

Wainwright High School
Council Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2025

Wainwright High School Library

Attendees: Jody Cook, Jason Dahlgren, Kim Ruptash, Melissa Russell, Cheryl Stafford, Stephanie Dahlgren, Stephanie Cooper, Trish Thomas, Karli Setzer, Keaton Xu, Robin Leighton, Sandra Grunow.

Called to order: 6:02 pm

Agenda was reviewed; no amendments made

Correspondence:

- ASCA Newsletter
- FCSS Newsletter

Secretary's Report - Stephanie Dahlgren

- Posted online

Treasurer's Report - Cheryl Stafford

- No transactions, balance \$559.60

School Trustee Report – Stephanie Cooper

- The Board received a letter from the Alberta Government regarding construction funding approval for the Wainwright Elementary School replacement project is also eligible for up to \$250,000.00 in playground funding. The Town of Wainwright has authorized the transfer of land to the Buffalo Trail School Division for the new Wainwright Elementary School site. Trustees will attend the upcoming Alberta Rural Education Symposium March 2-4, 2025, This year's theme is "Ensuring Equitable Outcomes for Rural Students".
- Board and Superintendent will be hosting another meeting with School Council Chairs and representatives at JR Robson School on March 31, 2025. Invitations are being sent out.
- The Math Diploma Review Program and the Pathways to Career Success Grant story were submitted to the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards as a 'Flourishing Story'. The

ASBA Edwin Parr Award recognizes excellence in teaching for first year K-12 teachers.
Trustees Cooper and Sponitz are on the selection committee.

Student Council Report – Keaton Xu

- Working on a proposal for the site of the new outdoor basketball court.

Around the School Report – Jody Cook/Sandra Grunow

- See attached

Principal's Report - Jody Cook

- See attached

Old Business

- School Generated Funds budget review: Jody circulated copies of the SGF Graduation account. There were some questions raised regarding payment made to Buffalo Trail Public Schools, Trish explained this was payment for purchases on a credit card. Question raised for a debit for rental to the Town of Wainwright dated January 25, 2025. Sandra thought that it may be an outstanding amount from the previous year's rental.

New Business

- Staff appreciation ideas: there was some discussion, and it seems like there is interest in hosting. Will discuss at the next meeting.
- BTPS Stakeholder Engagement session: attendees of tonight's meeting will sign on as a group following this meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 7:46pm

Next meeting: April 23, 2025 @ 6:30pm



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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - AROUND THE SCHOOL REPORT

Senior High (Gr 10-12) Subject/ Extracurricular	Staff Member	Past/Present/ Future	Items to share and/or celebrate
Sr. High Ladies Curling	Mrs. Grosky Mr. Dalton	Past/Presen t/ Future	<p>Congratulations to Team McMillan, as well as Mr. Dalton & Mrs. Grosky, on winning Gold at Zones in Ponoka this past weekend. They are currently undefeated this season, as they head off to Provincials in Brooks starting Wednesday. More importantly, they made WHS proud by their demonstration of amazing sportsmanship and appreciation for the game through their interactions and comradery with the opposing teams in the finals - the Lacombe Rams and the Blessed Sacrament Thunder. Good Luck Ladies! We will be cheering you on!</p> <p>(Skip - Darby McMillan, Third - Charlie McMillan, Second - Raynelle Leggett, Lead - Marli Weber, Coach - Doug Dalton, Manager - Alysha Grosky)</p>
ELA 10.2	Mrs. Grosky	Past/Presen t/ Future	<p>As an overall theme for the year, we are discussing the American Dream, and if it is still a reality.</p> <p>We are getting close to finishing up our first novel study <i>The Great Gatsby</i>, including an indepth analysis of symbolism, and the long temr effects of the Roaring 20s. There has been a variety of non-fiction articles, as well as a reserach component that students were required to complete before we began reading, in order to give them a sense of what society and the times were like during the 1920s. Next we will be moving on to the 1930s, and <i>Of Mice & Men</i>.</p>
Bio 20	Mrs. Waddell	Current	<p>We are finishing up our first unit on Photosynthesis and Cellular Respiration. We will be moving into our big unit on Body systems this week.... super exciting!! Lots of fun labs for us!</p>
Public Speaking	Mrs. Grosky Ms. Pollard	Past/Presen t/ Future	<p>This year the decision was made to expand the option of the Superintendents Public Speaking opportunity from extra-curricular to mandatroy for students in grades 7-10. Mrs. Cook will be supporting the grade 7s, Mrs. Grosky the grade 8s, Mr. Caron the grade 9s, Mrs. Grunow grade 10s, and Mrs. Gingrich for those students in grades 11 & 12 that are intereted. Each grade will hold their own competition, with the top 2 progressing to the WHS finals scheduled for April 2 in the gym. Ms. Pollard is currently working on the logistics for that day, including contacting potential judges. The overall winner of Div. III and Div. IV will move on to Vermilion on April 15.</p>
ELA 10.1	Mrs. Hellekson	Current	<p>We are currently finishing up our unit on Heros and Archetypes. The students have been watching and studying the roles of characters in the film the Lion King.</p>

Junior High (Gr 7-9) Subject/ Extracurricular	Staff Member	Past/ Present/ Future	Items to share and/or celebrate
ELA 8	Mrs. Grosky	Past/ Present/ Future	<p>Students completed their final draft of their Personal Narrative on Monday of this week, and then submitted it for review and assessment on Wednesday. Also, on this past Tuesday, they completed a comprehension exam on the novel <i>Ground Zero</i>. <i>Ground Zero</i>, was written from 2 perspectives - one of a young Afghan girl who is living through the War on Terror, including the American invasion of Afghanistan, and the other perspective from a young boy who was trapped in the Twin Towers on 9/11 with his Dad, after being suspended from school. We also read a variety of non-fiction articles that pertained to 9/11, and watching a variety of videos that included first hand accounts of those who were in Manhattan on Sept. 11. Our final video was the CBC documentary that included scenes from <i>Come from Away</i>, the musical that shows the impact that Gander, Newfoundland had on supporting those who were in the air during the attacks.</p> <p>On Thursday we will be starting our Poetry & Public Speaking units.</p>
ELA 8 (Fieldtrip)	Mrs. Grosky	Past & Future	Both grade 8 ELA classes participated in "Reading, Give It a Shot" sponsored by the Oilers Entertainment Group. Students were required to read 800 minutes each within a month. We were fortunate to be drawn for free tickets to watch the Edmonton Oil Kings take on the Brandon Wheat Kings on Wednesday, March 5 at 7pm. We will taking the WHS bus, spending time in Ford Hall to discuss the mosaic created by Alex Janvier, students will have the opportunity to purchase their supper, and then enjoy the game. Thank-you to the parents who volunteered to chaperone, and this trip will also be teacher supported by Mrs. Grosky, Mrs. Steele & Mr. Martin.
Jr. High Curling	Mrs. Grosky Mr. Dalton Mr. Martin	Past/Present / Future	On February 6, WHS hosted the South Playdowns for Junior High Curling. We had 2 girls teams participate. Team Carey achieved first place, and Team Munter achieved third place which means that they will be representing WHS on Thursday, February 27 in Vermilion at the finals. We have won the banner the past 2 year, and are hoping for a third. Thank-you to Mr. Martin for taking the girls, as Mrs. Grosky & Mr. Dalton are away at Sr. High Curling Provincials.
Science 7	Mrs. Oracheski	Present	We are wrapping up our Structures and forces unit this week. Students have been building their tallest towers for the past month and this week we will be testing them on height, mass, and ability to withstand wind. The Unit Trophy will be awarded - be sure to check out @mrs.o.science on instagram to see who won!
Science 8	Mrs Oracheski	Past/Present / Future	We just wrapped up our light and optics unit. A highlight was that we had Dr.Tanya Jones-Greenwood from Prairie Vision come in and talk to us! We are now on Mechanical systems. Our project for this unit is to build a rube goldberg device! This highlight this week will be when we cover the outcome regarding trial and error - we are building catapults to fling marshmallows at eachother! Be sure to follow @mrs.o.science to see all our fun!
Science 9	Mrs. Waddell	Present	We are nearing the end of our unit on Biological Diversity. Students are currently working on their Creature from the Black Lagoon projects where they determine the genetic traits for their "monster" and produce a portrait according to those traits. They must also look at the diversity of their monsters and how their monsters were created at a cellular level. Always fun to see all of our monsters come to life!



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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - PRINCIPAL REPORT

Topic	Description
Communication/Information Sharing	BTPS Stakeholder Engagement Session is at 7:00pm today.
	Pink Day - Feb 26 - WOW Activity
	Curling Highlights - BTJHAA Finals is Feb 27, Provincials is Feb 27-Mar 1
	Jo Phillips - Social Media Presentations - Feb 4 and 5
	Student Success Meetings - Mar 19 (in person), Apr 10 (virtual/phone)
	Sr Boys Basketball team went undefeated in their season. Basketball Zones Mar 14-15
Policy/Procedure/Document Review	Review Grad SGF Account
	Review Assurance Dashboard (AERR)