



MINUTES
Woodbridge Farms School Council
September 25, 2019
6:30-7:30pm
Woodbridge Farms Elementary School Library

Chair	Tara Lamabe
Vice Chair	Julie Ballhorn
Secretary	vacant (Lori Lehman)

Agenda Item	Notes	Actions
1.0 Welcome	Tara L welcomed everyone and all attendees introduced themselves	
2.0 Review and Approval of Previous Minutes	-unavailable due to power failure, to be reviewed at October meeting	ACTION: approve AGM minutes
3.0 Approval of Agenda	- corrected Trustee name to Don Irwin, motion to approve by Alexia F, seconded by Khristi E, all in favour, APPROVED Outstanding ACTION: Andy Cunningham confirmed the gym is booked for October 25, December 16-19 and May 29 for PA events	Approved with corrections
4.0 Trustee Report	Welcome back to another exciting school year and thank you parents for being involved in your children's education by being by being a member of the parent council at your school. The school year began for the trustees on the Thursday before the long weekend with the trustees cooking breakfast for the central Administration staff followed by our organizational meeting for the year.	

We have met a number of times in September including our annual board planning Retreat which we just completed September 17 and 18th.

Major discussion points during these days included facilities and student populations including Sherwood Park and Fort Saskatchewan which both face challenges with growth in the communities in coming years.

In our meetings we have reviewed the current the new policy for the use of electronic devices which seems to be working very well we are getting good replies from parents and school administrators. We are also getting inquiries from many other boards in the province and across Canada for information on the policy as they want to create one for their school divisions.

The trustees met with the new education minister earlier this month and received updates on the budget process which should be completed by October 31st. Lack of a budget has been a major problem for all divisions as we are uncertain as to our funding so that we've had to budget very conservatively until we know the details. Thank you for patience and understanding.

I look forward to working with you this year.

I would encourage each Parent Council member to feel free to send me questions or requests for information at anytime. Email is preferred but text or phone are fine too.

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Link for more details on Board and Trustee meetings and activities -
<https://www.eips.ca/trustees/agendas-minutes-highlights>

5.0 School Report

Andy Cunningham presented:

1. Enrolment Update:

Grade	Total	CSP/ETP	#
Kindergarten	41	N/A	41
1	36	4	32
2	45	3	42
3	51	4	47
4	44	2	42
5	48	5	43
6	54	5	49
Total	319	23	296

2. School Budget

- a. Alberta Government releasing budget on October 24th
- b. Will be a few days after that before we know our school allocation

3. School Fees

- a. Will remain the same as last year
- b. Based upon projected cost recovery of what we actually need
- c. Ski Trip – raised slightly, based upon raised prices at Sunridge

d. New cost – Gr.5 Swimming (optional fee)

4. School Education Plan (Year Two)

a. Goals:

- i. More students demonstrating one year of growth in literacy
- ii. More students demonstrating one year of growth in numeracy
- iii. Students will be better prepared for lifelong learning, the world of work and citizenship

b. Largely a continuation of last year's work:

c. What is new:

- i. Reader's Workshop
- ii. Math PL Day – Box Cars & One Eyed Jacks
- iii. Shift to focus on the 7 Teachings instead of LinM

5. PAT Results & Accountability Pillar

- a. PAT results just released
- b. Accountability Pillar not released yet
- c. Will share more at October staff meeting (along with SEP)

6. Personal Communication Devices

- a. New EIPS policy, students in elementary shall not access a personal communication device during school hours
- b. Division is still working on consistent procedures for schools, so we'll know more as time goes on

Teri Pearn:

	<p>Indigo – Currently sitting at \$2350 in donations, also have received 27 out of 50 books already off the registry list - We have until October 6 for donations to be made</p> <p>Book Room – a teacher committee has been formed, visiting MHV tomorrow to look at their book room, need to order bins/baskets to store the books, sign out</p> <p>Books – should be receiving 1400 books shortly! These are mostly series and non- fiction books - donation from Tofield library of a variety of series books from our list!</p> <p>Food Drive – a huge success! Pick up was on Tuesday, we should be receiving our donated weight next week</p> <p>Socktober and Soles 4 Souls – will take place in October</p> <p>Orange Shirt Day – pick up of shirts will take place either tomorrow or Friday. A day to honour and show respect for survivors and intergenerational survivors of the residential school system. Mrs. Sisson has worked with teachers to teach students about the role of Indigenous peoples and how the residential school system has impacted their lives (stories, videos)</p> <p>SWC – 4 field trips (each student will get to go 3 times) throughout the year focused on land-based learning, our relationship with the land</p> <p>1st – All Oct. 3</p>	
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2nd – Div. 2 March 5

3rd – Div. 1 May 14

4th – All June 19

Elder Bert will be attending them with us and running one of the activity stations. Elder Wilson Bearhead will be attending the one on June 19.

Project cost is around \$16 000, we applied and received a grant for \$2000 and have applied for another grant through the government. We may need to use some field trip fees for each class as well as budget. We will be asking for parent volunteers!

Terry Fox – Tomorrow at 2:00, snacks provided – Thank you! If it is raining, we will be a run in the gym for Div. 2's and run in the hallway for Div. 1's

Woodbridge Reads! (formally known as Wee Read)

No more funding but we are able to use their format and some materials. We will be asking for volunteers and offer training in October. Wee Read will still provide us with book donations for the Wee Free Bookshelf.

Important Dates

Sept. 26 – Terry Fox

Sept. 30 – Orange Shirt Day

Oct. 2 – Oilers Theme Day

Oct. 5 – World Teacher Day

Oct. 7-10 – Read In Week

Assembly at 9am on 7th

Let me know if you are interested in volunteering to come read!

	<p>Concerns raised:</p> <p>Students who live close by do not have time to walk home and eat and walk back.</p> <p>Some classes aren't using the new break times for a break, students aren't being allowed to grab a snack during these breaks.</p> <p>Buying milk takes up a lot of the break</p> <p>Parents want to ensure kids aren't rushed at lunch and are allowed to socialize and enjoy their break</p> <p>Parents want to ensure kids still have DPA and gym</p> <p>Response: students may not recognize the time as a break based on how the teacher uses it, i.e. mindfulness, yoga, Go Noodle, wall sits, etc</p> <p>Admin will monitor milk program</p> <p>Students are allowed to socialize during lunch</p> <p>DPA & gym are still provided and are not affected by this change</p>	
7.0 Adjournment	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 7:37</p> <p>Next Meeting:October TBA</p> <p>Time: 6:30</p> <p>Location: Woodbridge Farms School Library</p>	