

Annual General Meeting Wildwood School Council

May 13, 2024

Attendees: Diane Jeffers, Tracy Smith, Erica Rae, Candice Jones, Jenn Dyck, Heather Audet, Rachel Sawyer, Grant Jorgenson, Blair Semko, Meredith Smith

Guests: Patricia Bolger (school trustee)

Meeting called to order 6:34 pm.

Diane welcomed everyone to the AGM – the financial report being reviewed is August 2022 to July 2023 to align with the School Council's fiscal year.

Council Business:

Diane motioned to approve the AGM meeting minutes from May 8, 2023. Rachel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Heather motioned to approve the minutes from the April 2024 School Council meeting. Rachel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Fundraising efforts for the financial year 2022-2023 included Healthy Hunger, Kokomo (\$5,000 without silent auction) and the Grade 6 celebration. Noted that this year's Grade 6 celebration is with Fit Ninja instead of Calaway Park.

2022-2023 expenditures included Activity Day, hospitality (teachers' dinner on conference nights, yearend teacher celebration, teachers' gift cards), Decidedly Jazz Danceworks residency and classroom expenses for music, art and physical education supplies/equipment. Noted that for the current fiscal year, we are funding a coding residency.

Financial Report: The financials have been audited. The fiscal year-end for the Wildwood School Council being discussed is July 2023.

- Income was from Healthy hunger \$2,708.60, Grade 6 fundraising \$545.73, Kokomo beach fundraiser \$4,458.56, for a total income of \$6,091.10.
- The starting account balance was \$22,887, with an ending balance of \$16,534.17.
- The council spent more than it made last year, spending net \$12,793.93.

Positions to be filled for Wildwood School Council: Chair, Secretary, Key communicator/CBE connections, Auditors, Fundraisers, Kokomo Family fun night committee, Worker Bees and Tasty Treats Coordinator.

Election:

Diane motioned to dissolve the Executive Board of Wildwood School Council. All in favour.

Thank you to all volunteers for the Wildwood School Council!

Executive board members nominated and voted in unanimously:

- Chair: Diane Jeffers

- Vice-Chair: VACANT
- Treasurer: Jenn Dyck
- Secretary: We do have someone who is interested who can be voted in at a future meeting.

Directors & committees nominated and voted in unanimously:

- CBE connections liaison: Meredith Smith
- Festive foods coordinators: Existing coordinators plan to stay on – thank you!
- Fundraiser committee: VACANT, note low time commitment
- Kokomo committee: VACANT, lots of information to leverage for future years
- Worker Bee: VACANT, need more volunteers for this. This is a weekly (or as your time permits) opportunity to volunteer in the school doing tasks for administration and the teachers.
- Tasty treats committee: VACANT, this is a low time commitment that coordinates treats for teachers & staff every 6 weeks or so.

If anyone is interested in any of these positions, please reach out to the school or email the school council at wildwoodschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Auditors: Beth Cassell and Russ Dyck are available to audit the books for the Wildwood School Council.

School Business:

Wildwood school has welcomed many students since September (445 students as of September 30, now at 559 students with several students arriving in the next few days).

Grade	September 30 Population	May 13 Population	Difference
Kindergarten	25 + 26 = 51	11 + 32 + 30 = 73	+22
Grade 1	20 + 20 + 20 = 60	26 + 26 + 27 = 79	+19
Grade 2	22 + 21 + 22 = 65	25 + 27 + 27 = 79	+14
Grade 3	23 + 22 + 22 = 67	29 + 29 + 28 = 86	+19
Grade 4	18 + 19 + 16 = 53	21 + 19 + 20 = 60	+7
Grade 5	21 + 22 + 22 = 65	28 + 28 + 28 = 84	+19
Grade 6	25 + 24 = 49	31 + 32 = 63	+14

Staffing updates:

Congratulations to Mrs. Barnaby on her retirement at the end of the school year!

Temporary teachers:

- Ms. Zimmerman (Grade 1)
- Ms. Da Silva (Grade 1)
- Mr. Evan Buzan (Grade 5)
- Ms. Abby Brown (Grade 6)
- Mrs. Tanya Harper (Grade 6)
- Mrs. Pupinder Gill (Kindergarten)

Probationary Teachers:

- Mr. Smith (Grade 5)
- Mr. Rob (EES)

Implications for next year:

- Currently staffed at 500. If we continue to grow until the end of June, can consider doing some additional hiring.
- Looking at any and all spaces. Likely to have a classroom in the Learning Commons. Likely to have travelling music or music in the Learning Commons.
- Connaught is awaiting modular classrooms, which will accommodate ~100 students. This may not make much of an impact to Wildwood's enrollment.

Celebrations:

- Wildwood Belongs art project in the hallway
- Outdoor School: Thank you to the Grade 6 team for making this happen!
- Jump Rope for Heart: Met fundraising goals – great work students and families!
- Robotics: Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will participate. This is part of the new curriculum and gives everyone a good base of knowledge for future years.
- Field Trips
 - o Fort Calgary: Grade 5s
 - o Zoo: Lots of trips planned

Upcoming Activities

- Division 1 celebration
- Volunteer tea: please RVSP if you're able to attend
- Patrol Picnic
- Field trips
- PATs
- Activity Day
- National Indigenous Peoples Day
- Grade 6 Farewell Celebration

Patricia Bolger – School Trustee, Ward 6 and 7:

Thank you for attending our School Council meeting. Patricia is a first term trustee and former teacher.

Funding overview: CBE received \$85M more than last year, total Alberta Education funding is \$1.4B. Budget increase was based on enrollment only, did not consider inflation (so this is actually a decrease in funding on a per student basis). The CBE welcomed additional 15,600 students over past 3 years, expecting 9,000 additional students next year. Student population is increasingly diverse and complex. Student enrollment for CBE is expected to be 142,000 by end of the school year.

Board advocacy: Budget 2024/25 does not provide adequate funding for a growing school district. The provincial budget does not address inflation and the cost of supporting students

with increasingly complex learning needs. In its 2024-27 fiscal plan, government has committed to funding levels below growth and inflation.

There is additional information on the CBE's advocacy available on their website.

<https://cbe.ab.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/advocacy-priorities/Pages/board-advocacy-encouraging-investment.aspx>

Capital planning update: The CBE continues to use all spaces available for classroom learning to manage growth.

Meeting adjourned 8:13 pm.