


Whispering Ridge School Council (WRSC)

September 23, 2020

Minutes

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Welcome	Attendees: Shara Skea, Jessica Meads, Shawn O'Shea, Kristi Joyce Jenn Coulic, Jessica Fisher, Stefanie Clarke, Loreen Rajput Additional Attendees:	Regrets: Sadie, Meaghan, Lyneah
2. Additions to Agenda All	Call to Order: 6:34pm	
3. Action from Previous Meeting/ Review and approve last meeting minutes	Motion to approve AGM meeting's minutes: Jenn, 2 nd Jessica M	
4.0 Standing Items		
4.1 Principal's Report Shawn O'Shea	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Positive COVID-19 case and response 2. Classroom situation (gym & library) 3. Fundraising Update 4. Staffing Update 5. Upcoming Events <p>Enrolment is up. Approx. 640 students</p> <p>Positive case of Covid in the school. News was delivered via a letter through email to families on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2020. AHS phoned all parents affected. Everyone was very good in receiving the news. Lots of support. School had to take direction from the Ministry of Health. Shawn and others followed up with phone calls of their own as well. Validated the work put into making zones and the precautions and changes made ahead of time.</p> <p>Parent Question: Parents were community searching for what grade was affected. Is the school able to give out that info?</p> <p>Answer: No. AHS discloses any information regarding individual's health. Sharing of information was outside of the school's control and they were limited/restrictions on their actions. Next time make phone calls sooner and closer to disclosure of Covid case so no time gap exists.</p>	

	<p>Parent questions regarding the Gymnasium and the Library are coming into Shawn. Hopefully next week the students in the gymnasium are placed upstairs in the common area. Gym will then be open on a rotational basis to all classes.</p> <p>Leaning toward in school extracurricular programs by zone/classes.</p> <p>The library will be a classroom for the foreseeable future. Mrs. Ray has classroom libraries established for other classrooms.</p> <p>No school fundraising this year.</p> <p>New Staff: Mrs. Finch Gr 5 Science and Gr 1 PE, Mrs. Legge is in for Jr. High Humanities.</p> <p>There have been developments in the WRCS Mission & Vision Statements and Shawn was looking for council feedback on it.</p>	
<p>4.2 Teacher's Report</p> <p>Jessica Fisher</p>	<p>See report below. Submitted by Jessica Fisher.</p>  <p><u>School Council Meeting: September 2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great start to the new school year! Well at least we are in the building with our students, we are very grateful for that!! • Thursday Sept. 24 - first practice fire drill of the year. PowerSchool letters will be going out to Grade 7 Parents and new grade 8's. We will also send an informative email to help explain how to set-up the account and how to use it. • Friday Sept. 25 - Terry Fox Run - Teachers will be taking their students out during their scheduled PE blocks. • Orange Shirt Day - Sept. 29th Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. Please wear orange in support. Lots of classrooms activities and learning happening around this on the 29th. • Picture Day - Sept 30th Odd # classes and Oct. 1 for Even # Classes. • While things are not quite the same this year, we are still keeping busy and learning lots of fun and cool things. <p>*Kindergarten has had their first week of full days. The students are getting used to routines and rules of school. They enjoy our extra room we use for dramatic play centres. We are learning fine motor skills such as cutting with our scissors and holding our pencils with proper finger grasp. We enjoy Go Noodle dance breaks and have lots of fun in kindergarten. We will be</p>	

	<p>participating in Terry Fox this week and have booked a bus safety presentation for October.</p> <p>*2W experimented with compasses and directions outside</p> <p>*3S has been rock tumbling</p> <p>*Grade 7's had created Ecosystem in a Jar projects</p> <p>*Junior High have started PE and will switch to a new option Oct. 13th - each class will get 6 (6-7weeks) options within their homeroom, including things like Genius Hour, Robotics, Art Extension, Sewing, Forensic Science, Leisure Pursuits, Film Studies, Athletic Enrichment.</p> <p>*Classes have been enjoying the great weather outside and the time to be with their classmates in school!</p> <p>Thanks</p>	
<p>4.3 PWSD Trustee Report</p> <p>Stephanie Clarke</p>	<p>Board asked AHS about the cleaning sprays used in the schools and all products used currently are approved.</p> <p>Increased ventilation has been addressed in the schools and ventilation filters have been changed to be more powerful.</p> <p>A Treasurer is not needed on a School Council unless individual councils' bylaws dictate it.</p>	
<p>4.5 Grade Rep Report</p> <p>Grade Reps</p>	<p>Confirm Grade Rep volunteers:</p> <p>K-3: Jennifer Coulic</p> <p>4-6: Loreen Rajput</p> <p>7-8:</p> <p>Parent Question: Why do WRCS Facebook posts, Class Dojo posts and Google Classroom videos show Covid policies potentially not be adhered to?</p> <p>Answer: Shawn will follow up with teachers and send a reminder to staff to be cognizant of what is going out to community and how the community may react. Social distancing needs to remember. Shawn is asking all teachers to connect with their students online in some way.</p> <p>Seating plans needed to be clear and defined earlier and now AHS says all people in a room longer than 15 min with a confirmed Covid case are considered close contacts.</p>	
5.0 New Business		
<p>5.1 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon</p> <p>Jennifer Coulic</p>	<p>\$500 still allotted for a Teacher Appreciation idea. Teachers are tired right now with new Covid year. Create a subcommittee.</p>	<p>Jenn and Shara to meet and discuss.</p>
<p>5.2 ASCA General Meeting</p> <p>Jennifer Coulic</p>	<p>Virtual AGM Saturday Oct 17th</p>	<p>Jenn send info out to members via email.</p>
<p>5.2 ASCA Resolutions 2020</p> <p>Jennifer Coulic</p>	<p>See attached report. Submitted by Jenn Coulic.</p>	

	Motion for in the event that an emergent wording/meaning of a resolution changes, the council agrees to allow the ASCA attendee to vote on behalf of the whole school council at the ASCA meeting: Shara, 2 nd Jessica M.	
Adjournment/Next Meeting	Meeting Adjourned: 8:03pm Next Meeting: October 28 th , 2020 @ 6:30pm	