

Parents' Educational Society for Woodman Junior High Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual via *Microsoft Teams*

Attendance*: Brian M, Dave M, Mark M, Marlene K, Tara W, Alice H, Cinnamon B, Hala K, Shefali, Dale L, Olivier A, Kerry D, Kavita J

*Note: the attendance list based on names displayed on *MS Teams* and may not be accurate

Call to order: 8:20 pm

Approval of previous minutes (November 24, 2023) - motion by Tara, seconded by Dave; all in favour, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report - Olivier

Casino account balance = \$24000 (\$9400 leftover after previously allocated spending has been completed).

Regarding the following 'casino cycle,' we will receive casino funds in May and can start to plan how to allocate incoming money now. Staff and council should consider upcoming needs or wishes for the planning of the casino funds for the next 2 year period 2024-2026. Marlene noted that she and the staff have a clear idea of what to ask from council and what not to, and will prioritize essentials before the "nice to have" items

Specific Plans:

- allocate about \$10000 to fitness centre upgrade (presentation & details presented at this meeting)
- *Evergreening* will happen in spring and there will be an update on tech spending; it is not always advantageous to use casino money for tech
- Future - science furniture and equipment (lab tables, fume hoods, etc); have not seen investment into science for a number of years; all students will benefit from funding for science
- playground has taken up spending for several years; prior to that was learning commons (both great for community, money well spent)
- Parent polls usually support funding for core and option courses

Fitness Room proposal details- Brian for M. Heron away

- We got some equipment donated; room used for sport and for training for excellence class, PE class; independent student access; workout club option

- Outdated but we do have 4 new bikes, purchased by the school; is in maximum use by all students (is reason Training in Excellence in Sport was capped)
- Vision - flexible/versatile space that is bright, engaging, and safe for all ages and uses - cage setups that have versatility, use with weights and trx bands, green turf could be great
- Equipment: power rack, barbells, battle ropes, plyo boxes (soft), dumbbell set, benches, kettle bells, storage racks
- Wish list: curl bar, bands, trx, weighted bags
- We are getting estimates; no price tag yet - this is future consideration and no plans are finalized; if given a budget of \$10000, M. Heron can work within it

Q & A

- Is a budget flexible? A - council can vote on extras that are requested later
- Q timeline? A - spring/late spring orders = arrival by summertime
- Is repair/update required? A - school to pay for space upgrade (mirror, paint, patching); wil not ask this of parent funds

MOTIONS

Plan is to approve the fitness room spend in the February meeting - vote tabled to February.

Bring future requests to March meeting - science labs, other needs.

No motions for allocating money.

Casino News - Cinnamon

- Casino at *Cowboys* on January 19-20, 2024 (Friday - Saturday); money will arrive in May; we have our 40 people and backups; we have time to spend the funds
- Lately, casino payouts have been high, \$70-80K

Next Society Meeting: February 13, 8:00 pm, virtual meeting via *MS Teams*

Adjournment: 9:11 pm