

WRAPSC MINUTES

February 6, 2018

The meeting began at 7pm.

Motion: January 9, 2018 agenda be approved with addition of LTAP.

Motioned: Glen Anderson; Seconded: Michelle Heard; Motion passed.

Motion: January 9, 2018 minutes be approved.

Motioned: Glen Anderson; Seconded: Mandi Bond; Motion passed.

- I. Matthew Gerard, Superintendent of Business Services at WRDSB.
Matthew discussed the budget and how funding is allocated. An increase in enrollment in Elementary and Secondary means more grants for pupils. Enrolment trends are stronger in Kitchener in both Elementary and Secondary because of the new developments. The number of students qualifying for ESL/ESD funding is up. The grants need to be spent on the specific pupils that fall under specific foundations.
 - A. GSN (Grants for student needs)
 - Base funding (pupil foundation, school foundation)
 - Targeted funding (special purpose grants)
 - Flexible funding (transportation)

 - B. Pupil Foundation
 - Teachers, ECE, EA's
 - Textbooks and learning materials
 - Classroom supplies and computers
 - Library and guidance services
 - Specialist teachers
 - Student success teachers
 - Professional and paraprofessional supports
 - Classroom consultants

 - C. School Foundation
 - 104 elementary schools; 16 secondary schools
 - This grant funds: Principals, Vice principals, school secretaries, school office supplies
 - Special purpose
 - Special education
 - Language
 - Indigenous education
 - Geographic circumstances
 - Learning opportunities
 - Safe and accepting schools
 - Continuing education
 - Teacher qualification and experience
 - Students transportation
 - Declining enrolment
 - School board administration

- School facility operations and renewal
- Debt service support

D. Capital Funding

- Site specific
- Driven by enrolment

E. Education program other

- Temporary
- Targeted funding for initiatives

There will also be a budget survey, and the link will be sent out when available.

Matthew finished off with informing us about partnerships and how beneficial they are to communities.

Some of our regions schools have day care located inside, some schools have city properties attached to them which allows the school to have access to the adjoining area.

II. Lauren Agar, Manager of Planning at WRDSB

Lauren came to WRAPSC meeting to inform us about the LTAP (Long Term Accommodation Plan). The LTAP is important because it helps prioritize areas for funding. The LTAP is used when determining school closures or expansions. The LTAP team provides a plan and then informs all people needed to start and carry out the plan. They have short and long-term recommendations to draft a work plan over the next ten years. The proposals in the LTAP are only potential solutions and final decisions regarding the recommendations go to elected board trustees for review. This plan identifies where new schools are needed, building additions, changing attendance boundaries, closing schools, and/or developing partnerships, how well schools are maintained. The draft of the LTAP is online at www.wrdsb.ca/planning/ltap.

The summary document with links is attached.

III. Matthew Gerard & School Day use for Fundraising

Matthew also talked about School Day and the benefit it has had in the Waterloo region. School Day is being used by 75.3% of families, 49,300 students are registered. School Day has collected \$2.7 million online. (2016-2017). This school year (September 2017 until January 25, 2018) it has collected 2.5 million so far. Matthew also reported that the merchant fees have decreased as of January 2018 from 4% to 2.9%. School Day has had a few hiccups but overall it is cutting out the amount of cash transactions needed. It was also suggested that during fundraising campaigns it is helpful to factor in the 2.9% that goes to School Day for an operational fee. School Day is also resourceful in getting messages out to parents on a daily basis, and Councils are encouraged to work with their Principals to use this to their advantage.

IV. Brent Hutzal, PIC Co-Chair

Brent introduced the new Parent Posts on the WRDSB website. He also asked for some new members to join and either be potential bloggers for the posts, or talk about ideas for new blogs. If you were not at the meeting and would like to join please email either brent_hutzal@wrdsb.ca or Melissa Jenkins melyssajenkins@outlook.com and we can add you to the group.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm