

Agenda
Westview School Council Meeting
April 17th, 2018

Motion to accept March 12th, 2018 minutes:

Motion:

Networks Report

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Old Business

- Adopt a Northern School- Update from Mr. Porter

New Business:

ASCA Resolutions

P18-01 Provincial Standard for Annual Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Checks

The resolution would like to see Alberta Ed impose a provincial standard on these checks for employees and volunteers on an annual basis.

From the District standpoint, annual checks would become a huge hardship. They would also significantly impact the workload of the police detachment.

Instead, Mr. Nicholls said that an expectation that a policy is in place with an “at the beginning of employment/volunteering and up to five years” kind of clause would be manageable.

P18-02 Cumulative CEU (credit earned units) cap per High School Student

Districts get block funding for elementary and junior high school students but that changes when they enter high school, students are covered based on the number of credits earned. The funding from the CEU's is used by the schools to provide core courses as well as a variety of options, RAP programs, Work Experience, locally developed courses, and summer school programs.

Currently, students can only earn up to 45 credits per year, limiting what programming they can access. This would impact the student's abilities to take RAP programs and summer school.

Two things came out of our discussion:

- 1. Limiting the CEU's based on an annual number (45/year) v.s cumulative (135/high school schooling) significantly restricts the ability for students to attain their educational and life goals.*
- 2. Our District would like to see the option there to take more than 135 credits and move back towards something like 150 or higher.*

P18-03A Supports for Learning Success of all Students: Early Screening

P18-03B Supports for Learning Success of all Students: Enhanced Teacher Training

P18-03C Supports for Learning Success of all Students: Class Size and Composition

During the discussion, we felt that there was merit in each of these resolutions but without extra funding to follow these, Districts won't be able to do much more.

- a. Our ECDP programs already help provide above average student assessments which not all Districts offer.*
- b. We already do some of this enhanced programming through our PLFs, however, funding would need to be infused into the program if more was being contemplated.*
- c. Again, strict coding guidelines and funding impact how this could be implemented. The funding isn't there for general EA's anymore.*

P18-04 Religious and Sexual Content with Student-Led Clubs

GSAs are supported by the District, Board, and schools.

This would change how we do and have done things in FMPSD. That being said, this has not been a hot topic within our District.

P18-05 PRISM ATA Toolkit

This is meant to be a resource for teachers when they are dealing with the human sexuality portion of the curriculum. It is not intended to be a "textbook" handed out to students.

The District belief is that since parents are already notified when that portion of the curriculum is being taught, and parents have the option to opt their student out of portions of the curriculum, this resolution is not necessary.

P18-06 Ensuring Healthy Food at Schools for our Children and Youth

Our District has a policy in place that they review and update as needed. They expressed caution about imposing more stringent policies and expectations. Some school councils have felt that our current practices are more than adequate.

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Westview School Parents Association Meeting
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Motion:

Treasurers Report

Playground: \$26 374.19 Casino: \$70 583.77 Regular: \$ 2029.80

Requests for Funding

Requestor: Craig Upper

- Telus Science in Motion
- 3 day residency for the 2018-19 school year
- Cost ~\$2000 – based on 2017-18 cost

Motion: Second:

Requestor: Craig Upper

- Alien Inline Skating for the 2018-19 school year
- 7 days (increased to meet growing classes)
- \$4961.25

Motion: Second:

Requestor: Dawn Sudom

- Adventure Balance Kit - ECDP
- A 27 piece kit to work on balance and coordination. A combination of hilltops, river stones and islands that can be connected. – development of Gross Motor Skills
- Cost: \$669.95
 10.00 shipping (min.)
 779.95
 39.00 GST
TOTAL **\$818.95**

Motion: Second:

Requestor: Dawn Sudom

- Tuzzles Canadian Aboriginal Tray Puzzle sets - ECDP
- Each set contains 4 puzzles - each one depicts an animal symbol. The puzzles are durable and made from timber and child safe paint and ink. They are washable!! These would be helpful in teaching legends and folklore. Also a large storytelling tabletop puzzle

Motion:

Second:

Requestor: Donna McCullough

- Inside Education all day field trip to Gregoire Lake provincial park – Forestry Review
- Grad 6
- bussing only minus \$100 paid by

Motion:

Second:

Requestor: Christine Hiscock

- Pay babysitting for 1.5 hours @ \$12.50/hour

Motion:

Second:

Fundraising

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Hot Lunch

- Homemade hot lunch – April ??

Old Business

- Dance – April 26th 6:00 – 8:00pm

New Business

- **Grade 6 Farewell**
 - Gregoire Lake Day
 - MacIsland Activity Day
 - Wild Play
 - Keepsake Signature Book
- **Year-end Awards**
- **Staff Appreciation Plan**
- **Spring BBQ**
- **Family Night**
- **Westview Fundraising event for Humboldt – Mr. Tobin**

Next Meeting: May @ 7pm

Motion to adjourn: pm