

# Westbrook School

## School Council

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### School Council Meeting

January 29, 2020

6:45pm

### **Draft for Approval**

Call to Order 6:45pm

In Attendance: Christine Parker, Julie Livingstone, Sarah Spocchi, Judi Hunter, Nicola Veasy-Jalbert, Linda Holmes, Kari McClounie, Kristi Purnell and Lisa Megley

#### **1. Adoption of Minutes – (Kristi)**

Kari McClounie motions to adopt the minutes from the November 27, 2019 meeting, seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **2. Addendums / Approval of Agenda – (All)**

Kristi Purnell motions to approve agenda, Linda Holmes seconds

#### **3. Principal's Report – (Christine)**

- farewell to Mrs. Inzinger; early departure means Westbrook may not have a permanent person in place - could initially be substitute(s)
- accountability pillars survey for grades 4-8
- Rocky View will not be doing satisfaction surveys
- presentation Christine Parker gave will be posted online
- deadline for alien in-line has been extended
- midterm exams are going well (we want our students to have test writing skills and be prepared for grade nine/PAT's (math is cumulative while social midterm is term one material)
- running club is going well (grades 3-8)
- ski trip (grade 4/5) second day cancelled due to weather COP closed)
- ski trip (grade 6-8) February 3
- Westbrook Choir attending upcoming festival, followed by choir party the following week then done for year (Christine thanks Kristi for all her hard work)
- leadership conference – applicants on waiting list
- Christine thanks Kari for taking care of fun lunch – no issues raised other than limited vendors
- kindergarten orientation was cancelled due to weather – has been re-booked (Christine to confirm new date)
- school messenger – Angela Spanner manages communications
- power school was down Thursday
- 2 emails sent regarding school closures
- term 1 celebration – ran by grades 3, 4 & 5 special appearance by Ron Jovi (Mr. Erison); Mr. Fines was tube conductor
- basketball; looked at running grade 6 teams but majority would be grade 5; 12 girls, 13 boys
- lockdown drill; 3 RCMP members joined drill – said Westbrook did outstanding

### ***Principal's Report Cont'd***

- teacher transfer process complete
- importance of student attendance; talking to families
- lip sync – finalizing date; tba
- Christine accidentally shut down parent portal (next year will be real time, parents of all grade levels will have access)
- families is going well with 'circle of courage'
- end of report 7:13pm

#### **4. Trustee's Report (Judi H)**

- Judi asks how new building is coming along
- Christine says progress good; pilons have been prepared for portables – plan to move to rear during Easter break/some concerns whether we will get portables from other schools in time
- Judi asks if we will be running Casino – she'd be happy to work it if/when we do
- budget is going to be a problem as reserve are depleted, hopefully impact will be minimal
- news from Rocky View County; wants to stop funds from new subdivisions from coming to Westbrook
- AB Education recently sent out survey
- Rocky View surveys generally focus on community rather than controversial topics (high school having one stream instead of levels suited to different learning abilities)
- survey can be found on AB Ed's website
- public assurance model - provincial funding growth
- curriculum is focused on job skills
- private school to open in Springbank 'Changemaker' (approx. 10-15K per year/student), no government funding first year – focusing on enrollment of Bowness/Crestmont
- private schools do NOT accept 'special education' students so schools do not have to hire support staff (ATA)
- Julie mentions a survey regarding government funding for private schools  
"When a course is set, there's usually an agenda."
- Kari asks if schools are required to have a special needs bus; its mentioned that sometimes school arranges that parent of special needs child will drive (1 bus = 50k/year)

#### **5. FOW Report (Sarah)**

- 417 trip of the month tickets sold (approx. net 10k)/next trip is Disneyland
- doing a Value Village fundraiser; trailer at Westbrook, based on weight
- farewell BBQ June 4 (tentatively)
- AGM March 4 at 5:15pm
- Christine asks Sarah to pls send list of winners so she can acknowledge them in newsletter

#### **6. Fun Lunch (Kari)**

- made switch to Healthy Hunger because Rocky View was going 'cashless'
- discuss issues with various vendors ie: Jugo Juice and personal pizzas to slices
- likes subway guy – same one we had used previously
- next up is Edo, then Opa
- Kari went to speak with Tim at Dairy Queen and he is willing to give us prices from last year however not through Healthy Hunger; Christine to check with Corina if we can use school cash for orders
- plan to send survey to parents in May regarding Healthy Hunger
- re: mix ups, Kari was able to order extra in case of mix up and with Healthy Hunger, this is no longer an option for her

**7. Volunteer Coordinator**

- meeting held today (January 29); determined FOW will hold farewell BBQ with charge (Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>), a family dance and silent auction will be held on Saturday, May 30.
- Kari will look into having food trucks at event as well as if license/registering for silent auction is required.
- need to create sub committees for fundraising (70k is still owing on gymnasium)
- Nicola notes license is not required for silent auction (liquor)
- suggestions made re: Westbrook memorabilia ie: gym floor, pieces of school (Kristi mentions selling bricks as her childhood school did)

**8. Fair Update (Linda)**

- scheduled for May 8&9 (May 9 conflicts with 4Hand may be an issue for some committee members of both)
- Westbrooks 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- giving student entries a piece of WBS memorabilia is suggested, Christine suggests keychains
- licensing is discussed for draws and silent auction as well as who should apply for this; (FOW will likely have to apply for this rather than School Council)
- food will be chili and buns to be served
- silent auction donations discussed, student entries may be donated as auction items
- Mr. Erison is leading a student art project
- next school fair committee meeting will be held Feb (time?)

**9. Adjourn Meeting**

8:07pm

Kristi Purnell motioned to adjourn and Christine Parker seconds

**Next meeting dates**

**Mar 4<sup>th</sup> – 6:45pm**

**May 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:45pm**