

Pioneer Middle School - School Council
Regular Meeting Agenda
September 9, 2024

1. Call to Order: 7:00pm
2. Attendance: Patrick Wilbur, Jackie Janes, Jackie Rogers , Nicole Heath, Cristy Whalen, Shannon, Jennifer Barker, Ian, Jenna Morrish, LaVonna Scott, Carmen Wedman
3. Additions to the Agenda: No new additions to the agenda.
4. Approval of minutes
June Minutes - approved by: Cristy Whalen and seconded by by Nicole Heath
5. Reports
 - o Trustee (Jackie Janes)

Board Highlights - August 27, 2024

Board Meeting Dates

Changes were made to some of the [2024-2025 board meeting dates](#), including the addition of dates in September and October 2025. These dates needed to be chosen before the next organizational meeting which won't be until after the election on October 20, 2025.

Trustee Compensation

The board reviewed compensation data compiled for the purpose of comparison to WRSD trustee compensation. After careful consideration, it was decided that trustees would change the way they report their time from hourly, to block funding in increments of 2, 4, 8, and 12 hours. This change is effective immediately and will help maintain consistency in reporting.

FNMI Accountability Report

Our new Director of Indigenous Education, Billie-Jo Grant joined the meeting to present the [2023-2024 highlights](#) as well as to share the goals for 2024-2025.

Ministerial Order: Personal Mobile Devices

Superintendent Brad Volkman shared the progress the division has made in developing the Administrative Procedure that will guide our Principals in implementing this ministerial order in

our schools. The Board discussed the need to educate our students on the proper use of personal devices and social media, and not rely on banning them altogether.

Superintendent's Report

- WRSD Administrator's Summer Conference, 2024-2025 Busing, WRSD 2024 Summer Institute Sessions, First Rider Program, Student Services Name Change, Capital Projects.

- Principal (Patrick Wilbur)
 - Finance Update \$2.78M based on 290 Students. We are at 310.
 - 93% is Staffing
 - Staffing
 - Teachers: 16.8FTE (12 classes)
 - EA's:
 - Student Services: 5.5
 - Jordan's Principle: 7 (2 Unfilled)
 - Reading Specialist
 - Family Wellness: 1.0
 - Learning Commons: 1.0
 - Office Admin.: 1.8
 - Custodians 19 hours per day
 - Enrollments
 - Grade 6 - 110
 - Grade 7 - 95
 - Grade 8 - 105
 - Total - 310
 - 28 New Registrations (5 Turned Down; 1 Referred to RISE)
 - Class Sizes
 - Grade 6: 46, 26, 26 (24.5)
 - Grade 7: 29, 29, 30 (28.3)
 - Grade 8: 29, 30, 30 (29.7)
 - French Immersion: 6E 12; 7/8R 6/13
 - Possibility of Hot Spot Funding-The division holds back some money for unexpected things, which we may access due to high numbers in our grade 7 and 8 classes
 - Cell Phones: The school has had a cell phone policy for a number of years already. Students are asked to leave their cell phone in their locker. First and second offense, brought to the office and picked up at the end of the day. On the third time, parents are asked to come to the school to pick it up. After that a meeting is called with the parents. The new policy from

the provincial government also states no smart watches on top of cell phones.

- New Lockers: In the grade 6 and 7 hallways. By the beginning of November all should be installed.
- RCAT's written this week; followed by F&P for those with 60% or less; RCAT is an online reading assessment.
- HLAT next week (September 16-19), this is a writing test
- EICS Math Screener September 23-25
- Terry Fox on September 27
- Meet the Teacher Spaghetti Dinner a success raising \$550 for Extracurricular
- 2 Disciplinary Issues so Far
- Parent Communication: Facebook, Remind, Email, Other?
- New hat policy, kids can wear hats in school. Dress code has changed a bit as well.

○ Teacher (Jackie Rogers)

- Kids seem happy to be back at school
- School pictures on Friday
- Sept. 30th-Range shirt day
- Oct. 1st-3rd band camp at gull lake for grade 8
- Two French monitors this year, Dale and Etienne, shared between ERE and Pioneer. The monitors can read with kids, practice speaking French etc.

○ Chair (Nicole Heath)

- Nothing new to report

6. Old Business

- No old business

7. New Business

- No new business

8. Next Meeting will be: October 7, 2024 at 7pm AGM in October 7, 2024

9. Adjournment at: 7:29 PM