

Pioneer Middle School - School Council
Regular Meeting Agenda
November 6, 2023

1. Call to Order: 7:04PM
2. Attendance: Cristy Whalen, Jenna Morrish, Mai-Britt Savill, Nicole Heath (Chair), Jackie Rogers, Jackie Janes, Patrick Wilbur, Corrina Ross
3. Additions to the Agenda
4. Approval of minutes
[October 2, 2023 Minutes](#) Motion to approve by Lacy Brown, seconded by Jeanette Plante.
5. Reports
 - o Trustee (Jackie Janes)
[Superintendent's Report](#)

1. Alberta School Boards Association meeting with education Minister Demetrios Nicolaidis: *On October 12, 2023 the WRSD Board Chair and superintendent of schools attended an ASBA meeting with the Minister of Education and several members of his team. The Minister reviewed key topics in his [mandate letter](#).*

2. ECS Screening & Assessment - Student Support Facilitators and our therapy team *have been working very hard to ensure that PreKindergarten/Kindergarten students are screened for delays in Speech and Language, Regulation and Fine Motor Skills. Currently, we have identified 61 ECS students with mild moderate delays and 40 students with severe delays. We also have identified 7 ECS students who meet the criteria for gifted/talented. Starting in October all Kindergarten Students will be assessed using the Early Years Evaluation Tool (EYE-TA).*

Please share this information with any friends and family with children going into Pre-K. If a child is three by September and has delays, they can get into Pre-K early.

[Wellness Accountability Report](#)

Last year we had 5.4 family wellness workers in the north and 5.0 in the south, along with 5.0 Family Wellness Assistants in the South.

Mental Health in Schools Pilot Programs Grant: *In November 2022, WRSD was awarded a \$917,000 grant over two years to enhance the Division's Mental*

Health Program. As a result of this funding WRSD was able to contract three Mental Health Therapists that will spend their time helping schools that currently do not have direct access to AHS Mental Health Services. 4.5 FTE “ Connection Coaches” were also hired to work primarily with students as well as develop new, or strengthen established, community partnership. Further we will be able to provide training and professional development in the areas of mental health. Hopefully this program will become a successful template for other divisions.

SIS (Success in School for children and youth in Care)

Success in School for children and youth in care - Provincial Protocol Framework is a joint initiative between Alberta Education and Human Services to support improved school outcomes and high school completion rates for children and youth in provincial government care.

Hope and Dignity Project

*The committee raises money to help meet the needs of those students in our schools who struggle to meet basic needs. Hope & Dignity Project; “**Providing support to middle school students in the Division with economic challenges**”*

FNMI Accountability Report

Support provided to students and staff in 2022-2023

1. Two Indigenous Education Specialists were hired to support both staff and students learn more about and better understand:

a. Residential Schools, Indigenous Veterans, drumming, trees and medicine, language, values, Indigenous games, the Blanket Exercise, Winter Solstice, Cree Storytelling and Worldview, Indigenous Peoples Atlas, bannock, tacos, traditional foods, creation stories, Métis sash finger weaving, beading, brain architecture racism, stereotypes, bullying, seasons, Round Dance as well as supporting individual students throughout the year.

b. Two Elders supported the Indigenous Education Specialists as well as students in the classroom with: storytelling, the importance of the trees, medicines, round dance, drumming and singing are examples of the support they provided.

b. All schools took part in various activities on September 30 to help staff and students learn about residential schools and the importance of acknowledging this terrible truth in our history as a means for moving forward in reconciliation. With the additional support of Indigenous Education Specialists, schools were able to offer more activities and support than the previous year. Many schools purchased Survivor Flags to be displayed or hung in their schools.

- o Principal (Patrick Wilbur)
 1. Principal's Review
 - a. Is Next Week
 - b. If he wants to speak with parents, are you okay with him contacting you?
 2. AERR
 - a. Assurance Measure Summary
 - i. Maintained; Very Low
 - ii. PAT Results Low due to low participation rates

Assurance Domain	Measure	Pioneer School			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Student Growth and Achievement	Student Learning Engagement	79.6	76.5	76.5	84.4	85.1	85.1	n/a	Maintained	n/a
	Citizenship	64.9	57.6	62.1	80.3	81.4	82.3	Very Low	Maintained	Concern
	3-year High School Completion	n/a	n/a	n/a	80.7	83.2	82.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
	5-year High School Completion	n/a	n/a	n/a	88.6	87.1	86.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
	PAT: Acceptable	29.4	68.5	n/a	63.3	64.3	n/a	Very Low	n/a	n/a
	PAT: Excellence	5.9	9.0	n/a	16.0	17.7	n/a	Very Low	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	80.3	75.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Teaching & Leading	Diploma: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	21.2	18.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Education Quality	80.0	77.6	81.5	88.1	89.0	89.7	Very Low	Maintained	Concern
Learning Supports	Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments (WCRSLE)	71.9	68.9	68.9	84.7	86.1	86.1	n/a	Maintained	n/a
	Access to Supports and Services	67.4	67.7	67.7	80.6	81.6	81.6	n/a	Maintained	n/a
Governance	Parental Involvement	60.6	70.0	69.7	79.1	78.8	80.3	Very Low	Maintained	Concern

b. Education Plan Results

Indicator	2021	2022	2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 “Safe & Caring” Student detail measures from Assurance Measures survey. ● Student Achievement - September F&P results combined with targeted LLI results every 10 weeks (Tier 1/2). ● Grade 6 PAT results. ● Attendance: comparisons with previous years as well as month-to-month comparisons. 	79.4%	68.9%	71.9%
	29.5%	71.4%	70.3%
	71.2%	71.7%	29.4%*
	n/a	n/a	n/a

*Low participation (adjusted for #writing: 77.5%)

3. 2023-24 Budget

- a. Income **\$2,051,923**
 - i. Staffing Allocation \$1,542,466
 - ii. Revenue \$62,900
 - iii. Supplies & Services \$50,885
 - iv. Sub Allocation \$44,644
 - v. Administration \$331,583
 - vi. School Allocation \$14,445
 - vii. Prior Year Surplus \$5,000
- b. Planned Expenditures **\$2,051,923**
 - i. Teacher Staffing \$1,762,738
 - ii. Uncertified Staffing \$142,115

- iii. Supplies & Services \$147,070
- 4. Umbrella School Council Nov. 13. Monday, 5-8:00PM at West Central
- 5. Remembrance Ceremony Wednesday - families welcome

- o Teacher
 - Introduction of Jackie Rogers
 - Halloween Dance was well attended
 - Volleyball wrap up (assembly next week)
 - Band instruments going home this week
 - Pizza Fundraiser Wrap up Assembly

- o Chair
 - Nothing to report

- 6. Old Business
 - \$500 grant payment from Alberta Education for "The Alberta School Council Engagement Grant" paid to McMan for Jo Phillips
<https://www.alberta.ca/school-councils.aspx>

 - Joe Social Media (internet and social media safety)
-"Starting the Social Media Conversation" with Jo Phillips Nov. 16

- 7. New Business:
 - French Immersion Quebec Trip May 2025 week before Victoria Day
 - o Do Montreal, Quebec City, and Ottawa
 - o Using EF again
 - o Cost ~\$3500/child ~\$3900/adult
 - o Motion to approve the trip: Corrinna Ross, seconded by Cristy Whalen
 - New Teacher Rep: Jackie Rogers

- 8. Next Meeting will be December 4, 2023

- 9. Adjournment at:7:44PM