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**Wednesday January 8, 2024**

**Attendees**: Jessica Hodgson, Haley Byholt, Nikki Van Eden, Sam Firth, Kali Paterson, Michelle Tyslau, Lisa Prawdzik

1. Call Meeting to order

2.Additions to the Agenda

3.Approval of Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes from December

5.Trustee Report- Tyler Demers

6.Division School Council Report

7.Westminster School Report

* Christmas Concert- Review
* Alberta Gov Assessments in January

8.Teacher Report-Tara

9.Treasurer Report

10.New Business

* Valentines Dance
  + Dance as a fundraiser
  + Other fundraisers: April 1st panago day
  + Kernels for a future month? Nikki looking into it (2 week turn around for orders)
* Society of Westminster
  + Cali and Barbie here to help us decide (CPA and retired lawyer)
  + You can’t incorporate the council as it is, you incorporate a second society
  + Only pro might be having a casino
  + If money is given as charitable donation, we can accept it but that’s different than doing a lottery
  + There would be a year of time we’d have to be in operation with activity, before even being able to do a casino
  + We would need 5 people to sign to become a society
  + Call agcl about how long before we can do raffles or 50/50s
  + Look up more information and bring to the next meeting before we decide
* U of L Field Trip for Teachers
  + Grade 3,4,5 would love to do the science and then a pool trip afterward
  + Younger grades a full day is too long, but they’d like the science part
  + Look into ratio for children to adults for the university pool
  + School council in favor of paying for this field trip
  + Ask if they can change up the activities a bit, since it’ll be a lot of the same kids except for the grade 5s that graduated last year
  + Last year there was not enough time for the entire robotics activity, too much talking from instructors – building structures not recommended (sphero’s were good)
  + Plan it for May, not June
* Talk about grade 5 grad for February agenda
  + We still have stickers for more cookies from last year

11.Adjournment 7:50pm

Next Meeting: February 5, 2025

* Teacher appreciation day and staff 40 ish people. Date? Last year was May 7th
* Grade 5 grad
* Sports day end of the year, with kona ice, tentatively June 20

***Upcoming Dates:***

***January 9- Ribbon Skirt and Fav Shirt Day***

***January 13- Alberta Assessments Open***

***January 20- Kindergarten Registration Opens***

***January 31- PL Day for Staff- No School***