

WCCHS Council Minutes

September 15, 2011

7 pm

In Attendance: Kelly Hall, Darryl Seguin, Jason Toone, Ruth Lindquist, Carmelle Steel, Kathy Anderson, Heather Moore, Lori Morrison, Sandra Lindsell, Louise Nelson, Stacey Seguin, Bev McNutt, Marva-Jean St. Onge, Randy Bohnet.

Approval of Minutes: Jason approved. Carmelle seconded

Approval of Agenda: Sandra approved. Kathy seconded.

1. Introduction of New Staff: Darryl spoke about the new teachers on staff. Rob Charchun, Jamie Bebek, and Jaye Swanson. Rob is teaching some Jr High and High School courses, Jamie is a journeyman mechanic and Jaye, a journeyman carpenter will join WCCHS next semester to teach woods/drafting. Our foods teacher Konny Nelle, and our welding teacher, Stephen Giddings are journeymen as well. This enables our students to get their first year apprenticeship from the High School.

2. School Demographics: The projected attendance in the spring was 414 and as of this week there are 432 registered!

As of Sept 15: Grade 7 51 students
Grade 8 66 students
Grade 9 59 students
Grade 10 76 students
Grade 11 70 students
Grade 12 110 students

Right now the grade 8s are in two classes. This is being monitored with regards to numbers.

3. School Goals:

1. Increased School Spirit: Student council will be surveying students to find interests and needs and proceed from there.

2. Increased parental communication and engagement: Kelly will speak more during her piece. Carmelle will continue the newsletter. Also, Darryl has been approached by a newsletter that extends from Nanton to Fernie. He will look into that more. A radio station from Crowsnest wants information regarding sports games. (92.7 FM in Claresholm). The WCCHS website is continually being updated. Teachers are being encouraged to increase communication to home.

3. Teachers will align their course outlines and practices with Admin. Procedure 360 Assessment and Reporting: Darryl passed around a handout that outlines the procedure.

4. Sports: (Randy)

Football: Lots of students involved. The developmental football program under the High school team have been well prepared by their coaches and it is appreciated.

Volleyball: Jamie Bebek and Gavin Moore are coaching the boys JV and SR team together. It is great to see some boys out who have never played. There are some problems trying to recruit Jr High volleyball boys. Also, coaches.

There were about 30 girls out to start and the coach had to do some cuts down to about 19. There are three Jr High teams (gr.7, gr. 8, and gr. 9). The goal of the grade 9s is to host provincials when they are in grade 11.

Cross Country Running: There were 3 third place finishes this weekend.

Golf Team: Qualified for Provincials in Sherwood Park. They came in second in their zone. Malik Salman is coaching.

Mr. Todd Lybbert is the athletic director this year. He is working on gym schedules for practice times. Maclean Hall (at the Care Centre) is not always available in the evenings. This might result in later practice times.

5. Pinnacle: Darryl reported that Pinnacle is a grading and reporting system designed to increase communication between parents, teachers, and students. There is a parent viewer piece so you can see your child's marks. The teachers are trying to put more curricular outcomes on Pinnacle this year. The parent password from last year still works but if you need a new one, please contact the office. The Pinnacle website can be accessed from the WCCHS website or the LRSD website.

6. Trustee Report: Kelly Hall reports that they had a board meeting on Tuesday. They have been working on proper funding for some of the Native Reserves in LRSD. It has finally come through with plenty of communication between the parties involved. She reported the Technology update. There has been plenty of Evergreening (replacing old computers with new) at F. P. Walshe, WCCHS, J.T. Foster and G.R. Davis. Also, cabling upgrades at various schools. They have installed 25 new smart boards around the division. The board is currently working on a new Admin procedure that will allow students and staff to bring in their own technological devices. (DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP). Safety of students and staff must be considered as well as whether the current technology in the schools can "handle" it.

Crossroads is a program that currently has 180 students enrolled in 20 different courses. Richard Brown is hired (0.5) to assist these students across the division.

WCCHS modernization updates are given bi-monthly. The tender is out for the asbestos removal and a different tender out for the Modernization. The tender for the general contract for modernization closes around mid October. Hopefully, modernization will start in early November.

LRSD enrollment is up higher than anticipated: 3450 projected and 3605 actual. So, some staff is being hired back.

Jamie Vollmer came for a speaking engagement on August 29th. The board is going to get school communities to engage with their communities. Kelly has given Ruth extra articles from Jamie Vollmer and extra copies of his book: Schools Can't Do it Alone.

The board is working on finishing up their current 3 year plan and getting ready to start another 3 year plan.

7. Elections:

WCCHS doesn't seem to have any current, written by-laws for school council. That will be one priority in the coming year. He thanked Marva-Jean for her time as Chairperson and Ruth for her secretarial duties.

Chair: Lori nominated Ruth, Randy seconded. Ruth accepted. Unanimous vote in favor.

Vice-Chair: Carmelle nominated Marva-Jean, Lori seconded. Marva-Jean accepted. Unanimous vote in favor.

Secretary: It was decided that the secretary could be picked next meeting on a volunteer basis. Randy volunteered to take minutes until a secretary has been established.

8. Modernization: Darryl reported that there will be an update on the website every two weeks. The portables for grade 8 and 9 students will be ready Sept 19. There are various programs being held at the following buildings: former Quills restaurant, GM Dealership building, and Maclean Hall. The grade 7s are being housed at West Meadow Elementary school. Currently, there is a bus at the school's disposal all day. Konny Nelle (foods teacher) has been bringing food over from Quill's every day to sell at lunch time.

Bev would like parents to acknowledge the hard work done by Central office for getting all facilities up and running.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

People who were interested went on a tour of the portables on the North end of the building. There are lockers, a carpeted hallway and four portables. They will be ready to move into on Monday, Sept. 19th. Darryl mentioned that perhaps if time allows, next meeting we may tour some of the other sites (Quill's former restaurant and GM dealership).

Next meeting: Oct. 20, 2011. (We are second, so around 8 pm)

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Ruth Lindquist