



Whitecourt Central School Council Agenda/Minutes

Date: October 19, 2021

Call To Order	5:32 PM
Approval of Minutes	Rand Richards, Carla Hanas
Approval of Agenda	Carla Hanas, Rand Richards
Virtual Attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tammy McKeever, Nicole Moir, Linda Wigton, Barb Madigan, Teagan Kubelka, Rand Richards, Crystal Shields, Catherine MacDonald, Carla Hanas 	

Reports (Attached)	Time	Notes
Principal	5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Went over Assurance Measure Results (14 Parent Responses) - SEE ATTACHED
Teacher	5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Halloween, students will come dressed in costume for the morning so parents can assist before as visitors still are not allowed in the school. - Hat days, \$1 for each participant will go to relay for life team - Remembrance Day activities - Parent teacher interviews on November 24th & 25th (will be held via google meet or phone call) - Reminder of upcoming important dates. - SEE ATTACHED
Success Coach	5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended Truth & Reconciliation day - Blanket Challenge - Grade 3 is working on vocabulary of being a good friend - Grade 4 is working on problem solving - Grad 5 is working on organizational skills

Treasurer	5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bank Balance \$751.02 - Appointment is made at the bank to change signing authority
Trustee	10 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participated in truth and reconciliation day @ Rotary Park - 2 new trustees were appointed in the election - Next week they will have an organizational meeting - SEE ATTACHED

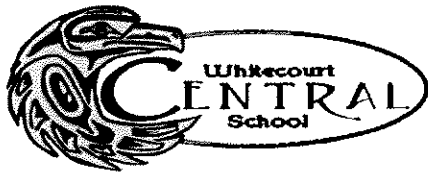
Old Business

- NONE

New Business

- Bank Changes:**
- Remove signing authority from Angie Ophus, Shereen Trenchard, & Crystal Shields from the PCSS account
 - Add signing authority for Carla Hanas, Rand Richards, & Catherine MacDonald for the PCSS account

Next Meeting Date	November 16 @ 5:30 pm
Adjournment	5:55 pm



EPIC Agenda/Minutes

Date: October 19, 2021

Call To Order	5:55 PM
Approval of Minutes	Catherine MacDonald, Rand Richards
Approval of Agenda	Caral Hanas, Catherine MacDonald

Reports (Attached)	Time	Notes
Treasurer	5 minutes	\$8115.67

Old Business
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
New Business
<p>Bank Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove signing authority from Angie Ophus, Shereen Trenchard, & Crystal Shields from the EPIC account • Add signing authority for Carla Hanas, Rand Richards, and Catherine MacDonald for the EPIC account <p>Pizza Hot Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First pizza lunch November 19th. Lunch will be delivered by 11:30 in prepackaged boxes for WCS to distribute. Orders need to be in by November 5th <p>Fundraising Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tammy suggested taller seats for older kids - Rocking chairs needed <p style="text-align: center;">Is it possible to assign one room parent to attend the parent council / Epic</p>

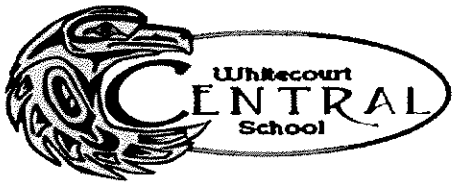
meetings to gain more involment?

Next Meeting Date

November 16 - following the PCSS meeting

Adjournment

6:08 PM



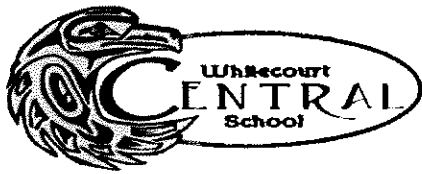
**Principal Report
School Council Meeting
Oct 19, 2021**

Assurance Measure Results – (14 parent responses)

Measure	WCS % Current	WCS% Previous	AB %
Student Learning Engagement	82.1%	N/A	85.6%
Citizenship	84.5%	89.8%	83.2%
Education Quality	94.0%	95.7%	89.6%
Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments	88.3%	N/A	87.8%
Access to Supports and Services	73.8%	N/A	82.6%
Parental Involvement	74.8%	81.3%	79.5%

Information/questions from Assurance Measure Results

- Student Learning Engagement
 - useful numeracy skills
- Citizenship
 - active in community
- Education Quality
 - challenging and interesting work
 - knowing what they need to know
- Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments
 - adults treating students fairly
 - welcoming environment
 - safe on the way to and from school
- Access to Supports and Services
 - supports available to help with learning
 - availability of teachers
 - availability of other services
- Parental Involvement
 - decision making opportunities
 - involved in education process

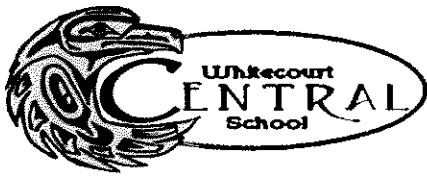


School Council - October 19, 2021 Teacher Report

- **Halloween**
 - Students will come dressed in the costumes for the AM - this will allow parents to help their children get into their costumes at home.
 - Halloween themed activities will occur in the AM with their cohort class
 - Students may bring their own halloween treat for the morning if they wish, as we are not allowed to share food with others at this time
 - Students are being asked to bring a change of clothes for the afternoon as it will be regular classes
- **Hat Days**
 - Once a month, students will have the opportunity to wear hats for a minimum donation of \$1.00. All donations go towards the WCS Relay for Life Team
- **Remembrance Day Activities**
 - Activities will be completed in each classroom throughout the week to honor our veterans and current members of the forces
 - We will have a school-wide moment of silence at 11:00 on November 9th.
- **Parent Teacher Interviews**
 - November 24 and 25 from 5-8pm
 - Parents will have the choice from a google meet or a phone call
 - One time slot per student
 - Online bookings will be available mid-November

Upcoming Dates

- October 27 - Photo retakes
- October 29 - Student Recognition
- November 1-9 - Remembrance Day Activities
- November 10 - No School - PD Day
- November 11 - No School - Remembrance Day
- November 12 - No School - Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews
- November 24 and 25 - Parent Teacher Interviews - 5-8 pm



Whitecourt Central School Council Agenda/Minutes

Date: September 28, 2021

Call To Order	5:33 PM
Approval of Minutes	NA
Approval of Agenda	Rand Richards, Crystal Shields
Virtual Attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tammy Mckeever, Nicole Moir, Linda Wigton, Barb Maddigan, Teagan Kubelka, Rand Richards, Crystal Shields, Angie Ophus, Catherine MacDonald, Carla Hanas, Cheryl Trofimuk, Charise Munday, 	

Reports (Attached)	Time	Notes
Principal	5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get the Scoop Feedback • Community Lunch Box • Breakfast Program • Enrollment - 320 • Learning Loss Program • PD Day • Jeans for Charity - donated to Wellsprings • School Council Grant - forward once the info is collected
Teacher	5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly - outside • Unfortunately our taping did not work • FOIP • Terry Fox - walked by class around Rotary • \$2061.00 • Orange Shirt Day - Thursday
Success Coach	5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHCB initiative - universal programming • PATHS programming • PLC - resiliency building • Radio hosts • Wellness Committee
Treasurer	5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance from 20-21 = \$751.02



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

September 2021

For Immediate Release

Truth & Reconciliation

September 30, 2021 marked the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The Day honours the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. NGPS students and staff honoured the Day with a host of learning and awareness activities such as playing Indigenous games in Physical Education class, participating in the KAIROS Blanket Exercise, learning and experiencing Indigenous culture with special Indigenous guests, wearing orange and building understanding and empathy through art, music and stories. #everychildmatters

Final Board Meeting for the Current Board – Election is October 18

Board Chair Linda Wigton acknowledged the work of Trustees at the Board's last meeting of this Term

"It's been a great pleasure and a steep learning curve and I want to thank each and every one of you for your service to the Board and the Division. Congratulations to our acclaimed Trustees who we know will be returning for another Term."

- *Diane Hagman, Ward 1, Electoral Subdivision No. 4 representing Mayerthorpe*
- *Gerry Steinke, Ward 3, Electoral Subdivision No. 3, representing Valleyview"*

October 26, 2021 Organizational Meeting of the Board

The next meeting of the Board follows the election and will include both the Organizational Meeting and the Board's regular meeting, on October 26, 2021

Board Policy Review

Board Policy Committee Chair Gerry Steinke reviewed wording changes to:

Board Policy 15: School Operational Viability – Motion No. 4494-21

Board Policy 16: School Closure and Transfer of Students – Motion No. 4495-21

Audit Terms of Reference – Motion No. 4496-21

Motions were made to adopt Policy 15, Policy 16 and the Audit Terms of Reference as amended. **Motions carried.**

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Employee Recognition

The Board's annual in-person Employee Recognition Evening was canceled this year due to the continued unpredictability of pandemic restrictions. The event is a special occasion for our NGPS family where we normally come together to recognize and celebrate our employees from every corner of the Division.

Employees are recognized with service awards beginning at 5 years and extending all the way up to 35 and 40 years in some cases! Retirees and service award recipients will receive their recognition packages via their schools/sites this year.

We sincerely value and appreciate the commitment of our staff to Northern Gateway Public Schools and to the students we serve. Congratulations to our:

- Thirty-one 5-year service award recipients
- Seven 10-year service award recipients
- Fourteen 15-year service award recipients
- Fifteen 20-year service award recipients
- Three 25-year service award recipients
- Seven 30-year service award recipients
- and One 45-year service award recipient!
- Our 2020 Edwin Parr Award Nominee: Gabrielle Guderyan
- Our 16 Retirees!

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 26, 2021, and will commence with the Organizational Meeting at 10:00 a.m. The regular public Board Meeting will begin immediately following the Organizational Meeting. Members of the public are invited to attend or to watch the Regular Meeting live on our YouTube channel, [NGTV](#).

