

Minutes – École West Park School Advisory Council

Thursday, November 5, 2020 – 12:00 noon via ZOOM

Minutes recorded by: Courtney Friesen

Meeting called to order: Lisa Hiebert-Penner @ 12:10

Attendance: Andrea Hildebrand, Courtney Friesen, Lisa Hiebert-Penner, Al Jones, Rosalynn Neufeld, Jo Funk

Regrets: Annie Doerksen

1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes:

Motion: to accept the minutes from March 10, 2020 – Andrea, 2nd: Rosalynn. **Carried.**

2. Principal's Report:

a. Staffing:

- i. Al Jones has decided to start a new role with Regional Connections January 2021, will keep us updated as to transition details
- ii. Continuing to look for a replacement for Ms. Pott

b. Remote Learning Survey: initiated by the division to gather information and interest

- i. **NOVEMBER 6 UPDATE:** remote learning will not be offered at this time

c. No notification of a positive case at EWPS yet – distancing is still difficult

d. Report Cards: a paper copy will be sent home with students.

- i. Work is being done to expand the use of PowerSchool to elementary and junior high schools in the division – reportcards will eventually be send out electronically

e. Conferences: teachers will be arranging the time/date of the conference meeting with each family individually. If they are to be by phone, EWPS meetings will occur Thursday evening, other video meetings will be scheduled as it suits teachers and families

f. Gaps in assessments/reporting on report cards: this year, there are more gaps in the student assessments due to absences, there will be a letter sent home to families with the details of how this is reported on the report cards – in some cases there just is not enough information to assess a student thoroughly.

g. Sensitive issues update: division has decided that the content of the classes will follow the provided order, rather than be selective in the content provided to each gender group. Each school can decide how to structure the students for these classes. Parents/students will continue to have the opportunity to opt-out of these classes.

h. 2020-2021 yearbook – initial quote for 220 books is \$17.84/book. Unsure as to quantity of books needed if parents are asked to pay half the cost, the cost per book will increase if there is a smaller order. EWPSAC will pursue selling some advertising to supplement the cost of the book.

- i. Lisa H-P drafted a letter for review and is willing help out with the layout of the photos for the book. Once letter is finalized, it will be sent home electronically to families as well as distributed to businesses within the catchment of the school. ACU is willing to purchase an ad, be sure we ask Enbridge as well.

3. Treasurer's Report:

- a. **No new transactions to report**

4. Coordinators –

- a. **Lice Check:** on hold for 2020-2021
- b. **Lunches:** on hold during CODE RED of the pandemic

5. Outstanding Business:

- a. **Yearbooks** – as discussed in the principal's report
- b. **WPSAC constitution – On hold**

6. New Business:

- a. **Is there a way parent council can help support teachers and classrooms?**
 - i. In keeping with minimizing visitors in the school, volunteer opportunities are limited.
 - ii. There are still new library books in need of laminating – contact the office
- b. **How to best invite new parents to WPPAC** – did not have any inquiries from parents in the last month, now that we have figured out how the TEAMS meetings work, we will have a notice sent out in the next school newsletter regarding the next meeting date with the chairpersons as the contact. As well, if there is a new hire for the principal position, that individual will also be invited to the next meeting.

7. Next meeting: via TEAMS, December 3, 2020; 12:00 noon

8. Adjournment: 12:55pm