Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools Considers Christian Alternative Program

The Wetaskiwin Regional Public School Board (WRPS) has received a request from the Wetaskiwin and District Christian Education Society to establish a Kindergarten to Grade Six Christian Alternative Program for the 2015/2016 school year. A Christian Alternative Program (K-6) would operate in one of the existing schools in the City of Wetaskiwin. The WRPS Board of Trustees passed a motion to conduct a preliminary study to ascertain if there is enough parental support to offer the program in the City of Wetaskiwin. Parents will be asked to complete an Expression of Interest Form and return it to the division office by February 27, 2015.

- A Christian Alternative Program adheres to the Alberta Curriculum and students will be taught by Alberta certificated teachers.
- A Christian Alternative Program can be accessed by all students who would normally be enrolled in a regular classroom setting.
- A Christian Alternative Program will only be offered provided there is sufficient student enrollment.
- Rural transportation will be addressed by the Christian Education Society and further bussing information will be provided once student enrollments are confirmed.

School Technology Update

The Board of Trustees participated in a google hangout with students from the Falun School as part of a presentation from the School Technology Committee. Students’ from Falun School demonstrated their projects using their Chromebooks and Google Hangout. Each school in Wetaskiwin Regional has been provided with a class-set of Chromebooks for use by the students. Teachers are integrating the use of Chromebooks into their lessons. Through the use of Chromebooks in the classroom students are given the opportunity to explore their interests through research as well share their work with their teachers and peers through their Google Drives.

Board Policy Review

Policies reviewed:
Policy 17: Sustainability and the Environment
Policy 18: Community Use of Facilities

Board Policy 16: Student Transportation Revision

The Board revised Board Policy 16: Student Transportation. The revision to 7.b authorizes the transportation free of charge to ECS to Grade 6 students who live less than 2.4 km from their designated school but who have to walk along a road with posted speed limit of higher than 50 km/hour without the benefit of a walkway other than the shoulder of the road.

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