

# GRIFFITHS SCOTT

## 01.25.24 Agenda for Parent Advisory Committee

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❖ **Call To Order: 4:00pm**

❖ **Land Acknowledgement:**

- We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene, and Nakota Sioux and Anishinaabe.
- We acknowledge all the many Indigenous Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for time immemorial. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

❖ **Additions to the agenda:**

❖ **Adoption of minutes: Michelle Hougestol adopted the minutes**

❖ **Trustee Report: Trustee Weremey is away - Trustee Johnson is attending on her behalf**  
**December Trustee Report**

- • The Board passed three motions on December 6, 2023 as listed below.  
Whereas Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools has submitted an application for a new K-12 build at Buck Lake,
  1. That the Board directs the Superintendent to proceed with further consultations on the consolidation of K-6 Schools in the Buck Lake Family of Schools. Consultation will include the Pigeon Lake Family of schools so as the impact is fully understood. The Superintendent will provide recommendations to the Board by March 31, 2024.
  2. The Board directed the superintendent to proceed with further consultation on the consolidation and potential reconfiguration of K-6 and K-8 schools in the city of Wetaskiwin and provide recommendations to the Board by March 31, 2024.
  3. That the Board of Trustees direct the Superintendent to provide recommendations including the approval of new builds and the denial of new builds across WRPS. The Board values and welcomes your active involvement and contributions to these discussions, recognizing the invaluable nature of your input as we collaboratively mold the future of our educational community. We invite all parents to join us in these conversations, as we seek to gather your feedback regarding the directions of our schools.
- • The inaugural Christmas classic is being hosted by the Wetaskiwin Regional Public

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Schools Hockey Academy. The WHA Millet Classic is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, at 9:00 am, followed by the WHA Wetaskiwin Classic event on December 21 at 9:00 am. We invite our families and community members to come out and support our students during these exciting occasions.

- • Holiday concerts are happening in the upcoming weeks. Feel free to check your school's website for the schedule of your Christmas concert. We hope that community members, families, friends, and students will appreciate the hard work our school has put into organizing these concerts.
- • Congratulations to Charlene Brown from Norwood School, the My Alberta Teacher Hero Contest winner!  
"A Grade 5 student nominated her because she is "fun, sporty and loves the students." He described that, after 30 years of teaching students, Mrs. Brown is in "desperate need of a vacation." Brown doesn't know yet where she will travel, but noted that the prize has lifted her spirits and made a real difference."
- **Facilities & Finance Committee**
- • The Board is in the process of setting up more flagpoles throughout the Division. This initiative aims to honorably display the Treaty Six Territory flag, in line with the Board of Trustees' focus on 'Expressing our dedication to Truth and Reconciliation and the essence of the Calls to Action, both of which embody the principles and timeless natural laws.' A big shout-out goes to Wetaskiwin Ready Mix for generously providing a donation of concrete.
- **Education Committee**
- • Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools is offering a complimentary Social Studies 30-1 & 30-2 Diploma Exam Preparation Course to aid students in preparing for the January 2024 Diploma Exam. Anyone who is interested can visit the WRPS website. Pre-registration deadline is December 20, 2023.

## January Trustee Report

- On December 6, 2023, the Board passed the following motions:

Whereas Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools has submitted an application for a new K-12 build at Buck Lake,

1. That the Board directs the Superintendent to proceed with further consultations on the consolidation of K-6 Schools in the Buck Lake Family of Schools. Consultation will include the Pigeon Lake Family of schools so as the impact is fully understood. The Superintendent will provide recommendations to the Board by March 31, 2024.

Whereas an application has been made for a new K-8 build in the city of Wetaskiwin,

2. That the Board direct the superintendent to proceed with further consultation on the consolidation and potential reconfiguration of K-6 and K-8 schools in the city of Wetaskiwin and provide recommendation to the Board by March 31, 2024.

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3. That the Board of Trustees direct the Superintendent to provide recommendations including the approval of new builds and the denial of new builds across WRPS.

The Board values and welcomes your active involvement and contributions to these discussions. We invite all parents, guardians and caregivers to join us in these conversations, as we seek to gather your feedback regarding the directions of our schools. Date's for consultation will be released next week.

As Griffiths-Scott is not physically noted in these motions the decision was made to cancel the in person consultation for parents on February 1st. But if you are interested you are welcome to attend on January 30th for 6pm at the High School.

- The board encourages our families to participate in the AEA Survey. This survey, targeting students in grades 4, 7, and 10 and their parents, seeks insights into thoughts, feelings, and experiences within the school. The survey administration is scheduled between January and March 2024, providing valuable information on the performance of the education system. Please pass on this encouragement to all parents and caregivers in these grades to participate, central admin and school admin do breakdown and focus on each area to see how the division can improve to help all students. This us the beginning of next year's AERR.

- COSC meeting is January 31st set for 7pm. It is online, if the person planning to attend has not received an invitation yet please reach out to Alicia Parsons at central office.

## ❖ Principal's Update:

- Parent Consultation Session for Griffiths-Scott scheduled for Feb. 1 has nobody signed up - session cancelled and merged with the WCHS on Jan. 30
  - Could feel the impact of the changes (budgets, results of trustee decisions)
- Please review all of the attached Administrative Procedures - WRPS would like feedback on the proposed AP's as well as the updated AP's. You can provide that feedback directly to Trustee Weremey or to myself.
  - [AP 177 - Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity](#)
  - [AP 178 - Student Names](#)
  - [AP 316 - Head Lice](#)

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- [AP 317 - Bed Bugs](#)
- [AP 143 - Social Media Usage](#)
- [AP 219 - Special Projects](#)
- Reporting Period → there are new printable reports that will be placed into parent portals. The reports are from the first semester - Q1 and Q2 - and they feature a summary comment for the year so far; note that the individual assignments/comments are in the gradebook and are accessible year round.
  - Feb 5 parents will receive a message about a progress report being available
  - At the end of Q3 we will have another Celebration of Learning (parents invited to come into the school). At the end of Q4 another progress report will be made available.
  - For the elementary grades it is best to view the marks is through a laptop (not a mobile device)
- Ribbon Skirt making with Gloria Rogers - the target audience is parents for this cool opportunity, we have brought in some sewing machines from Parkdale/Clear Vista schools.
  - Gloria is looking to connect with the parent community (able to bring kids to work on together)
- Sewing as part of CTF - we have a new element to offer our design studies component of our CTF courses - we are excited to see how it turns out!
  - Parent volunteer is helping to run the course and source materials
- Seniors Woodworking on Thursday evenings has been a big hit - thanks to Mr. Granger as well as our super volunteer - Bob Maynard!
  - Feedback has been positive so far
- A.E.R.R. surveys for parents/staff/students - the surveys have been opened up for Grade 4 and 7 parents, we will also survey our teaching staff and Gr. 4 and 7 students at school.
  - Survey asks the students perspective on - do they feel safe at school, do they feel like they belong at school

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- Teachers and parents (of students in gr 4, 7, 10) are asked questions as well
- Dreams Take Flight - GSS is a stand alone site and has the ability to select and send students to participate in this fantastic program. To support this we must sell two sets of raffle tickets for a prize of two tickets to anywhere that Air Canada flies! Please buy your tickets from the office for \$5 per ticket.rd
- ❖ Talent show March 31st - 2:30-3:30
- ❖ Mr Granger and Mr Schneider are going this weekend to be certified as an Archery Coach (this activity would run afterschool and during the day)
  - WRPS has the Top 2nd and 4th place person and in Canada we have the top 1st, 2nd, 3rd place person
  - Age range is grade 5-8
- ❖ Next Meeting Date: February 29 @ 4:00pm
- ❖ Meeting adjourned : **4:41pm**



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## HELPERS AT GRIFFITHS-SCOTT SCHOOL SOCIETY (HAGSS) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*01.25.24 Agenda*

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1. **Call To Order: 4:41pm**
2. **Additions to the Agenda:**
3. **Adoption of Minutes:**
4. **Business from Minutes:**
  - a. **Milk Program**
    - **Unfortunately, we lost 2 crates of milk due to the fridge being too warm (approx \$80 in value)**
  - b. **Hot Lunch**
    - **Successful hotdog lunch day**
    - **Leanne's will be providing a pizza hot lunch in Feb (can also do a variety of lunch options)**
    - **Try and offer lunches on Tues and Wed**
  - c. **Fundraising Update -**
    - **Offer a summer carnival idea (bouncy castle etc) and make this a fundraiser**
    - **Beef jerky fundraiser (We now have \$2840 in purchases)**
    - **Possibilities for the next fundraiser: Purdy's, clothing drop off (pays per pound), bandaid with school logo/first aid kits**
  - d. **New Business**
    - **Cheques for teachers - Teachers Convention**
      - **\$150 for 1.0 FTE**
      - **School will provide a list of staff**
    - **Book Fair in April (same week as Celebration of Learning)**

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- Look at purchasing some new furniture for the front foyer (\$1000 budget)

## e. Financial

- \$8257.65 in the account

## f. Adjournment: 5:20pm



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