

WEST ROUGE JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

April 7, 2016

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Attendees

Monique Ziezold, Helena Ashberry, Traci Arroyo, Ted Vine, Kristin Kampouris, Julie Ellis, Megan Thompson, Nic Ruscillo, Deborah Bowers, Carol Foote, Karen Savage, Christy Karimjee, Kerry Haines, Pooja Chaudhauy, Sergay Moskovtsev, Kirsty Savoie, Cat Beleskey, Kamil Achchuthan

The meeting was called to order at: 7:05pm

1 Welcome & Introductions

Round Table introductions

2 Previous Minutes

- a) Previous minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the last meeting

Motion: Nic Ruscillo

Second: Monique Ziezold

3 Principal Report

- a. Track and Field – the date for Birchmount is very early this year for us – May 10th. School is going to try and have their track and field day for Grades 3-6 on April 25th. An internal event for Grade 1&2 will be held later on in the year – maybe June.
 - b. Kindergarten Play area Construction – no date yet for the Kindergarten construction work, Mr Vine will follow up soon. The fence will be moved all the way to the wall, which will make supervision easier.
 - c. Mental Health – Lunch and learn scheduled for staff in April. Parent's night is set and there will be presentations scheduled for the kids.
 - d. Community Police Officer's Presentation –Grades 2,4 & 6 are to have presentation from community police officer on Monday. Grade 1's will receive presentation in May.
 - e. STEM Training –training for staff will take place at the end of April. Each teacher will get a half-day in-service from our lead teacher. Children will watch an eco movie and do buddies and possibly some outdoor clean up on that day. The training is scheduled to take place during Earth Week.
 - f. Staffing – we will have 17.0 teachers on staff next year due to growing enrollment. Mr Vine acknowledged and thanked the SAC Reps who came up with a great classroom organization that met the Board and Ministry parameters. There will be all straight grades with the exception of of a 3-4 split which was mandated. If numbers allow in the Fall, Mr Vine will attempt to eliminate that class and use the teacher to alleviate some of the congestion in the Kindergarten. Due to increases staffing, room use will need to changes in the school and this may have an impact on a
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number of programs that take place. Staff will be meeting over the course of the year to minimize the impact on the school and students for 2016-17.

- g. Buddy Bench – the Buddy Bench has arrived and installation has been requested from the Board. There will be no cost to the installation. Bench cannot be painted. A location for the bench is to be determined and a sign is required. An opening ceremony will be planned,

4 Co-Chair Report

- a. Nothing to report

5 Fun Fair Report

Most of the rooms are now staffed. Still require adult volunteers for the Haunted House Room and the Book Room.

We are getting a debit machine for the event.

Donations will be requested from parents in one co-ordinated letter /email rather than lots of separate communications.

New to You – donations will be screened and will be limited to gently used popular toys, sports equipment etc. A list of items not to donate will be provided. This approach aims to limit the amount of items remaining after the even that then need to be transported to a donation drop off point.

Motion approved to provide \$5000 as funds for Fun Fair:

Motion: Carole Foote

Second: Cat Belesky

(Post meeting note – same motion was made and approved in February Meeting. Total funds approved for Fun Fair are \$5000)

6 Pizza Day

Looking for someone to take over for next year from Cat Belesky.

7 Webmaster/Web Admin Report

- a. Fun Fair

Website is ready for Fun Fair. Sponsors can be updated and volunteer form is live.

8 Health & Safety

Upcoming Mental Health seminars – Two evening “Kids have stress too” parent workshop

(Post meeting note – vote required via email requesting \$100 for refreshments for the two days)

Motion: Jacqueline Able

Second: Monique Ziezold

Passed with 14 yes votes (nil No votes)

9 Area School Liaison

- a. Duncan Leblanc at Maplewood received Educator of the Year Award
- b. Joseph Howe hosted in class Math which is coming to West Rouge in the next few weeks.
- c. TDSB Summer Camps – Kearney presentation was not well attended.

10 Social Responsibility

a. Junior WECO –

Tree planting on April 28th at Mowat.

Rebooking mini-WE Day at Mowat.

b. Popcan Bracelets

We are collecting popcan tabs to make bracelets and selling them to raise money for Save the Children.

11 ECO

a. Planters

Barrel planters need to be replaced. Budget to be requested from Mrs. Shkolnik for approval at the next meeting.

b. Garbage Audit

The garbage audit will take place on Thursday

c. ECO Audit

School is aiming for Platinum Status. Audit will take place on Apr 24th. Mrs. Shkolnik is putting together the submission binder.

12 Treasurer's Report – See attached sheet

a. Pizza money went into account last month.

- b. Bus (Trip) budget is reported to be overspent by \$37. Clarification required as to whether additional allocation is required. More trips are planned for remainder of year. An amendment may be required to the bud budget calculation. Per trip price may need to increase to avoid passing costs on to parents.

Motion to be brought forward at next meeting once details are clarified.

13 Political Information

No update

14 New Matters

a. Internet Safety

Topic of internet safety for kids to be incorporated into Health lessons for Primary and Junior Kids.

b. Aussie X

First event will take place on May 6th

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Next Meeting - May, 2016 – date to be confirmed.
