



WHYTE RIDGE SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monthly Meeting Agenda

7:00pm October 2, 2024

Location:

400 Scurfield Blvd

Co-Chairs: Sam Lewycky & Rav Kaler

Megan Ball	Sarah Rasmussen	Jill Hinter	Heather Bosko
Stephanie Hodgson	Preet Toor	Sam Lewycky	Kim McGregor
Robin Dearing (Kinder Teacher)	Sandra Kurth (Kinder Teacher)	Raquel Abraham	Online- Shaolin lin Charwin
Sinda Oueslati	Sofie Seferova	Sarah Neufeld	Ashton du Plessis

Ex-Officio: Cindy Tibbs and Mike Weeks

Secretary: Ashton Du Plessis (absent); Jill Hinter to fill in

Approval of Agenda

Sam

-Minutes were approved

Co-Chair's Report

Sam

-Meet and Greet occurred in September- new faces, good discussion and ideas

-The community event went well. There were a lot of families that attended. The response was really good.

Administration Report

- Community Report- staffing update
- Fall Community event
 - The event last week was a huge success.
 - More volunteers are needed for the bouncy castles. Enough volunteers for 30 minute time shifts.
- Bussing
- Update on outdoor space

See attached Administration Report

-Edsby is now going to be used for report cards.

Program Reports

- Fundraising Sam/Ashton
 - Some ideas brought up for future fundraisers- Show & Save, Halloween Dance, Gift Cards
 - We are looking into doing Momentum Cookie Dough this fall. Ashton will take the lead. If you're interested in helping let PAC know. Mike and Cindy will check a date for pickup first or second week of December
 - Charwin will look into lottery license for a possible 50/50 at the winter concert.
 - Jill and Jill will look into doing a calendar raffle in the new year



- Hot Lunches Meghan
 - The next dates are set for hot lunch. They are the 3rd Thursdays of October, November and December.
 - Megan also created an email for hot lunches- so questions and concerns can be directed to the email account
 - Sarah, Sarah, Sam and Megan will help to hand out lunches.
 - Pizza will be sold for \$4.25 per piece
- Communication Sam/Terrilynn
 - Next step is updating Whyte Ridge PAC page- will be in contact with Brooke about this.
 - Terilynn is currently doing the Facebook page and Rav is doing Instagram
- Other (donation) Jill Hollosi
 - One family has offered a prize donation to the school. We are thinking about using it as a prize for a future fundraiser.

Financial Update

Sarah N.

- I motion to approve Sarah N getting new cheques for PAC
Motioned by: Jill Hinter
Seconded: Jill Hollosi
All in favor



Whyte Ridge School

Unbreakable Spirit

Whyte Ridge Elementary School
 Parent Advisory Council for School Leadership
 Bank Account Summary from April 29, 2024 - October 2, 2024

Opening bank balance		<u>\$11,103.75</u>
Deposits:		
Gift from Parent		\$500.00
Healthy Hunger - Hot Lunch April		\$477.00
Healthy Hunger - Hot Lunch May		\$506.00
Healthy Hunger - Hot Lunch June		\$477.00
Credit interest		\$2.78
Withdrawals:		
Cheque #193 - Staff appreciation coffee	58.29	
Cheque #194 - Mom's Pantry G's	225.00	
Cheque #195 - Grade 4 Graduation	350.00	
CH#196 - Bouncy castles for fall event	<u>850.00</u>	-\$1,293.29
Closing bank balance		<u>\$11,773.24</u>
Outstanding cheques:		
CH#197 - Classroom funding (26x\$150)	<u>3,900.00</u>	<u>[3,900.00]</u>
Adjusted bank balance		<u>\$7,873.24</u>
Balance Notes:		
2021-2022 Fundraiser for school	\$20,011.30	
Sign	-\$18,000.00	
Gardening supplies (outdoor classroom?)	<u>-\$311.15</u>	
Funds remaining, held in PAC account		<u>\$1,700.15</u>
Therefore:		
Closing bank balance	\$7,873.24	
Fund held in trust as above	<u>-\$1,700.15</u>	
Unrestricted PAC bank balance		<u>\$6,173.09</u>

Community Events

Sam/Mike/Everyone

- How to make families feel more inclusive, promote diversity
 - Possible cultural event in the spring? Food, Dance, Activities, Music. Children could present their learning. To put on this type of event we would need a food handlers certificate.
 - We will revisit this at next month's meeting
 - If this is something we are interested in doing, Mike would want a date so he could reach out to staff

Other

- The school is applying for a \$1500 grant for the outdoor classroom
- Plans are being drawn up and the school has a committee that is meeting

In Camera Session

Next Meeting Date	Location
Wednesday, November 13 th	Library



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Report for October 2024 PAC Meeting - Mike Weekes and Cyndi Tibbs

School Start Up

- Start up has gone well but definitely has had it's challenges. As of this morning we are at 603 students (which is only 4 students higher than where we were at this time last year). We have 23 classrooms from Grades 1 to 4 and 6 Kindergarten Classes. This means smaller class size but our needs have gone up, and our EA and Student Services time does not match the needs. We continue to register students from many walks of life, while trying to balance the different supports and strategies for what makes up an effective school start up.
- In regards to parking, after our last parking message, parents have been more cooperative with no U turns, staying out of the staff parking lot, bus loop, and with general safety. Our staff have been extra ordinarily efficient with supporting students on busses and helping regulate the stop/drop zones.
- This year's challenge with bussing has again taken on a different flavour. With the installation of the new transportation APP, many students were not routed correctly or on time, but things have settled and are more organized. Bus behaviour this year has been good and we will be doing our own bus ridership in the next couple of weeks.
- School fees have risen to \$50 (1-4) and \$40 (k). Lunch fees have risen to \$175. With the increased prices of supplies, and increased number of classes, costs have gone up.
- Student behaviour has been excellent so far. Student regulation continues to be the focus, teaching students how to play with each other, problem solve and focus on building character.

School Events

- Clubs and events have started up again:
 - Run club will be starting up next week for the grade 4s on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
 - Our grade 3 and 4 choirs have started.
 - Grade 2 lego club has started.
 - Grade 4 acting and book clubs have started.
 - We are looking forward to running Indoor Soccer, Track and Volleyball club.
- Our grade 3 classes will be taking their students to Fort Whyte in October our Grade 2 classes will be going to the Manitoba Museum in November.
- Major school events that have taken place so far:
 - We had over 300 people attend our community BBQ on September 26th.
 - Orange Shirt Day and our school wide assembly was very meaningful.
 - The Terry Fox Run raised over \$2500.
 - Strong Beginnings provided our teachers with a much-needed opportunity to connect with their students.
- Meet the teacher ran on the evening before the first day of classes was again a success, as it allowed for students to see their class, go through their designated entrance, and it played a part in a very smooth first day start up.
- With the support of PAC, hot lunches start in October and will run the third Thursday of every month.

Tri-Conferences and Assessment

- Tri-Conferences, which build off Strong Beginnings and Classroom Profiles run even later this year. On the evening of November 21st, parents will have a chance to meet their child's teacher. This new date allows teachers to connect with families in a less rushed and more purposeful manner. Each family will have an opportunity to select their appointment times through Edsby. More information will be going home to families during the November community update.
- Our Kindergarten Teachers will be doing a provincially mandated Early Years Assessment (EYE) in October and November and this information will be used as a discussion point for parent teacher conferences.
- The first report card will be coming out on December 6th.

School Communication

- Effective school communication is important to us. Weekly reminders get emailed out via messenger as it relates to upcoming events, calendar reminders, and things like parking, etc.
- Parents will be encouraged to stay on top of things by checking out the school website, and by communicating with their child's teacher.
- Parents are asked to use Edsby for effective attendance communication and to contact the office with things like bussing or changes in pick up/daycare arrangements.

The School Plan

- In October we will be working with our leadership team to do our school plan which takes into consideration all of our student achievement data, attendance, and qualitative observations about student and staff well being and well becoming.
- Our focus for 2024-2025 will once again be literacy, numeracy, Indigenous Education and mental health.

Staffing Updates

- We are welcoming back Mrs. Sawchuk who will be taking over Ms. Friesen's grade 2 class (2HF) on October 11th.
- Ms. Derhak (1KD) is back doing a term for Mrs. Iwan will be coming back in April.
- Welcome back to Ms. Kuran who is teaching grade 2 (2DK).
- Ms. Braun (2BB) is new to us and is doing a term for Ms. Shiach who will be back in January.
- We have a large number of new staff (due to growth and change) –
 - Grade 1 – Ms. Yarmey (1MY), Mrs. Arias (1TA), Ms. McLennan (1BM), Mrs. Siemens (1HS)
 - Grade 3 – Mr. Watson (3SW), Mrs. Khanna (3SK), Ms. Cipriano (3AC)
 - Grade 4 – Mrs. Causon (4LC), Mr. Brown (4RB)
- Ms. Symons is new to our Student Services Team, and will be going on leave on November 29th.
- Mrs. Pereira is new to our physical education team.

School Plan Goals.....

By June of 2024, 95% of students will score 2 or more on the Manitoba Report Card in the area of Reading Comprehension and Writing.

- 89% of students achieved a 2 or better in Reading Comprehension. Even though this did not reach our target of 95%, students who scored less than 2 on the report card decreased from 70 to 53 from term 1 to 3. Students who achieved 4 on their report card in the area of Reading Comprehension rose from 193 to 282.
- 91% of students achieved a 2 or better in Writing. Even though this did not reach our target of 95%, students who scored more than 2 on the report card increased from 297 to 380 from term 1 to 3.

By June of 2024, 95% of students will score 2 or more on the Manitoba Report Card in the area of Problem Solving.

- 92% of students achieved a 2 or better in Problem Solving.

By June of 2024, 93% of students will score 2 or more on the Manitoba Report Card in the area of mental math.

- 92% of students achieved a 2 or better in Problem Solving

By June 2024, students and staff will build perspective and understanding in regards to truth and reconciliation embedded into daily practice.