

## **John Ware School Council Agenda**

**Monday, January 20 2025, 6:30 p.m.**

**In-person and online via Microsoft Teams**



**Attendees:** Tanis Greenlaw, Stephanie Brugos, Stephanie Price, Keitha Thompson, Iain Kelly, Gary G, Tara Montenegro, Sara

**Call to Order: 6:30pm**

**Welcome and housekeeping:**

- Land Acknowledgement - Tanis presented
- Approval of Agenda – approved
- Approval of Minutes from December 04, 2024 meeting: Iain approves, Gary seconds

**Principal's Update (Tanis):**

- Upcoming Open House January 30 for new grade 7 families -hosting an open house on Wednesday January 30. The idea is to introduce families to what is Junior High. What makes John Ware special – highlighting academic as well as options classes. Hoping to have some of the members of the clubs come out and show what they are all about. An opportunity to showcase all the things that John Ware has to offer. Seeing the more social side of the school.
- Report Cards Jan 27 on PowerSchool – available on January 27 via Power School, we don't physically print copies anymore. If a printed copy is required, please ask your child's teacher. The following semester starts January 28. Just FYI changing options at this point are tricky and not guaranteed.
- Parental involvement in school – hope to gather ideas to engage families in participating in the school - ideas and ways we might want to get more engagement from more parents especially since many of the council members are leaving the school at the end of this school year. What works outside of council? We are looking for some voices from people that have ideas and have not spoken up. Suggestion of maybe getting the option of your kid in a draw if their parent/guardian gets involved? Asking families what would make the school better. Bring one friend that has never been to a parent council meeting? Dispelling the misnomer once the kids are in junior high that parents are no longer needed.

- Are there topics of interest?
- Families with kids in Grade 9 - would a meeting to discuss the transition into high school?
- Checking in with your kid on how their reading is progressing. Information sessions with invites for all?
- Maybe challenge the perception that parent council is only about fundraising. Ask the staff is there something they want to share – the open house will be a great opportunity.

Part of the reason we do casinos is so we are not doing constant fundraising.

#### **Finance - Iain**

- There have not been many expenses.
- One thing that did come through is the AGLC audit. This year there was not a request for receipts just a request to fill out some forms. Nothing was accepted for “Wellness Day” – a request to provide more information for the Garden – to be provided. Reconciliation Garden – natural plants, natural to Alberta, used as a teaching garden.
- Two outstanding invoices – signatory outstanding
- Tracking expenses for what we have spent – technology is always the biggest spend.
- Some of the new asks will be for reading materials for the older readers needing help.

#### **New Business / Open Discussion:**

- No New Business

**Adjournment: 7:20pm**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday February 18, 2025**

## **John Ware Parent Association Agenda**

**Monday, January 20 2025, 7:05 p.m.**

**In-person and online via Microsoft Teams**

### **Welcome and housekeeping:**

- Confirm Quorum (4 members, 3 of whom must be voting members) – quorum reached.
- Approve Agenda

### **AGM Expectations in the Bylaws:**

- Open positions (optional 2 Directors)
  - Looking for a co-chair/vice chair
  - Key Communicator
  - Secretary for the 2025/26 year

### **New Business:**

- **No new business**

**Adjournment: 7:28pm**