

WEST MISSOURI P.S.
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, December 5, 2022
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Present:	Michelle Coghlin	Chairperson
	Lindsay Lake	Parent Rep
	Brea Dawson	Teacher Rep
	Darryl Mann	Principal
	Adam Nemeth	Vice – Principal
	Blaire Masse	Treasurer
Regrets:	Krista Van Den Berge	Secretary
	Andrew / Jeannine Poulton	Community Reps

1. Welcome

2. Approval of Agenda for December 4th, 2022, Meeting

- Call to order at 6:00pm
- The agenda was approved by Michelle Coghlin
- The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved by Blaire Masse

3. Business Arising from November Minutes / Updates

Guidelines for Student Dress: Communication regarding the new Guidelines for Student Dress to parents/caregivers and a social media campaign will be launched soon. WNPS admin. will visit classrooms to update students and participate in discussions on the *why* the changes have been made to student dress expectations. These presentations and discussions will support our learning and understanding of the new Board direction. January agenda will be an opportunity to discuss and share feedback.

4. New Business

a) Safe Schools Update – see attached Principal’s Report. School Climate Survey will be launched in December or early January - results will help inform our schools direction and focus.

c) Other:

- **EQAO**

Individual student results were sent out to families last week of students who completed Grade 3 and 6 EQAO Assessments last year. See attached Principal’s Report sharing School, Board and Provincial results to help direct future school goals.

- **PRO Grant**

This year **PRO Grant funding** will be allocated to schools through a request process between November 30 – January 20, 2023. During this time, we are asked to consider families within our school community for whom barriers exist that prevent them from participating in their children’s learning and work with parent/caregiver groups when applying for PRO Grant funding this year. Applications that meet the requirements listed below, will be considered.

PRO Grant Project Requirements

Projects will be considered that demonstrate parent input on how schools can improve in at least one of the following areas to be eligible for PRO Grants funding:

- Addressing social inclusion and racism specifically anti-Asian, anti-Black, and anti-Indigenous discrimination and bias and other prejudices toward racialized and marginalized groups as well as inequities and systemic barriers faced by these designated groups.
- Creating a safe and welcoming environment
- Demonstrating respect for parents as valued partners within the education system regarding decisions about their child’s education
- Enhancing communication with teachers
- Informing parents about the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum and supporting resources.

Examples for PRO projects could include but are not limited to:

- Parent-led initiatives focused on addressing anti-Black Racism, anti-Indigenous and anti-oppression
- Virtual parent/caregiver engagement supports (e.g., evening conferences)
- Enhanced multi-lingual supports to parents/caregivers for school board communications.

- Family events supporting mental health and well-being (e.g., family music nights, virtual family yoga night), online networking).
- Food sovereignty and environment (e.g., hiking, community gardens)
- Mental health and well-being (e.g., workshops on student and family mental health)
- Physical health and wellness parent curriculum-briefing workshops)
- Training on self-regulation (e.g., virtual learning sessions for families)
- 2SLGBTQI focused (e.g., awareness building by offering culturally responsive experiences)
- STEM (e.g., in-person learning nights)
- Online learning software and safety (e.g., cyber-literacy); and
- Literacy or math supports families to assist their children (Investing in Children events or school-based literacy or numeracy events).
- (e.g., Zumba and other activities)
- Providing targeted resources to meet specific parent needs so parents/caregivers can be resilient

Applying for PRO Grant Funding

This year, the Thames Valley Involvement Committee (TVPIC) has provided schools the opportunity to work with their parent/ caregiver groups to request approval for a project to a maximum of \$5,000, please complete this form if you have a project to be considered. The deadline for applications is January 20th.

Please view the one-page document attached for further information on PRO Grant opportunities that can be shared with staff and parent/ caregiver groups as project proposals are being considered.

5. Principal's Report – see attached

7. Next Meeting – January 9, 2023