

Pioneer Middle School - School Council
Regular Meeting Agenda
December 4, 2023

1. Call to Order: 7:03
2. Attendance: Cristy Whalen, Jenna Morrish, Nicole Heath (Chair), Jackie Rogers, Jackie Janes, Patrick Wilbur, Corrina Ross, Jeanette Plante
3. Additions to the Agenda
No new additions
4. Approval of Minutes
[November 2023 Minutes](#)
Motion to approve minutes by Corrina, seconded by Jeanette
5. Reports
 - Trustee (Jackie Janes)

Audited Financial Statements

The Board reviewed the [2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements](#), including the usage of reserves that exceed newly established operational reserve parameters. A motion was also made to send a letter to the Minister of Education to request permission to utilize the over maximum allowable operational reserves as outlined in the letter to the Minister.

Annual Education Results Report

The Board approved the [2022-2023 Annual Education Results Report](#) as presented.

Accountability Reports

The Director of Instruction and the Learning Services Coordinator joined the meeting and shared highlights including literacy and numeracy champions, new curriculum and the dual credit program from the [Learning Services Accountability Report](#) . Deputy Superintendent Greg Wedman shared the highlights from the [Personnel Accountability Report](#), noting that filling positions remains a key challenge for the Division,

The Board also engaged in several in depth discussions around employee attraction and retention, dealing with employee shortages, and employee recognition at Christmastime.

[Superintendent's Report](#)

- WRSD Average Class Size Data, Indigenous Family Gatherings, Umbrella School Council Meetings, Joint Municipality Meetings, Learning Disruption Funding, Health and Safety Committee, Capital Projects, Flag Ceremony.
 - Principal (Patrick Wilbur)
 - We have hit our 10% or greater illness threshold so we might be reporting a respiratory outbreak soon
 - The first round of literacy intervention has been completed. All but two students showed good growth in their reading. Happy with the improvements that are being seen.
 - Band is doing their holiday concert on December 14th
 - Ugly sweater day is December 22nd
 - Attendance. We are currently sitting at 13% absent everyday. Looking into ways to decrease this number.
 - Teacher (Jackie Rogers)
 - Finished the Sanats anonymous winter gear drive it did really well with over 500 items collected.
 - The new playground is a resounding success
 - Grade 8 teams vs. the teachers volleyball games went very well
 - The Jo social media presentation was well received by students
 - 8 basketball teams this year
 - Door decorating contest will be happening in December
 - Quebec trip for 2025 has been approved by division office so we are moving forward with planning.
 - Chair
 - No new business
6. Old Business
 - a. JoOutLoud
 - This was a great program. Look into getting her again in three years.
 7. New Business:
 - We are currently planning a ski trip mid March to Nakiska
 - Looking into having a dance February 1st
 8. Next Meeting will be January 8, 2023 at 7:00
 9. Adjournment at 7:33