

# WEST ROUGE JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

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May 11, 2016

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

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### Attendees

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Monique Ziezold, Helena Ashberry, Ted Vine, Nic Ruscillo, Carol Foote, Karen Savage, Kirsty Savoie, Cat Beleskey, Anita Klubal, Franca Genco, Jacqueline Abel, Sonja Mutapovich, Kamil Achchuthan, Darcie James Maxwell

Christy Karimjee (voted electronically for minutes only)

The meeting was called to order at: 7:07pm

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### 1 Welcome & Introductions

This is the last formal meeting of the year.

### 2 Previous Minutes

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

**Motion:** Monique Ziezold

**Second:** Anita Klubal

### 3 Principal Report

- a. Kindergarten Construction – still awaiting a date and information from the Board. Additional money will be coming from the Board that must be committed to be spent this year. The fence will be extended and the ground will be graded to mitigate flooding issues.
- b. Buddy Bench – the work order has been submitted for installation. The bench will be installed behind the baseball backstop fence closer to the paved area. Once installed an opening ceremony will be held.
- c. Mental Health – positively received by staff, parents and kids. The public Health nurse was really impressed with the students she has seen to date. Will be returning on Friday to complete the rest of the classes. Attendance at the parent sessions was low
- d. Staffing – there was a posting for a staff member but it has been filled with an experienced teacher from Eastview. She is from the area, attended Mowat and is overjoyed to be joining us at West Rouge.
- e. Athletics – a great job was done by our soccer girls and guys. Birchmount track and field was a wonderful day and there are a number of kids moving on to the East End Finals.
- f. Aussie X – the day went well, the kids enjoyed it and there was lots of energy. If we go ahead with another day we may wish to consider not just sports. They also do Dance and 'Fusion' (which incorporates yoga).

### 4 Co-Chair Report

- a. Nothing to report

### 5 Fun Fair Report

The flyers are printed and will be distributed in the area.

Volunteer letters will go home by Friday. This year money is being saved by making the games

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rather than renting them (that way they can be used year after year).

Raffle baskets are all complete (thanks to Karen Savage for the donation of the baskets/containers).

Raffle tickets are  $\frac{3}{4}$  sold.

Volunteer heads for all rooms are in place but assistance in some rooms is still required.

Fun Fair Committee is meeting every week for next 3 weeks now.

## 6 Webmaster/Web Admin Report

### a. Fun Fair

Website pages are being updated daily with details of donors and sponsors.

## 7 Health & Safety

a. Kids Have Stress Too – the speakers were good, well received, and the evening event was well planned. As mentioned earlier, the turnout was not good and need to plan how to message better next year.

b. At Home Alone – Session planned for June 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8pm for Grade 5 & 6

c. Walk to School – Approximately 60% of kids participated. Pictures were taken for the ECO Binder.

d. Lice Check – was held on Monday with Zero cases found.

There has been no change to the TDSB Policy.

## 8 Area School Liaison

a. Area School Renovations - Toronto Star recently published an article about monies going to West Hill, and Bendale. 2.14 million dollar renovation. West Hill & Borden - cosmetology & aesthetics and industrial kitchens. Laurier - green technologies.

Province-wide the board is spending 137 million to improve schools that will be taking in students from under-enrolled schools that are closing.

b. William G Davis - Raised almost \$2500 in dance-a-thon (April 8)

Had an assembly along with anti-bullying pink day and a positive post-its initiative where kids shared positive messages on post it notes throughout the school.

c. Some schools across the TDSB are raising funds for Fort McMurray.

Discussion held around our own collection and it was decided that the collection would take place at the Fun Fair. Information is to be put on the weekly update to advise parents. Mrs Genco will arrange for kids to make signs.

## 9 Social Responsibility

a. Pop Tag Bracelets are to be sold

b. Posters and Signs will be made for the Fun Fair

c. Tree planting at Mowat was a success.

d. A submission has been made for Me to We tickets for the October event.

e. Lego League – a request to provide funds to purchase a Lego League kit was made by Mrs Genco. Motion was put to provide \$500 with anything over to be returned to funds.

**Motion:** Nic Ruscillo

**Second:** Cat Beleskey

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11 ECO

a. Planters

Barrel planters need to be replaced. Mrs Shkolnik has requested \$120 for new Barrels and \$160 for Flowers.

**Motion:** Cat Beleskey

**Second:** Monique Ziezold

6 Pizza Day

Pizza Day is tomorrow.

12 Treasurer's Report – See attached sheet

- a. Additional commitments have been made that will come out of remaining funds

13 Political Information

No update

14 New Matters

- a. West Rouge Talent Show - Flyers will go out this week

- b. Grade 1 & 2 Track and field – date to be scheduled in June

- c. Pink Day - a question was raised regarding the messaging accompanying 'Pink Day' and there was a discussion regarding giving kids options other than wearing pink clothing e.g. ribbons or badges. WECO team messaging to younger kids to take place.

'Can't Say Can't Play' book was discussed in relation to anti-bullying and it was agreed that this might be a good accompaniment to Buddy Bench, particularly for younger kids.

Mr Vine reiterated school rules around exclusion by kids and emphasized the kids are allowed to stress the rules of the game to other kids and ask the child to move on if they are not playing to the rules laid out.

- d. Discussion was held regarding utilizing remaining SAC funds "Professional Development/Continuing Ed"... Teachers are to discuss what "PD" they would benefit from. It was agreed funds would be best used through engaging trainers or providing material to allow all staff to be training. Teachers are to discuss what training they would benefit from.
- e. PRG - a grant of up to \$1000 is available from the Government. Topics proposed to request the grant for were: Aussie X (including a parent evening), workshop on mentoring boys, publishing 'new school parent' information packages.

Following a discussion it was agreed the funds would be requested to put towards another Aussie X event.

**Motion:** Karen Savage

**Second:** Helena Ashberry

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

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

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