

WR Myers School Council
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2024

Present: Jessica Leishman, Jenna White, Cindy Kanomata, Barb Wilson, Nav Kaur, Sara Lee, Chandra Bevans, Anabel Wurz, Adam Hughes, Sean Dupuis, Nicole Cooney

Meeting Called to order:

1. Introductions/Attendees
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting [☰ School Council Meeting September 24, 2024](#)
 - a. Barb moves to accept. Jenna seconds.
3. Additions to Agenda
4. Principal's Report
 - a. New Staff
 - i. Jennifer Pelletier - hired due to increase in numbers. Will be working part DAF, part WRM. For WRM, will be used to split large grade 10 class in each semester.
 - ii. Jeanine Williams hired as new counselor. Start at Myers today. Will be in school Monday, Wednesday, every other Thursday, and Fridays
 - b. Athletics
 - i. Football team ended season on weekend. JV volleyball teams ended two weekends ago. SV volleyball teams going to zones this weekend. Success year for our athletics, really grateful for the coaches.
 - ii. Basketball is starting up. Wrestling team and curling will be going over winter.
 - c. Modernization
 - i. Received notice of plan to adjust modernization timeline. Originally weren't supposed to start until June (after end of year). New plan involves starting in March with Band Room and Learning Commons, as well as commercial kitchen.
 1. Bandroom is being expanded, as well as including two practice rooms.
 2. Learning commons footprint is not changing, but flow of space is being changed significantly.
 3. Staff room will be replaced with a commercial kitchen. (New staff room in next phase in 67 wing)

4. First phase scheduled to be completed March through December 2025
- d. Calendar Input
 - i. New Belltimes
 1. Current bell structure is 8 45 minute blocks. Lots of transitions, many short. This creates challenges getting from one class to another, losing significant instructional time with transitions.
 2. Exploring switching to a 4 block schedule. Will mean there are less breaks during the day, but will have longer breaks.
 3. Will result in more instructional time per day → means fewer days are needed to reach mandated AB Education 1000 hours (950 for Gr 9)
 - ii. Addition days free from instruction
 1. Goal to Align with other schools
 2. Work on Fridays potentially expand long weekends for families
 - iii. Any input from parents
 1. This October seemed to have a lot of days missed. Would be important to have days spread out.
 2. Being able to do Fridays of Long weekends would be appreciated
 3. When there are days during a week with a holiday (like a Tuesday or Thursday - placing a day off on the respective Monday or Friday)
5. Pancake Breakfast (Lunch) - December 19
 - a. Traditionally, the last day before Christmas, school council and student council work together to provide a pancake breakfast to the student body.
 - b. Last day is a lot to have Christmas activities throughout the whole day. Would like to find a way to reduce the impacted part of the day to just afternoon (leaving regular instruction in the morning).
 - c. Will look to organize pancake lunch (instead of breakfast)
 - d. Hope is to have parents help with preparation by 10ish.
6. Grad Update
 - a. Theme: Moody Disco
 - b. Have chosen hoodie design.
 - c. Have had one parent meeting so far.
 - d. Hosting whole grad (student) meeting Nov 14. Whole parent meeting Nov 20.

- e. Bacon fundraiser started Nov 13. Bacon fundraiser is not for whole class, rather goes to pay individual grads fees (to offset the cost of grad).
7. School Cash Online
- a. Varsity picture fee was added, but parents were notified in advance that expense was coming (tied to things like athletics pictures, hoodies...etc).
 - b. Communication should be with parents in advance (rather than just relying on students to relay information, or information being relayed potentially inaccurately).
8. Vision of School Council
- a. Advisory Group
 - b. Fundraising Needs
 - c. Fundraising Opportunities
 - d. Summary of discussion:
 - i. If we are going to be looking at it fundraising for different goals, we should be setting it up as a society - provides greater autonomy. Council can support society in endeavors. Can also ensure money is allocated for different groups / issues. Also provides accountability
 - ii. Reminder that society and council are technically separate.
 - iii. Corporate sponsorship and other opportunities could potentially connect to this as well.
 - iv. Committee could better establish goals that are worked towards.
 - v. Currently society is established, but is not really fully operational (with bank accounts...etc). Can look to have formalized agenda submitted for election based on AGM.
 - 1. Need to be flowing money in for an account to make sense.
 - vi. Interest in 50/50s, Raffles at athletic events and other school functions. Can compartmentalize funds. Even concession for athletic events can be used within this.
 - vii. Regarding athletic concession - value in process of reducing fees for students. But should look to mix up who is running it so that people working are not playing. Also, value of putting concession in lobby.
 - viii. Potential desire to setup a society meeting at separate time. Looking at after council meeting in January.
 - ix. Could school begin to compile a wishlist - where are there resources needed? Where are there ideas about what fundraising could look like?

Next Meeting - January 8 @ 7:00. Society @ 7:45.
Meeting Adjourned: 8:12 pm