Westview School Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 19, 2023

Location: In Person @ Art Room, Online via Zoom

Attendees: Stephanie Ash, Cindy Ure, Tiffany Walters, Carla Joseph, Cheryl Coley, Anna Gillespie, Borjana Cherniwchan, Kristen Knox, Melissa Rieder, Colleen O'Hara, Katarnia Semancikova, Catherine Aasen, Amanda Verge, James Sedgwick (Vice Principal), Waleed Najmeddine (Principal)

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

1. Introductions & Welcome

2. Principal's Message

- Current Enrollment ECDP to Grade 6 is 328 vs. Budget enrollment (set last spring) of 340
- Mr. Najmeddine shared the school entry plan
- Expect parent & student surveys throughout the year to provide feedback & input
- A hold & secure drill will occur Sep 20 starting at 8:45am across FMPSD. All classroom and in school activities continue as normal; however, all exterior doors to the school will be locked and no in/out of the school by visitors is allowed. A sign will be posted on the front door indicating the drill is in progress with the phone number to the office. Should parents need to collect their children they can call the office and their child will be brought out to them.
- Webpages for the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and Westview School Parent Association (WSPA) have been created under the main Westview School page under the Parent drop down

PAC: https://westview.fmpsdschools.ca/parents/westview-school-council WSPA:

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Action: Cindy to send Ms. Randell PAC and WSPA minutes for upload to the webpages to facilitate broader distribution.

- Extra Curricular activities have commenced with support from teachers & administration. Triple Ball (precursor to volleyball) for Gr 5 & 6 and Choir for Gr 1-6 with additional activities expected. Sports will follow the FMPSD calendar. Parents present inquired about chess & robotics.
- Positive feedback was given by PAC members present to Mr. Najmeddine on the increased communication and social media presence so far this school year

3. Old Business

 Increasing PAC involvement (all parents/guardians of students at Westview are automatically PAC members). To start Agenda's will be issued online & in advance so parents know what the meeting will be about as well as minutes posted after the meetings as actioned above.

4. New Business

- For information, the Networks Meeting schedule for 2023/24 school year has been confirmed
- The Alberta Association of Student's Councils and Advisors (AASCA) grant is available again for 2023/24 school year. The \$500 grant (restrictions apply) is to support and enhance PAC engagement.

AASCA website: http://www.aasca.org/

Next meeting is set for October 18, 2023 at 7:00pm (in person & online).

Kristen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm. Seconded by Carla. Carried.