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**April 2, 2025**

**Agenda: 6:30 pm**

Attendees: Katherine McKee, Nikki Van Eden, Brittany Johnson, Connie Rempel Betsy Fletcher, Michelle Tyslau & Lisa Prawdzik

1. Call Meeting to order- Kathryn McKee 6:39pm

2.Additions to the Agenda

3.Approval of Agenda

* Brittany and Katherine

4. Approval of Minutes from March

* Katherine and Brittany

5.Trustee Report- Tyler Demers

* Regrets

6.Division School Council Report- No Rep.

7.Westminster School Report

* Book Mobile at our school once a month.

Teachers are able to sign up for a bin and the books remain at the school in the teacher’s classroom for the month.

* CYCW intern Rylee has been making strong connections with students
* Successful Celebration of Learning was well attended. Families really enjoyed the mini golf.
* Successful Return of 37% on Assurance Survey from parents. This was a massive increase in the number of families who completed the survey (last year only 6 parents).
* End of June Mindful Munchies Lunch Program will be ending for schools

Next year we will have to look at how to support lunches next school year.

* Westwind Thunder – performance was well attended and enjoyed

8.Teacher Report-Betsy Fletcher

* Lakie donated tickets to our school for our grade 4/5 students
* Solar unit – had a night viewing activity where kids and their families could come for a sky scavenger hunt.
* Greg Fisher from the school division came to work with students and teachers on the climate action kits and the microbit kits.
* The students really seemed to enjoy working on this with him and have demonstrated strong skills

9.New Business

* Review school dance
  + Older students did not have a good understanding of the social norms.
  + Loved the music, some students danced
  + Split between the Div 1 and Div 2 groups worked well to manage the school size.
  + The drawing paper was well used
  + Chalk paper with neon paint to be considered next year
* Update on UofL field trip
  + Lifeguards will be hired to help with the supervision
  + Teachers will not have to go into the pool
  + Southland buses have been booked
* School Council has found some additional funds
  + Teachers can submit a request for any additional field trips.
  + Kindergarten is the only grade so far to have submitted a request so far.
  + Betsy has asked if School Council could purchase some permanent markers for their grade 3/4/5 projects.
    - Betsy made a motion to have school council budget $75 for the markers.
    - Approved by Katherine, Brittany, and Nikki
* Teacher/staff appreciation
  + Katherine made a motion for school council to use $200.00 as a budget
  + Approved by Brittany, Nikki and
* Sports day – June 20th
  + Volunteer will be asked for
  + Kona Ice is booked, and they have requested a couple parent volunteers to help run the station
* Grade 5 farewell food and decorations (June 17th and Kindergarten will be June 18th & 19th)
  + Nikki is going to make and donate a balloon arch for the grade 5 farewell
  + Grade 5 (estimate of 50 students)
  + Suggestion for only one type of cookie (sugar cookie)
  + Booster Juice (Strawberry Sunshine and Mango Hurricane are popular flavours
* Popcorn update = 1483 bags sold
  + Hot lunch moms may be willing to help sort/ distribute
  + $1171 dollars raised
  + Suggestions for next year:
    - class competition to win a popcorn and movie day
    - Combine with parent engagement and host in the evening using the gym and invite families.
* Panago Pizza Night = 312 pizzas sold
* School Council Finances
  + Additional accounts were found: Donations, General Account, ASCA Grant
  + Total funds available = $21043.12
  + A breakdown of the accounts was shared.

Adjourned at 7:29pm

Next Meeting: May 7, 2025

***Upcoming Dates:***

April 1- Panago Pizza Fundraiser

April 1- Run Club starts

April 2- A & W breakfast

April 17 COC Assembly

April 18- Good Friday

April 18-April 27 Spring Break

April 28- Classes Resume

May 1- Book Mobile