial average

Depression – slightly higher

Positive Self Esteem – slightly lower – correlate with Anxiety & Depression

Vape & Tobacco use – 5% - compared to Canadian average of 6%

Marijuana & Alcohol – lower than average

Bullying – maintained – however lots of people don't understand what bullying is – mostly happened via social media.

Feel safe attending school – can be often misinterpreted as other results like are high. Feeling positive about their school.

Changing schools – transiency

Parent Survey done – 25 respondents.

Assurance Planning – underway – will discuss next meeting.

- Lights delivered.
- Fitness Centre equipment delivered.
- Band – working through process for additional instruments.
- New Kiln ordered for Art room has been ordered.

Awaiting Casino funds – Dean has an order ready for technology items – must receive funds before it is placed.

Hockey Equipment – looking to get new helmets and skates – in progress of ordering.

Registration in progress for Grade 5s

- over 630 kids for next year – slight increase
- May 1 Grade 5 student orientation day
- May 2 Grade 5 parent orientation night

### **Taylor**

Badminton at UofL 16/17/18

Track & Field testing started

May 13 school meet

May 29 city meet

Athletic Awards – day ceremony this year

Kona Ice Fundraiser on Friday April 19 for Frozen show – and a few more times

### **Kurt**

PAT

- some cancelled because of new curriculum
  - Still have science and social studies
- will participate in field testing for new exams
- going to be all digital going forward
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Fine Arts

Frozen cash raffle

- still like a 50/50
- just drawn once for the week instead of daily

Diversity & Positive Spaces

- Tee Pee Overnight

Dare Arts Gala

Color Party – well attended and enjoyed

9. Parent engagement grant

- Motion: Spend \$150 to secure Nancy Keeler presentation May 8<sup>th</sup>
  - o Cynthia Young
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Kira Kinihan
- Motion: Purchase Sign through Caylee Roth \$160
  - o Phi Jang
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Shane Mann
- Motion: Purchase folding tables for \$190 (as many as possible)
  - o Phi Jang
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Kira Kinahan

10. Adjournment – 7:58

## **Wilson Parent Advisory Council Society Meeting**

Call to Order 8:01

1. Errors/Omissions of Previous minutes – none
2. Adoption of Minutes – Shane Mann 2<sup>nd</sup> Kira Kinahan
3. Additions to agenda - none
4. Adoption of agenda – Kira Kinahan 2<sup>nd</sup> Shane Mann
5. Business arising from the minutes – none
6. Treasurers Report – closing balances February 29
  - a. Bank balance \$1494.08
  - b. Gaming account balance \$1702.71
7. New Business:
  - a. Casino- WMS Technology – Laptops and Ipads \$30,000
    - i. Money has be in the Casino account before an order can be placed
    - ii. Motion tabled.
  - b. Staff Year End Dinner – June 26 – not participating this year – low funds.
  - c. Frozen Electronic Cash Raffle
    - i. Motion: To hold an Electronic Cash Raffle over 4 days of the show (April 22-25, 2024) half of proceeds to go to the winner. Draw to be made Friday April 26, 2024.
      1. Kira Kinahan
      2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Phi Jang
8. Adjournment 8 p.m.

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