

WHITNEY GENERAL COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF MEETING

Meeting: Whitney General Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 (6:30-7:00p)

Location: Whitney Public School, Library

Secretary: Ashley Rutledge

In Attendance:

Elizabeth Knox	Debbie Stern
Mistine Lauzon	Marcia Moffat
Mike Lauzon (by proxy)	Jane Edwards
Tracey Butler	Patti Ann Allen
Steven Butler (by proxy)	Alexis Wise
Ashley Rutledge	
Andrew Rutledge (by proxy)	

Marcia Update:

- 1) Approval of the minutes from previous council meeting. Motion by Elizabeth Knox. Second by Alexis Wise.
- 2) Marcia reviewed minutes from the Executive Council Meeting. These notes are available in the Whitney main office (please see Allison).
- 3) Email regarding the Joint Ward Forum (sent by Rob Little and with regards to trustee, Shelia Ward's passing) will be sent by Marcia to all parents who have opted to receive emails from the Council

Financial update:

Elizabeth's reports that the May/June check in shows we are tracking to budget

Principal's report:

- 1) Enrollment: Current 285 / Future: 283 preliminary projections for next year
 - a. Parent/Staffing committee: 2-3 parents needed. Meeting takes place right after March break with a goal to have a model in place by April 15th. Information about the school model and the process to be used will be reported in the Whitney Word. Note: Teachers will spend a full day in June building classrooms for the next school year.
 - b. JK/SK: 72 preliminary projection for next year
- 2) Report cards went home a week ago. Many parent interviews
- 3) Police visits (Janet Stather was here for 2 full days). Presentations went well.
- 4) Hip Hop dancing was excellent. We would love to have Karen back again.

- 5) Grade 6 grad committee is underway. Great support: (book swap, movie night, bake sale)
- 6) Jr students went to a French concert today; loved it
- 7) Patti Ann Allen's grade 2 class is leading the SPA Assembly on March 4, 2016
- 8) EQAO testing coming up (3's and 6th's testing will most likely be condensed into 3-4 days vs weeks)
- 9) Teachers started discussion and rehearsals for the April 21st Talent Show (gr.4,5,6)
- 10) Battle of the Books – books out!
- 11) John Dunn – 2 presentations (next Friday – Feb 26th) – social studies presentations. All grades.
- 12) City Hall Trip – Choir group goes Tuesday morning to perform and meet the Mayor
- 13) Young People Theatre – “Mistatim”. Good feedback/ students enjoyed (1-6 grades)
- 14) Staff appreciation lunch thank you!!
- 15) After March Break:
 - Talent Show grades – in April 4,5,6
 - Main Event on May 5th
 - EQAO testing (grades 3 and 6)
 - June 14 council meeting (last one)

Efforts to get parents out: (some ideas – nothing has been confirmed)

- 1) Family Math Night. Parents would come with kids
 - How to incorporate math at home (i.e., games)
 - Suggestions for activities
- 2) Student Conference re: Health & Wellness
 - Yoga, healthy eating, anxiety
 - Taught by others outside
- 3) Well-known Neurologist to visit school (topic: Concussions)
 - Dr. Charles Tator as presenter
 - Importance of paperwork after concussion
 - Open to other schools within the vicinity (300 capacity)
 - Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00p

Questions:

- 1) New flag pole (why/when?). It was not a request from Deb.
- 2) Cement planters (when?). Before the school year is out.

Motion to adjourn:

By Mistine Lauzon and Elizabeth Know second