

Gwynne School Parent / School
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2021 at 7:00pm

No quorum – no official meeting but this is a record of the brief discussion

1. Attendance - Virtual meeting via Zoom/Google log-in

Stu Wilson
Erin Ballhorn
Lynne Ware

Barb Jevne
Laura White

- Google/Zoom meeting set up worked better for school staff and worked fine for non-school participants.

2. Teacher's Report – Barb Jevne

- Consensus between students and teachers – everyone prefers in-person learning at the school.
- Teachers are putting in a lot of extra work every week to have lessons prepared for classroom delivery and continuous preparation for the possibility of absence or reverting to at-home learning.

3. Principal's Report – Stuart Wilson

- Thank you – The use of the rink was appreciated.
- Stu acknowledged the extra work that school staff are doing this year to deal with COVID.
- Mrs. Armson will remain with the Kindergarten class until the end of this school year.
- WRPS is considering a 'safe arrival' app/parent portal that parents would be able to use to notify schools of students' late arrival or absences.
- Vandalism – 1 net and Stu's trailer mats were stolen from the school property. The playground was recently defaced with spray paint which district maintenance will clean up.
- The Kindness presentation was well received by the younger grades. Thank you, Erin, for helping make this possible.
- Hot lunch was a success earlier in the year. There is still some money left from the Ember Resources grant. Erin will contact Trish to see if we can do one more hot lunch this year.
- A new school supply company will be available for next year. It is the same company that supplies the school agendas.
- Angela Wasserman made a class photo collage from the Life Touch photos. It will be sent out later in the year.
- Next year the grade 7/8 options will be at Gwynne.

- At this time the traditional grade 8 graduation activities won't happen. Some modified event may be considered – wait and see.
- Registrations have been sent out and returned. There are currently only 8 students registered for kindergarten.
- The One School One Book program being facilitated by Ms. Loov with 'My Side of the Mountain' has seen a good percentage of families participating.
- The Assurance Survey (used to be Pillars) has been given to the grade 4-8 students. Parents and teachers also have an opportunity to provide input. Deadline: April 28.

4. WRPS Trustee Report – Lynne Ware

- Lynne recognized the extra effort that teachers are putting in around COVID protocols and in-person/at-home learning preparation.
- School closures can be directed by the province. Boards can pre-emptively decide to close individual schools in their district as they see fit. As of today, some schools in Calgary are moving to at-home-learning.
- WRPS is working to balance the budget.

5. Parent business – Erin

- Erin Ballhorn is inquiring into the Pine Haven fundraiser for May/June.
- Proposed new curriculum: What is the best way to provide feedback?
 - i. Stu will send an e-mail to school families that will have a link that can provide feedback to the province.
 - ii. Peter, the superintendent, also sent a communication that has a link where feedback can be provided.
 - iii. There seems to be concern around the new curriculum. WRPS may attempt to pilot some of the courses in order to provide relevant expert feedback.