

**W D Cuts School Council Minutes**  
**October 7, 2019**

**Welcome & Introductions**

**Attendees:** Christine Dibben, Scott Gibson Dodd, Carla Holt, Leanne West, Susan Rankin, Gail Daley, Susan Kasowski, Vicki Stone, Rob Patterson, Kathy Topinka, Doug Clark, Krista Parker, Amy Buchkowsky, Dana McIntyre, Nikki Stephens, Melissa Brown-Allnut, Allyson Fong, Christie Madro Stewart

**Review Agenda & Minutes**

- ☐ Agenda approved by Susan Kasowski, seconded by Vicki Stone
- ☐ Minutes amended to change secretary from Susan Kasowski to Leanne West, approved by Rob Patterson, seconded by Dana McIntyre

**School Administration Report**

- ☐ PAT results - strengths, acceptable standard has been maintained and increased; increase in standard of excellence in all areas; Part A (non calculator portion) Math PAT acceptable standard increased by 30%. Area for growth, 19% of students did not pass Math PAT (23 students)
- ☐ Accountability Pillar & District Survey Results – Student Feedback: Strengths Quality of teaching 90%, Overall education received 93%, Friends at school 94%. Areas for growth: school work is interesting 54%, most students respect each other 51%, like being at school 59%.
- ☐ Students took informal survey to address strengths & concerns in school. Strengths: very happy school culture, positive, safe & uplifting environment, teachers are kind. Concerns: not enough break time, Gr 8 & 9's treat the Gr 7's badly, bullying, swearing, cell phone usage.
- ☐ Addressing student concerns. Considering timetable changes, giving students more voice through surveys, student leadership opportunities ie morning announcements, student led assemblies, fundraising (Terry Fox Run)
- ☐ Upcoming field trips: Men of Honor are going to Jasper, Women Empowered are going to Camp YoWoChAs
- ☐ Allyson Fong, school counsellor provided information on upcoming school event. The entire school is going to see Rob Nash at the River Cree. The message will be about empowering kids & giving them hope through discussions & concert.

- ☐ AHS counsellor specializing in addiction will be at the school 1 day per week, will be educating Gr 9 students about vaping.
- ☐ RCMP will be coming in to educate Gr 8's on drug awareness, vaping & cannabis.
- ☐ Literacy district work, Melissa Brown-Allnut spoke about addressing student concerns through assemblies, multi-age group activities, teaching collaboration skills, building positive relationships & student recognition.
- ☐ Staff Professional Learning Assessment – goal is to provide evaluation to students prior to providing final marks, through conversations/discussions.
- ☐ Parent levels of satisfaction – 67% with extra help available, 54% school provides my child with activities that promote volunteerism & community contribution, 50% that discipline matters are dealt with in a reasonable/timely manner, 45% that school has effective drug & alcohol prevention strategies, 35% that school council plays a meaningful role in the school.
- ☐ Response to low levels of satisfaction, improve the survey, add to monthly newsletter, email parents quick synopsis and the end of the day to spark conversations at home. Christine will draft a survey for the next meeting, school council can review.
- ☐ AC class over time has turned into a homework block. Must be curriculum based & there is no way to assess homework. Should be more note taking, test taking skills, mini lessons, can't only be homework.
- ☐ Powerschool app has been down for the last couple weeks but online site works.
- ☐ Upcoming events: Oct 11 Turkey Trot & Picture retakes; Oct 15 Staff Development Day; Oct 18 Student Vote; Oct 22/23 Parent/Teacher Interviews; Oct 23 Full school field trip to see Rob Nash; Oct 24 Parent Info Session RE Vaping.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

**Next meeting date** Monday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

## W D Cuts Parent Advisory Council Minutes

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### Casino Update:

- ☐ Casino license received.
- ☐ 7 positions still need to be filled
- ☐ Parent suggested to look into Casino Angels if we need help to fill positions..
- ☐ Christine will send another email closer to the Casino date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm

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