

**Wilson Middle School
School Council Meeting October 9, 2024**



Attendance:

Jeni Halowski, Taylor Keith, Parker Bijl

Cynthia Young, Heather Farough, Jessica Hodgson, Linda McKeith, Samantha Hawthorne, Tasha Olsen

Call to order: Oct 9, 2024 @ 6:05pm

1. Errors/Omissions of Previous Minutes – none noted
2. Adoption of Minutes - Tasha / Heather seconded
3. Additions to Agenda - None
4. Adoption of Agenda – Linda / Tasha seconded
5. Business Arising from the Minutes – None
6. Trustee Report

School Trustee was not present. Jeni recapped the minutes which are available on the School District website (<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/board/board-meetings>)

- Board priority report is available on the District Website
- World Teacher day was on Saturday, October 5 and recognized by the School District
- The new boundaries for West Lethbridge Elementary schools is available
- A request has been put forth for more information to consider grade reconfiguration. To optimize space and considering busing changes, an idea is to move grade 6 to elementary and grade 9 to middle school.
- As well a review of social medial and mobile device policy has occurred.

7. Division School Council Report – provided by Tasha

- They had their first meeting on October 7, 2024 and elected various positions / committees
- Community Engagement Committee will meet October 30 @ 6 pm a the Board Office.
- ASCA & grant discussion. ASCA will be checking school websites for council minutes.
- Town Hall will be coming up. Asking for parents to submit topics they would like covered.
- In November, there will be an event for parents. Details to be determined.

8. Hold on to Your Kids Update – provided by Cynthia

- Reached out the facilitator and was advised they have retired. So this is no longer an option.
- Will need to decide on a different parent engagement event. To be discussed further at next council meeting

9. Administrative Reports

Jeni

1. Division Town Hall: the division is looking for potential town hall topics. If you have any particular topics you would like to discuss please let me know and I will let Mike Nightingale know.
2. October PL and PTIs:
-There is no school on Oct 23, 24 and 25 for Professional Learning (PL) and Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI). Parents can book PTI on the school website
3. Grade 6 Class Sizes
- Due to large class sizes, a 7th grade 6 pattern will start on Oct 15. This will reduce class sizes down to 30-31 students to each class. Impacted families have been advised.

Kurt

1. Diversity & Positive Spaces Update:
 - Indigenous Bingo Family Night @ Fairbairn - Evening of October 16th
 - Free dinner/refreshments 5:30-6pm
 - Bingo night starts @ 6pm
 - Looking at the possibility of having a bus transport families from Wilson to Fairbairn school
2. Inclusive Ed: If your child has an ISP/BSP, a draft of student Instructional Support Plans and Behaviour Support Plans are typically reviewed during parent teacher interviews (or learning team meetings). These documents are completed in collaboration with parents/guardians. If you have additions you would like to add to these documents and/or if your child has support plans completed at other community organizations (eg. Bridges) please let us know

Taylor

1. Fundraiser: - Big Box of cards fundraiser will start this week. On Friday Oct 11, the youngest child of each family will be sent home with a Box to show people. An information sheet will also be provided with QR codes that show the different boxes and connect people with online payment. There will be prizes for kids who sell boxes.

Upcoming Dates in *October*

October

4th & 5th Wolverine Classic Volleyball Tournament

8th Grade 6 Corn Maze

9th School Council Meeting

11th Term 1A Ends

14th Thanksgiving Holiday

15th Term 1B Begins

17th Grade 7 Health Day

23rd School PL Day

24th School PL (am)/PTIs (1:00 – 8:00pm)

25th PTIs (8:00 – 12:00pm)

29th Live Different Assembly (9:00 – 10:00am)

31st Halloween

November

5&7: LSAA Volleyball Playoffs

8: Remembrance Day Assembly

11: Remembrance Day (no school)

12: Division PL (am)/School PL (pm)

13: School Council Meeting 6:30pm

29: Term 1 Ends

**Wilson Parent Advisory Council Society Meeting
October 9, 2024 – right after School Council meeting**

1. Errors/Omissions of Previous minutes - None
 2. Adoption of Minutes - Tasha / Heather seconded
 3. Additions to agenda
 - Parker has a proposal. Will be added under New Business
 4. Adoption of agenda – Linda / Samantha seconded
 5. Business arising from the minutes - None noted
 6. Treasurers Report
 - As of September 30, 2024 the balance in each account:
 - Chequing account \$607
 - Gaming account \$8,776.82
 - 50/50 gaming account \$3,019.09
 7. Dinner for Teachers October 24– Taco dinner for 36 adults
Food needs to be at the school by October 24 @ 3:45pm. Items can be dropped off in advance.
The following will be provided:
 - Samantha - 10 lbs of ground beef, sour cream and salsa. She will cook the meat
 - Heather – cheese
 - Cynthia – diced tomatoes and lettuce
 - Jessica – Corn shells and soft shells. Ensure there is a gluten free option
 - Linda – guacamole and dessert
 - Shane – Pop
 8. New Business
Parker presented a proposal for an innovative experience for all kids.
 - Dance is part of the physical education (PE) curriculum / program.
 - SoundKreations (<https://www.soundkreations.com/>) is a Calgary company that has been around for 12 years. They provide dance workshops based on current dance trends.
 - Requesting: \$2500 for a 5-day program (November 25-29). This includes lessons that is connected to curriculum, in class presentation for all grades, resources for teachers, and final presentation. If approved a 15% retainer fee is needed to hold the date.
- Heather proposed Advisory Council give Wilson Middle School \$2,500 to have SoundKreations provide a 5-day program. Seconded by Tasha. All were in favour.
9. Adjournment @ 7:37pm