



Westmount School Council
Date: 30 Jan 2024
Time: 17.30
Location: Learning Commons

MINUTES

Attendees: Sharon Martin, Lisa Penzo (trustee), Kristi Price, Lindsay Boucher, Kris Jagt, Robin Mitchell, Amanda Kryvenchuk, Sarah Ethier, Brandy Hayhurst, Sherry Opas, Amy Park, Nicole Van Nostrand

Regrets: None

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Welcome & Introductions Chair		
2. Approval of Agenda All	Review and approval of Agenda	Approved
3. Review & Approval of previous Minutes All	Review and approval of February minutes	Prior minutes not available
4. Standing Items (Items Brought Forward)	None	
4.1. School Update Sherry Opas Amy Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee with principle – opportunity for engagement last month low turnout. Continue to trial for a month or two more. Feedback on time of meeting welcome.• Fire Drill occurred and went well. Nearest evacuation school is Foothills comp which is a long way in extreme temps. Local businesses willing to support student evacuation if needed.	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Okotoks Oilers have been hanging out in school as part of Mental Health Awareness which has gone well. • Junior High has a separate phys ed and wellness – had presentation from the local foodbank. • Semester 2 is starting. • Read-a-thon assembly occurred all students excited at the prizes available. Thank you to all of the sub committee for their work on this. • Popcorn day on 8th Feb • As part of the read-a-thon Okotoks dawgs & celebrity readers are attending the school • Bullying presentation & follow up email to be posted on school site. • Surveys (AEAS & FSD) • There have been learner profile changes, letters to Numbers. • Trustee’s have been touring school & participated in scavenger hunt. • Kindy open house this week, trying to offer full time but dependent on numbers. Ready to learn day is May 17th. • Data (Amy) waiting for AB Ed to provide graphs, Grade 1 numeracy assessment. AB Government provided a very small sum of money to support students at risk. • Grade 4-9 AB Ed Assurance Survey, rating scale waiting for the results. 	
<p>4.2 Bullying: Supporting a kind, caring, safe and respectful school community Nicole Van Nostrand</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information provided on Recognising and Addressing Bullying • What’s conflict, rude, mean, bullying 	<p>Sherry to send follow up email & presentation to be posted</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of bullying • Why bullying is unreported. • Talking about bullying • School response to bullying, disclosure, and confidentiality. Proactive response, school community, friendship peer groups, teambuilding • Heroes' program (upcoming) • Increase resilience, building skills • Options available to school EA's, reversed recess/indoor/playground zones, shortening days, including parents • Inclusive education is learning for all & universal individual suspension decision at school level. Expulsion decision at Board level 	
<p>4.2. Trustee Update</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sharon Nichols</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footnotes is available on the Foothills School Division website Footnotes January 2023 (canva.com) • 2024/25 school Calendar will be approved soon • Moving to a 5 year education plan • FSCD App highlights of the schools in the Foothills division • Respect school policy, new code of conduct bringing into alignment Policy 14 with links to legislation. • Students matters is coming up. • Chris Fuzessy attending meeting next month • Boundary changes put on hold. 	
<p>4.3. Communication from Council</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sharon Martin (Chair)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a vacancy for School Council secretary, many thanks to Amanda for her work within this role. Please contact school chair or Principle if interested. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion around ideas on Evening presentations to parent groups i.e. parent assembly, connect with RCMP to make a panel for questions, could send out invitation email . • Speaker series <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ March 26th: ▪ April 30th; Wellness Curriculum speaker ▪ May AGM 	
6. Next Steps		
6.1. Forward Agenda items for Next meeting Vice Chair	westmountschoolcouncilvice@gm.fsd38.ab.ca	
7. Date of Next Meeting	March 28 th 2023	
8. Adjournment	Meeting Adjourned	