

Northlake Woods School Council

Monday, February 28, 2022 DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome and Attendance
 - a. Tavia, Steph, Sheryl, Rebecca, Nick, Melynda, Lilly, Maria, Allie, Lindsey, Laura, Karen, Johanna, Jen W, Jeff, Anne, Chris, Brittany
Regrets: Meagan
 - b. November minutes passed

2. WRDSB School Council Review (Anne)
 - Purpose of school councils is through the act of participation of parents to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system
 - Primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations in accordance with the regulations of the principal and the board
 - We are an advisory board, a communication between homes and school
 - Fundraising money is the boards, and we can simply recommend and suggest
 - Thoughts and concerns get passed on and our voice matters

3. Teacher Report
 - Still losing home reading books on a weekly basis and still a few shy in some levels. We have 30 levels between kindergarten – grade 3
 - Report cards went home February 16
 - Chris Schroeder's top 3 most important things you can do to help your kids to be successful at school.
 - READ with your children, read to your children, and have your child read to you!
 - Promote a positive, optimistic and curious attitude through your modelling! Encourage questions asking and be interested in their ideas.
 - Listen to their stories. Listen to their hopes and dreams. Listen to their celebrations and worries. You don't have to solve all the problems right away, give them an opportunity to have a voice.

4. Principal Report
 - Request from Christine Martin for additional funds to purchase home reading books to enhance the bins in the grade 2 and 3 levels. Some of the books are worn and out of date for content and interest for these levels
 - Walk to school day, we won a scooter rack!
 - Strings will hopefully be up and running again soon
 - February 23, Intermediate students participated in a virtual career fair called Explore your Future (Jen Welch update)

Motion to approve \$1,500 from the surplus for the purchase of home reading books to enhance the book bins for levels 12+

Seconded by Anne

Motion Approved

5. WRAPSC Update (Allie)

- Equity and Inclusion (January meeting)
- The aim of equity and inclusion is to create a system that reinforces equity. It addresses systemic discrimination in our education system.
- Boards Goal: transformational change; a child's identity doesn't determine their chance of academic achievement.
- The role of school council in creating equitable schools – disrupt traditional views and need to create an entire community that has a voice

6. Playground Investigation Committee Update

- Board is putting together a new policy on playgrounds. Holding off on making major decisions until that policy is established
- Waiting for contacts to get back to us regarding location etc.
- Current primary playground still has possibly up to 10 more years of life left. The board checks the level of the crushed gravel (fall surface) however the board is not responsible for the aesthetic maintenance such as weeds etc.

7. Woodlot Update

- Damaged and sick trees have been removed along with the signage stating it was an unsafe area
- Metal door with a metal frame installed on cabin and should be keyed to the teacher key
- Plan for woodlot clean up in the spring
2 Grants received
- World Wildlife Fund Canada Go Wild grant \$1000 (spent this spring strictly on plantings)
- Wildlife Habitat Canada, Community Conservation Action Program grant \$2,500 (to be spent before the end of March 2023)

8. One Book One School Committee

Book Title: Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox

Métis Canadian Author and Illustrator: Danielle Daniel

- Physical copy of the book to each home (approx. 260 families) with 40% off
- Received 2 grants
 - PIC grant \$500
 - PRO grant \$500
- Danielle may be available for a virtual reading (great kick off idea)
- Teachers are invited to incorporate it at their discretion
- Hope to send out a calendar of events with every weekend having a different activity you can choose to participate with your child(ren) surrounding the book
- Incentive prizes/draws
- Possibly rehome books that are unused from families at NLW

Motion to approve \$2000 from the surplus to spend on the One Book One School community event

Firm up the cost closer to the date when we find out if Danielle is available to present and books and prizes

Seconded by Lilly

Motion Approved

9. 25th School Anniversary Plan

- Plan for both scenarios of an in person and virtual celebration
- NLW swag fundraiser?
 - Virtual - music playing, introductions, slideshow, performers, and raffles etc.
 - In Person - outside picnic, food trucks (free item per student?) audio, slideshow, and art inside the gym
- Time capsule? 25 Year "Blast from the Past"? Foam Party?
- Sheryl to take lead on the planning committee
 - Members: Sheryl, Lilly, Rebecca, Jen

Hold off on graduation planning until board direction

Next meeting: March 21, 2022

Adjournment 9:18pm