
Date of Meeting: January 19, 2022

Call to Order: 6:35 PM
By Dawne Hammerschmidt, Chair

1. Attendees: Teresa Tataryn Dawne Hammerschmidt Jolyne Kacuiba
Rachel Lunn Andrea Friesen

MINUTES

2/3. Approval of the Agenda

Approved as is by consensus.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the November 18, 2021 Meeting

Motion made by Jolyne, Seconded by Teresa. Motion carried.

5. Reports

Admin Report:

- December offered numerous challenges with students needing to be active, extreme weather, covid dynamics resulting in increased anxiety.
- Had a number of meeting with a few groups of students exhibiting challenges with Lindsay and Vicky for restorative practices. Lots of hard work but overall it went really well.
- Seeing Grade 8 anxiety heightened with challenges over past years (covid) and upcoming transition to High School. Staff is working hard to help with anxiety issues around preparedness and managing stress.
- Staff has been doing a lot of work afterschool as well because of the potential for a return to online school. Currently practicing high impact teaching strategies.
- District support started second term focusing on Grade 6 students in the area of literacy.
- January has been harsh, having staff out. Managing to bad together and cover with vice principals, LAT, counsellor, principal covering classes. It is taking a toll. Having an EA out and not replacement available is also stretching capacity.
- WMS is thus far managing well although it is not easy.
- The only person who can direct school to be online is the Minister of Education and currently the maximum length is 10 days. The pandemic continues to creating ever-changing challenges.

- Rachel questioned when/how advocacy for students and the 'total impact' is occurring. Every parent/family holds a different view, conversation between.
- Teresa expressed frustration over not being able to host a celebration of learning due to the impacts of covid restrictions.

City Wide Council:

- We had no rep available to attend but minutes may be found at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aEmx6C9UrVNB5yf8D5iN1D1BiBWuDgsLZyNG1OwJT3Q/edit>

6. Old Business

Playground:

- Still awaiting the missing rope pieces and no update has been provided in regard to an estimated arrival. The park remains fenced off as per instruction of the City. It will remain inaccessible until those pieces are installed. Incredibly frustrating for students.
- Ice rink is ready now. Numerous clubs and intramurals occurring at lunch.

7. New Business

- The need for new school council members for the upcoming school year will be essential as almost all of this year's will no longer be involved having no students enrolled at WMS. (Dawne will supply a list/timeline of regular council duties to Teresa and on G-drive for ease of transition)
- Andrea suggested having the agenda accessible/posted prior to meetings. Future agendas will be attached to an eblast/newsletter & webpage.
- Upcoming meeting scheduled for March 2, 2022 and hope to have this be an in-person event.

8. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:11 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 6:30 p.m. (aiming for in person)

Dates for City-wide Council (7 pm) are: February 8 – Alternative Schools
March 8 - Gateway
May 10 – West Park Elementary

Action Items

- Ideas for encouraging attendance at the upcoming meeting(s) to Teresa – ALL