

**WR Myers School Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 24, 2024**

Present: Jessica Leishman, Barb Wilson, Patty Petronech, Janelle O'Connor, Nav Kaur, Joe Atwood, Adam Hughes, Nicole Cooney, Sean Dupuis

Meeting Called to order: 7:32

1. Introductions/Attendees
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting [School Council Meeting Minutes May 7, 2024](#)
3. Additions to Agenda
4. School Council Election - Call for nominations
  - a. President:
    - i. Nominees: Barb Wilson, Jessica Leishman
  - b. Secretary:
    - i.
5. Cafeteria
  - a. Conversation on social media about WR Myers cafeteria. Questions about where it has been advertised, what is involved...etc.
  - b. Adam provided details. Was advertised in the past, but have not have consistent individuals who have stayed in the role. One person approached this year, but decided against after hearing the logistics needed (5,000,000 liability, can't use deep fryer). The dated equipment is one of the impetus for kitchen being addressed with modernization. Also complicated by K&E program and need for that program to run a snack shack as part of entrepreneurship life-skills program.
  - c. If there are community individuals interested, please have them reach out to the school.
6. Grad Update
  - a. Friday May 23 - Cap and Gown Ceremony @ WR Myers Gymnasium
  - b. Saturday May 24 - Grad Banquet @ Civic Centre
  - c. We have a faculty committee formed. Meeting with students first (last year there was a lot of chasing), and will lead from there into scheduling the first parent meeting (hopefully October)
  - d. Full parent meeting will not be until November (usually tied into fundraisers to help with information sharing)
7. Options Discussion
  - a. Concern about scheduling process. It seems that students are not getting the options that are being requested.

- b. Conversation about what goes into the scheduling process. What can be done about the number of options being offered? Could we narrow focus to smaller number that is offered to ensure that more students are able to get the courses they are wanting? Also comments that the diversity of options we offer can be a draw for students from other schools.  
Recognition of some of the amazing programs we do offer - such as band - which is best in southern alberta.
  - c. Conversation about streaming - how do communicate -1 vs -2 to students that doesn't create 'tiers' of learning, and ensures that opportunities are still available
  - d. Q:How can we help students better understand application needs for scholarships earlier in their high school experience?
  - e. Discussion about some of the steps that have been taken in the past few years to help students better understand opportunities.
    - i. How can parents better understand what is available?
8. Principals Report
- a. Athletics Update
9. School Council Election - Second call for nominations, voting of new members
- a. Nominees for President: Barb Wilson, Jessica Leishman
  - b. After secret ballot: Jessica Leishman was elected as School Council President

Next Meeting - Tuesday November 12 @ 7:00

Meeting Adjourned: 8:41