**Westminster School Council Minutes**

**May 7th, 2025**

**Attendees:** Katherine McKee, Haley,

**Agenda: 6:30 pm**

1. Call Meeting to order- Kathryn Mckee

2.Additions to the Agenda-no addition

3.Approval of Agenda- Kathryn approved Sam seconded it

4. Approval of Minutes from April - Kathryn approved and Hailey seconded

5.Trustee Report- Tyler Demers

6.Division School Council Report- No Rep.

7.Westminster School Report

* Five ED 2500 students form the U of L will be starting May 14th for 6 weeks
* A CYC from Lethbridge College will be starting Diva Nagewadia starting May 12th for 6 weeks
* The Sunrise Rotarians donated $250.00 for a year end BBQ
* Grade Fives attended WMS orientation April 30th
* Alberta Screening Assessments begin May 12th – May 30th
* PL Day May 20th will focus on RC pilot for all teachers
	+ Next year Lisa has heard feedback that families and students would like to have a paper copy of the report card to be available in all classrooms
* May 30th COC assembly will thank and celebrate Westminster Volunteers. A representative from the school council would be nice to have attend.
	+ Leadership crew with Carlene is preparing a thank you to give to our volunteers.
	+ Sam is willing to attend on behalf of the school council
* Preschool will be in afternoons again next year and we anticipate 2 Kindergarten programs.
* Grade Twos- Attending Helen Schuler on May 7th
* Grade3/4 attending Fort Whoop Up and Legacy Park on June 5th
* Music Therapy started April 17th- June 2
* Teachers meeting Milestones of Service this year;

 Betsy Fletcher 10 yrs

 Kali Paterson 10,

 Timythi Ober 5 yrs

 Sherry Maccrimmon 10 yrs

8.Teacher Report-Denver Arseneault

* Woking hard in kindergarten on expanding vocabulary, providing details and using full sentences.
	+ Using a thinking routine called “see-think-wonder"
	+ Increasing self-confidence

9.New Business

* Hot lunch next year
	+ Sam will work on creating a calendar of dates for next year
	+ Discussion regarding the concept of how much to charge for hot lunches
	+ Motion: To keep hot lunches at a rounded dollar value of either $5 or $10 to keep costs at an expected dollar value for families.
		- Motion by Katherine
		- Seconded by Nikki
* JBL Purchase
	+ Motion: To put up to $250 towards the purchase of the speaker for the school
		- Motion by Katherine
		- Seconded by Sam
* Pizza lunch for Westminster Athletes
	+ Lisa to get the total number of students from volleyball, basketball and run club.
	+ Monday June 2 – PM Nutrition break
	+ Motion: To pay up to $350 for a pizza lunch for participants
		- Motion by Katherine
		- Seconded by Sam
* Review of Coulee Climbing
	+ Students have lots of positive feedback for their families
	+ Teachers have lots of positive feedback regarding the event, how it was organized and how great students participated.
	+ Consideration being given to offering this field trip again next year
* Grade Five Farewell
	+ Grade 5 chocolate cookies (ready for June 16th)
	+ Balloon arch (will remain for kindergarten)
	+ Motion: to pay up to $500 for the purchase of drinks and cookies for grade 5 farewell
		- Motion by Katherine
		- Seconded by Nikki
* September Planning for Family BBQ, Open House and School Council Blitz
	+ Discussion regarding recruitment for school council
	+ Add some kind of insert/ pamphlet to the welcome to kindergarten package
	+ Discussion regarding various ideas to increase parent involvement in school council
* Next Year Fundraising
	+ Continue with the calendar for next year
	+ Nikki will update the calendar from this year and then look to continue with it next school year
* Society Discussion- Where are we at?
	+ Recognition that a Society would be greatly beneficial for the school
	+ Current council feels there needs to be increased parent engagement as they feel there is too much of a commitment at this time.
	+ Discussion regarding the possibility of joining Westminster Association and have them being an umbrella under which the school could be supported instead of having two separate societies.

Next Meeting: June 4th, 2025

***Upcoming Dates:***

May 6-9 Coulee Climbing Field trip

May 6- WMS Band visit

May 12-30 Provincial Literacy & Numeracy Assessment

June 11- Welcome to Kindergarten

June 11- U of L Field Trip

June 20- Sports Day

June 17- Grade 5 Farewell

June 18 & 19 Kindergarten Grad

June 24th- Westminster Got Talent

June 25th - Last day for Students- Half Day BBQ for students

Adjourned at 7:35pm