

Westpark Middle School
School Council Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2016

Meeting Called to Order:

7:36 pm

Attendees:

Vivian Miller, Dean Pasiuk, Crystal Pell, Susannah Burnett, Rekha James, Deanna Makortoff, Launa Macleod, Kari Harrington, Vandy Bowyer, Curt Baker, Dana Rawlusyk, Jessica Wilson

1. Introductions
2. No Additions to the agenda
3. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - a. May 18, 2016 – Susannah motioned and Rekha seconded.
4. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve by Susannah and Vandy seconded.
5. Principals Report
 - a. New School – showed us the map of the new school; timeline – new gym available in fall of next year with modular rooms transitioned over the summer. December 2018 we take possession with Kids starting in the new space in January 2019. Built for 500 kids
 - b. School Ed Plan – Will be shared in Oct. School Council Meeting; will be completed next week. Big focus on First Nations, Metis, and Inuit (FNMI) structures. Consideration to how and what is being taught about FNMI. We will continue to baseline literacy and move to a more technological school.
 - c. Number of new staff this year
 - d. School numbers – 440 at this time; went as high as 451 but then lost 11. We're up by 20 kids over last year though.
 - i. Is the breakfast club running? – yes, we're ready to go and have a new fridge.
 - ii. No nutrition break between classes like planned. Teachers will relax a bit about eating in class to compensate.
 - e. Fundraisers for the school – magazine fundraiser is going forward
 - f. Dawe Run is next week. Kids will be bused there and right back after wards.
 - g. Flex/Advisory – Advisory encourages a connection between an adult figure (teacher) and a student; circle talks and getting to know each other.
 - i. Flex classes will continue and at least one will remain with a core studies focus – relearning, time to finish class work, remediation. Part will still be 'interest' classes. Kids in the building committee will be consulted about the new school plans.

- h. Susannah's Questions: How are apple sales divided up? Pictures need to start earlier (8:15 instead of 8:45). Two volunteers was plenty.
- 6. New Business
 - a. Elections
 - i. Vivian nominates Crystal Pell for Chair; Crystal accepts.
 - ii. Dana nominates Kari Harrington for Vice Chair; Kari accepts.
 - iii. Consensus that secretary will be a floating position per who attends the meetings.
 - iv. Deanna will be a director (self-directed)
 - b. City Wide School Council
 - i. Next is Oct5 4 at Annie L. Gaetz at 7pm; Vandy will attend
 - ii. Then...
 1. Nov 22 @ Fairview
 2. Jan 24 @ Mattie
 3. March 7 @ Gateway
 4. May 9 @ West Park Elementary
 - c. Staff appreciation – send ideas to the school council mailbox
- 7. Meeting is concluded at 8:25 pm
- 8. Next meeting to be determined.