

WSCC Meeting

4 April 2017

Minutes

1. Welcome & Introductions of parents and Council members past and present.
 - a. With regard to future Council members, Patti stressed flexibility in meeting schedules.
2. Previous meeting minutes to be posted at walker.rbe.sk.ca/SCC.
3. There was no call for additional agenda items.
4. Principal's Report and Questions:
 - a. The fact that Walker is a comfortable place was stressed.
 - b. Mr. Dahlgren and Ms. Johns were thanked for their assistance.
 - c. Current enrolment: 268 students
 - d. Since Math & Muffins, another Integration Day (Movement Day) will be held in May.
 - e. There are now six student interns.
 - f. The Principal said she was thrilled with the basketball teams and noted that the band was doing extremely well.
 - g. The Principal noted that grade three swimming was a success and that Elder Betty had visited the school.
 - h. Thanks to Ms. Leible, badminton is a new sport at the school.
 - i. The Celebration of Learning on March 24th had a 75% turnout; the Principal would like feedback on the event.
 - j. Circle of Courage assemblies continue to recognize student achievements.
 - k. With regard to the provincial budget, the Principal noted that the full scope of budget cuts was still unknown.
 - l. In terms of staff changes, the Principal noted that Mr. Dahlgren would be leaving at the end of the year to become Vice-Principal at Coronation Park Community School.
 - m. The Principal noted that WSCC was providing prizes to encourage school attendance.
 - n. The Principal also noted the availability of the Walker website and the availability of a Twitter feed.
 - o. When asked about goals for next year, the Principal responded that the new Council – working as a team – would set the goals. The Principal also noted the need to understand why certain events were not well attended. Others noted:
 - i. the need for a variety of perspectives on the Council

- ii. the need to develop ways in which members of the Council could communicate with members of other school councils throughout Regina

5. Treasurer's report:

- a. Tristan was not present when the meeting began.
- b. A brief financial overview was presented based on the WSCC Main Account spreadsheet. Money was in the account for future use.

6. Chair's Report:

- a. Funding Items: Science Centre event vs. junior playground equipment
 - i. It was suggested that the grade eight parents on the Council did not want to make spending decisions at the present time that would affect the lower grades.
 - ii. The Principal noted that there were lots of playground equipment options.
 - iii. There was discussion of what the school needs beyond just repair of broken playground equipment, include outdoor education possibilities.
 - iv. Tara Osborne, a former member of Council, noted that the expense of playground equipment made such projects multi-year ventures. She noted that historic documents were in a binder at the school and that these documents could provide a guideline on how projects were developed. She suggested that the FCC Spirit Fund might be able to provide financial support and that there were City of Regina matching grants. In terms of playground development, she stressed the need to know budget limitations, to develop personal contacts and the need for student input.
 - v. It was explained that the Council needed to be incorporated in order to be able to receive grants.
- b. Upcoming events:
 - i. End-of-year BBQ. The Chair noted that SaskEnergy would be approached to fund and assist with the end-of-year barbeque scheduled for Thursday, 22 June 2017.
 - ii. It was also noted that the Steelworkers would be supplying two prizes for the attendance incentive program.
 - iii. Grade 8 graduation is scheduled for 28 June 2017, to be discussed at the May meeting of Council.

7. The annual general meeting is Thursday, 11 May 2017 at 6:30 pm
 - a. There was general discussion about the importance of participating in the meeting (described by one as group therapy) and of the need to get to know both one another and the teachers.
 - b. The enthusiasm of the teachers was noted as was the opportunity to interact with them.
 - c. It was noted that participation did not mean that the participant had to serve on Council. It was also noted that Council meetings occurred only eight times per year that the work of the Council was done in a relaxed atmosphere.
8. Adjournment occurred at 7:01 p.m.